



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

The CHURCHMOUSE

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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to our getting to know each other and to spending time with you in Canton Center. Over the next few months, I plan to spend as much time as possible going to meetings, visiting with you in your homes and worshipping with you. I've found that this is the best way for me to get to know you as individuals, and you as a faith community.

I've been an Interim Minister for 23 years and this will be my 15th church. I love doing interim ministry. Each time I get to meet a whole new community of people and learn about a new part of Connecticut. Each and every faith community is a unique opportunity to experience more fully the Body of Christ at work in our world.



My life and ministry is pretty much an open book. I grew up in the Connecticut Conference and at Silver Lake. I have been active in all aspects of the Conference from several boards and committees to the Board of Directors. I still serve on the Committee for Interim Ministry and teach Boundary Training courses for clergy twice a year.

I live on Coventry Lake, spend lots of time with my three children and six grandchildren (one son died five years ago). For the past 15 years I have helped run Safe Havens, a shelter and transitional living program for teenage mothers in Storrs. I am halfway through a Doctor of Ministry program at Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine, which will be finished in May 2010. And I love to do sewing and needlework of all kinds.

Now that you know a bit about me, help me to learn a lot about you.

Keep the faith,

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P.S. If you've ever wanted to go to the Holy Land, I will be leading a group tour with a colleague, Jay Terbush, over the February vacation week, Feb 10-10, 2009.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

- Oct. 2 Thursday, 3:00 PM **Gravy Making** for Chicken Pie Supper in the kitchen.
Thursday, **SYF** meets , 7:00 P.M., to set up tables and chairs for the Supper.
Thursday, 7:00 PM, Bell Choir.
- Oct. 3 Friday, 9:00 AM, **Veggie Prep** for Chicken Pie Supper at the church for **Prime Timers** and anyone else who wants to help.
- Oct. 4 Saturday, **CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AND HARVEST FAIR DAY!**
- Oct. 5 Sunday, 9:00 AM, **Christian Education Committee.**
Sunday, 10:00 AM, Worship and Church School (begin in class).
Sunday, 11:15 AM, **Junior Choir.**
- Oct. 6 Monday, 7:00 PM, **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 7 Tuesday, 7:00 PM, **Diaconate.**
- Oct. 8 Wednesday, 12:00 Noon, **Prime Timers** meet for lunch at the church and trip to Roaring Brook Nature Center.
- Oct. 9 Thursday, 7:00 PM **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 12 Sunday, 10:00 AM, Worship /Church School (begin in church).
Sunday, 11:15 AM, **Junior Choir.**
Sunday, 11:30 AM, **SYF** meets for Pizza and Games.
- Oct. 13 Monday, Church Office is closed.
Monday, **NO Senior Choir.**
Monday, 10:00 AM, **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**
Monday, 6:30 PM, **Board of Trustees.**
- Oct. 14 Tuesday, 7:00 PM, **Missions Committee.**
- Oct. 15 Wednesday, 7:00 PM, **Church Council.**
- Oct. 16 Thursday, 7:00 PM, **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 19 Sunday. 9:00 AM, **4th Grade Bible Workshop.**
Sunday, 10:00 AM Worship and Church School (begin in class).
Sunday, 11:15 AM, **Junior Choir.**
- Oct. 20 Monday, 7:00 PM, **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 23 Thursday, 7:00 PM, **Bell Choir.**
- Oct. 26 Sunday, 10:00 AM, Worship and Church School (begin in church).
Sunday, 11:15 AM, **Junior Choir.**
- Oct. 27 Monday, 7:00 PM, **Senior Choir.**
- Oct. 30 Thursday, 7:00 PM, **Bell Choir.**

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