



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

The CHURCHMOUSE

September 2009

FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Every year, about this time, we all begin to say things like, "Where did the summer go?" Hope you got to do all the things you hoped for because this summer was all too short and the church program year is about to start.

I spent the summer typing my dissertation, reading books in preparation for the book group, and reading just for fun (after two years of having to read lots of theology books for school, this was exciting). I also played with grandchildren, crocheted prayer shawls, visited friends, watched lots of softball games, and spent a great deal of time on my deck watching the boats going by...sigh!

Here at the church, things were very busy. There were contractors of one kind or another scraping and painting the outside of the building, putting in new windows, repairing insect damage and painting the sanctuary ceiling. Banging and pounding were the order of the day—most days.

Now that we are all prettied up, we're getting ready to start a new program year. I'm looking forward to worship returning to 'our space' and a myriad of other activities doing the work of the church. Sarah is setting up classrooms. Jane is getting out this Church Mouse and ordering supplies. I'm planning the fall worship schedule.



Six weeks from now is the Church Fair and the Chicken Pie Supper. I urge you to jump in and volunteer for some part of this all-church event. What could be better than good food and great fellowship? Let Fair Chairperson, Marianne Burbank 693-2687, and Supper Chairpersons Craig McAllister 379-2758, and Andy Kerr 693-8994, know what you'd like to do. The earlier you sign up, the better the chance of getting your favorite job. I'm going to be working on the Arts & Crafts Booth.

Welcome back. Roll up your sleeves. And let's be about the work of spreading the Good News!

Keep the faith,

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CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

Aug. 25	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Missions Committee
Aug. 30	Sunday	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Worship at the Canton Baptist Church
Aug. 31	Monday	7:00 PM	Christian Education Committee
	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
	Monday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search
Committee			
Sept. 3	Thursday	7:00 PM	Teacher Orientation
	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Sept. 6	Sunday	10:00 AM	Regular worship resumes at Canton Center. No Church School classes; nursery care available. Church Office is closed for Labor Day holiday
Sept. 7	Monday		
Sept. 8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Diaconate Honor Court is hosted by our church in Hartford.
Sept. 9	Wednesday	Noon	Prime Timers meet in the Parish Hall
Sept. 10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Sept. 13	Sunday	9:00 AM	SYF meet to set up for picnic
	Sunday	9:30 AM	Church School Registration
	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School (<i>begin in church</i>)
	Sunday	11:00 AM	Rally Day Picnic – “A Day at the Beach”
Sept. 14	Monday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees
	Monday	6:30 PM	Music Committee
	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Sept. 16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Church Council
Sept. 17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Sept. 20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Women’s Fellowship Meeting
	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School (<i>begin in class</i>)
	Sunday	10:00 AM	SYF Fellowship Hour
	Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir begins rehearsals
	Sunday	11:45 AM	JYF Pizza Kick-off meeting
Sept. 21	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Sept. 24	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Sept. 27	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School (<i>begin in church</i>)
	Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
Sept. 28	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir

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