



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church
Canton Center, Connecticut

The CHURCHMOUSE

October 2009

FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Well, our program year has gotten off with a bang. We had a great Rally Sunday and picnic. If you went home hungry—it was your own fault. Church school classes and choir programs are up and running.

As this newsletter arrives, we will be up to our ears in goods and articles for the Harvest Fair and getting ready for the Chicken Pie Supper. Both events, on October 3rd, take lots of planning and many hands to do the work. Hope you've signed up to do your part. This is both a major fund-raiser and a wonderful fellowship event.

This month Book Group will begin. We'll be meeting on Tuesdays at either 10:30 AM. or 7 PM. The dates are: October 13, 20 and 27; November 10 and 24. As soon as all the votes are in I'll let you know which three books we'll be reading this year and where they may be purchased. Please let us know which group you'll be attending.

The season of the harvest has always been an important time in the lives of people and the church. The richness of the harvest determined how full food larders would be. Churches in our tradition have usually held their stewardship and pledge drives in the fall. It is easy in this way to make the association between the season of the harvest and putting aside an offering for God. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, gratitude for what we have and giving part of it—the first fruits-- to God (or the church).



The things we love about Canton Center Church, the ministries and programs, are dependent on a successful stewardship campaign. I hope that you will pledge with gratitude for what we have, a desire to do Jesus' work on earth, and with hope for the future.

Keep the faith,

Sue

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

October	1	Thursday	3:00 PM	Gravy Making for Chicken Pie
		Thursday	7:00 PM	SYF Parish Hall dining set-up
		Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
October	2	Friday	9:00 AM	Veggie Prep (Prime Timers & others)
October	3	Saturday		CHICKEN PIE SUPPER & HARVEST FAIR
October	4	Sunday	8:00 AM	Pastoral Search Committee (Corner Rm)
		Sunday	8:30 AM	Missions Committee (double classroom)
		Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
October	5	Monday	6:30 PM	Music Committee
		Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
		Monday		Honor Court
October	6	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Diaconate
October	7	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
October	10	Saturday	9:30-2:00	Women's Retreat
October	11	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School
		Sunday		NO Junior Choir
October	12	Monday		Church Office is closed.
		Monday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees
		Monday		NO Senior Choir
October	13	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
October	14	Wednesday	Noon	Prime Timers meet in the Parish Hall
		Wednesday	7:00 PM	Church Council
October	15	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
October	18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Bible Workshop
		Sunday	10:00 AM	SYF Meeting
		Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
October	19	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
October	20	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
October	22	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
October	25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship and Church School; Bible Sunday
		Sunday	11:00 AM	" Hunger 101 " program and dinner
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
October	26	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
October	27	Tuesday	10:30 AM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Minister's Book Study
		Tuesday	7:00 PM	Pastoral Search Committee
October	29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir

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