



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

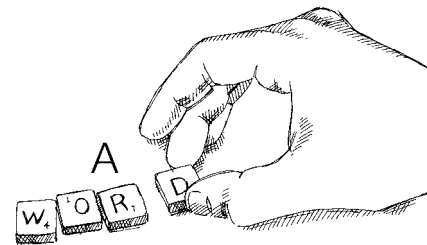
The CHURCHMOUSE

June 2008

FROM THE PASTOR

This year my sabbatical time will be the last two weeks in June and the first two in July. 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 (that will include a week-long course at Hartford seminary), a time to do some catching up on church business not tended to in the course of an active church year, as well as a time to do some looking ahead to the fall/winter schedule.

Though I expect to be in town for much of my sabbatical time, I will not be engaged in my regular pastoral duties. Our good friends and fellow church members, Chaplain **Alastair Clark** and Parish Visitor **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.



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Pastor

Listed below is the schedule of church services for June. Service time remains at 10:00. **Also note** that our "Summer Sundays" Christian Education program for children Age 3 – Grade 8 begins on June 15 and continues through all the Sundays in July. You can find more information under Christian Education News.

JUNE

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| 1 | Confirmation Sunday |
| 8 | Christian Education Sunday |
| 15 | Rev. Larry Smith |
| 22 | Rev. Dr. Wayne Rollins |
| 29 | Chaplain Alastair Clark |

Please also note that all **church services in July** (at our church) **and in August** (at Canton Community Baptist Church) will begin at a **new time – 9:30**.

Larry Smith

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- June 1 Sunday, 9:15 A.M. **SYF/Parents Mission Trip Meeting.**
 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship (including the Rite of **Confirmation**)
 and Church School (*begin in church*).
 Sunday, 11:15 A.M. **Cherub Choir** and 11:30 A.M. **Junior Choir** (final
 rehearsals of the season).
 Sunday, after worship, **Ensemble Rehearsal.**
 Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **JYF trip to Lake Compounce** Amusement Park.
 Sunday, 11:30 A.M. **Confirmation Class trip to Six Flags** Amusement Park.
- June 2 Monday, 6:00 P.M. **Christian Education Committee** meets for cookout.
 Monday, 6:40 P.M. **Music Committee.**
 Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Senior Choir** (final rehearsal of the season).
 Monday, **Honor Court** is hosted by our church in Hartford.
- June 3 Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. **Diaconate.**
- June 5 Thursday, 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir.
- June 8 Sunday, 9:00 A.M. **Missions Committee.**
 Sunday, 9:15 A.M. Church School **students arrive**
to rehearse for C.E. Sunday.
 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. "**Christian Education Sunday**"
 Worship. No church school classes will meet.
- June 9 Monday, 10:00 A.M. **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**
 Monday, 6:30 P.M. **Board of Trustees.**
- June 11 Wednesday, 11:45 A.M., **Prime Timers** meet in the
 Parish Hall for lunch and program.
 Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. **Church Council.**
- June 12 Thursday, 7:00 P.M. **Bell Choir** (final rehearsal
 of the season).
- June 14 Saturday, **Strawberry Picking** for the Festival.
- June 15 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship and "Summer Sundays" program for children.
 Sunday, 11:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Preparation for Strawberry Festival.
 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.**
- June 16 Monday, 7:00 P.M. **Set-up** for Senior Class Breakfast.
- June 18 Wednesday, 8:00 A.M. **Senior Class Breakfast.**
- June 22 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship and "Summer Sundays" program for children.
- June 29 Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Worship and "Summer Sundays" program for children.

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