



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

The CHURCHMOUSE

July/August 2009

FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Summer has arrived but unfortunately the sun continues to hide behind those rain-laden clouds. With or without the sun, we have arrived at the time of summer schedules and vacations. Many of you will be going off on various summer re-creation activities to visit family, to camp in the mountains or to enjoy the ocean shores.

Summer can be such a rewarding time for catching up on those books you meant to read; cleaning out those closets and donating things to charity; and spending time enjoying God's creation in all its glory. Summer means different things to different people, but most of them are good (the mosquitoes and flies are a notable exception). I hope you find time to reconnect with nature, with family and with God.

I plan to spend a lot of time with my grandchildren, finishing some much loved sewing projects and, of course, typing my doctoral project. All of these are renewing and rewarding things I enjoy. I hope to get to that pile of books I've been waiting to read, and maybe even spend a day or two visiting with friends from school.



This summer, I'd like us to get a head start getting ready for the Harvest Fair. If in your travels you come across ideas for craft items we might make, recipes for pies or jams, unusual plants, or interesting teacup auction items, bring them back with you. If you have time this summer to stop by the church to share your talents (sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, stamping, etc.) with others, give us a call. If you're down-sizing and have collectibles you'd like to donate, let us know. The Harvest Fair is a team effort and a great way to get to know others in the church. Fair Co-chairs are Marianne Burbank 693-2687 and Sue Prichard 693-4581. Look for more details in the September Church Mouse.

Godspeed on your summer journeys, stay healthy and safe.

Keep the faith,

Sue

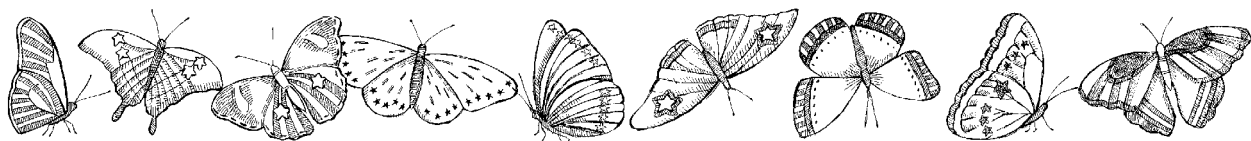
CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

July	3	Friday		Church Office closed for Independence Day
July	5	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship here & "Summer Sundays" for children
July	6	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
		Monday		Honor Court is hosted by our church.
July	6-10	Mon-Fri		SYF Mission Trip to Project Hospitality
July	11	Saturday	7:00 PM	Wider Church Summer Fun Party at Mills Pond
July	12	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship here & "Summer Sundays"
July	13	Monday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
July	19	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship here & "Summer Sundays"
July	20	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
July	25-August 9			Church Secretary will be on vacation.
July	26	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship here & "Summer Sundays"
July	27	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
Aug	2	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship here & "Summer Sundays"
Aug	3	Monday		Honor Court will be hosted by our church.
		Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
Aug	9	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship – Canton Baptist Church
Aug	10	Monday	9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
Aug	16	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship – Canton Baptist Church
		Sunday		Deadline for September issue of <i>The Churchmouse</i>
Aug	17	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
Aug	23	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship – Canton Baptist Church
Aug	24	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
Aug	25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Missions Committee
Aug	30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship – Canton Baptist Church
Aug	31	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
		Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir begins rehearsals
		Monday	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee

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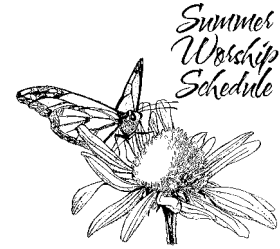
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REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10:00 AM



2009 ECUMENICAL SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ALL WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:00 AM



<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
July 12	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
July 19	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
July 26	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
August 2	Canton Center	Rev. Susan Prichard
August 9	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 16	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 23	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson
August 30	Canton Baptist	Rev. Barbara Prescott-Ezickson

The host church will provide nursery care during worship and fellowship/refreshment time following the service. Envelope offerings will go to their respective churches.

Canton Community Baptist Church is located at 125 Dowd Avenue.

NOTE: Regular 10 AM worship at Canton Center, Sunday, July 5.