



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

The CHURCHMOUSE

July/August 2007

FROM THE PASTOR

This year my sabbatical time will be most of the month of July, including the first four Sundays. I very much appreciate these weeks that are given me by the church as a welcomed change from my normal schedule and pace. It is a time for renewal and personal growth as well as for some catching up on church business that I don't quite get to in the course of an active church year and some looking ahead to the fall/winter schedule.

Though I expect to be in town much of this sabbatical time, I will not be engaged in my regular pastoral duties. Our good friends and fellow church members, Chaplain **Alastair Clark** and **Bill Champion** will be doing regular calling on our church members in the hospitals. In the event of an emergency or should there be a death in the church family, I would like to be notified and will be available to conduct services. Listed below is the Summer Worship Schedule followed by a brief introduction (that appears on page 2) to the distinguished individuals who will be preaching on the Sundays in July when I am on sabbatical.



2007 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All services are at 10:00 A.M.

JULY – All 5 Sundays will be **at our church in Canton Center**. Friends from the Canton Community Baptist Church will be worshipping with us.

- 1 Rev. Dr. Evans Sealand
- 8 Rev. Dr. Robert McNaughton
- 15 Rev. Jon (Jack) Zappulla
- 22 Chaplain Alastair Clark
- 29 Rev. Larry Smith

Also note that our "Summer Sundays" Christian education program for children Age 3 – Grade 8 is held during all the Sundays in July (more information under Christian Education News).

AUGUST – All 4 Sundays will be **at Canton Community Baptist Church**. We join with our friends at their church, located at 125 Dowd Avenue. The Reverend Barbara Prescott-Ezickson will be preaching.

The host church will provide Nursery Care at all services as well as a time for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Envelope offerings will go to their respective churches. Loose offerings will benefit the Canton Food Bank.

SEPTEMBER – We resume our services in Canton Center on September 2. At the coffee hour following our worship service on September 2, we shall have a special birthday cake in honor of Naomi Lynch on her 100th birthday (September 5).

Larry W. Smith

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

July	1	Sunday, 10:00 AM Ecumenical Worship and “Summer Sundays” program for children at Canton Center.	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">July 2007</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">S</th> <th style="text-align: center;">M</th> <th style="text-align: center;">T</th> <th style="text-align: center;">W</th> <th style="text-align: center;">T</th> <th style="text-align: center;">F</th> <th style="text-align: center;">S</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">22</td> <td style="text-align: center;">23</td> <td style="text-align: center;">24</td> <td style="text-align: center;">25</td> <td style="text-align: center;">26</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27</td> <td style="text-align: center;">28</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">29</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	July 2007							S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
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