



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church  
Canton Center, Connecticut

## **The CHURCHMOUSE**

**October 2007**

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

The final week in September, the maples were beginning to show a tinge of fall. In October, we expect they will be in their full autumn glory. The seasons are a-changing once again. We acknowledge the changes that take place. But the seasons coming and going remind us also of the constancy in nature, and may also serve to remind us of the eternal nature of God. As it has been stated, "God was in the beginning, and when all human striving has ceased, God will still be." That can be a great hope and comfort for us when the events of life, good and bad, swirl around us and sometimes loosen us from our moorings. Besides assurances that come from scriptural passages about how God is with us wherever we may go, a few lines from our hymns are also old familiar friends that come to our aid when we need some anchorage. I suggest the following:

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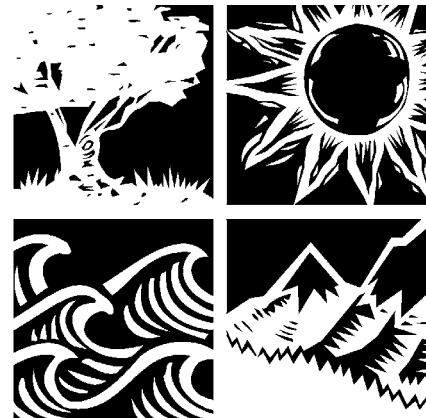
"Immortal, invisible, God only wise ... we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee."

"This is my Father's world; Oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is  
the ruler yet." (That is surely a good one to help us  
keep things in perspective.)

"Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years  
to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And  
our eternal home."

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt  
be."

Many more of our hymns serve to remind us, in days of change and uncertainty, of  
"God of our life, through all the circling years," who is our "mighty fortress" ... our  
"strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."



Amen!

*Larry Smith*

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- Oct. 1 Monday, 6:45 P.M. **Music Committee.**  
Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Senior Choir.**  
Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Christian Education Committee.**
- Oct. 2 Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. **Diaconate.**
- Oct. 3 Wednesday, 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting.  
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 4 Thursday, 3:00 P.M. **Gravy Making.**  
Thursday, 7:00 P.M. **SYF set up** for Chicken Pie Supper (and sundaes!)
- Oct. 5 Friday, 9:00 A.M. **Veggie Prep** for Chicken Pie Supper. (Prime Timers)
- Oct. 6 Saturday, **CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AND HARVEST FAIR.**
- Oct. 7 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship; **Neighbors in Need Special Offering** will be received. Church School begins in the Parish Hall for Morning Mission Meeting.  
Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **SYF trip to Lyman Orchards Frisbee Golf and Corn Maze.**
- Oct. 8 Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **Junior Choir.**  
Monday, 7:15 A.M. **Confirmation Class trip** to Plymouth.  
Monday, the **Church Office will be closed** for Columbus Day holiday.  
Monday, 10:00 A.M. **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**  
Monday, 6:30 P.M. **Board of Trustees.**  
Monday, **Senior Choir** will not meet.
- Oct. 9 Tuesday, 2:00 P.M. F.V. Committee on the Ministry.
- Oct. 10 Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. **Church Council.**
- Oct. 11 Thursday, 7:00 P.M. **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 14 Sunday, 9:00 A.M. **Missions Committee.**  
Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship and Church School (begin *in church*).  
Sunday, 11:15 A.M. **New Member Forum.**  
Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **Junior Choir.**
- Oct. 15 Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 16 Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. **Adult Study** begins.
- Oct. 17 Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 P.M. **Confirmation Class.**
- Oct. 18 Thursday, 7:00 P.M. **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 21 Sunday, 9:00 P.M. **Bible Workshop** for fourth graders and parent(s).  
Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship (Laity Sunday) and Church School (begin in class)  
Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **Junior Choir.**
- Oct. 22 Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 23 Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. **Adult Study.**  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. **Nominating Committee.**
- Oct. 25 Thursday, 7:00 P.M. **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 28 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship and Church School (begin *in church*).  
Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **Junior Choir.**  
Sunday, **JYF Pumpkin Carving** after church.  
Sunday, **SYF Penny Drive** at coffee hour.
- Oct. 29 Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 30 Tuesday, 10:00 A.M. **Adult Study.**

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