



The newsletter of The First Congregational Church  
Canton Center, Connecticut

## *The CHURCHMOUSE*

### *January 2010*

#### **FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Pastoral Search Committee has been so excited for the last couple of weeks that it has been difficult to contain ourselves!

By now, you have received our letter and know wonderful news. The minister, whom we believe is the best fit for our church, has accepted our proposal to come and be our Pastor. Of course this is dependent on being voted affirmatively by the church membership. This is so exciting to us, that we've been acting like school children. We believe Rushan will be a wonderful pastor for our church.

So, here's where we are now:

We want you to meet **The Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray** and his wife **Arushini**. Yes, the names are a bit unusual. But the only thing *unusual* about Rushan is the way he matched what we were looking for in a Pastor. He made an *unusually good fit* for our church.

We will be having an open house here at the church on **Saturday, January 16, 2010**. We are going to do it up big with all kinds of good things to eat. Rushan and Arushini will be here and you can meet and talk with them. As you are waiting for your turn, enjoy the fellowship with your church friends and the Search Committee. We'll all be here to tell you of our experiences and answer any questions you may have. Later in the day, after we have a break for a while, we'll have a **Roast Beef Pot Luck Dinner**. The roast beef will be supplied, you bring the side dishes. So, please come and share the excitement, feed your curiosity, meet some wonderful people and of course enjoy the fellowship of the day.

The next day, on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**, Rushan will be here, in our church pulpit to preach the sermon for us. **Make sure you come to church that day**. Immediately after the service Ned will convene a Special Meeting of the congregation to vote on accepting Rushan as our Pastor. Make sure you are here!

Assuming a successful vote, Rushan's first Sunday with us will be on Mother's Day, May 9th. He will have to give 90 days notice and participate in a mission trip with his present youth group in April.



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**CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS**

Jan.	1	Friday		New Year's Day, office closed.
Jan.	3	Sunday	8:30 AM	Christian Education Committee
		Sunday	10:00 AM	Music Sunday Worship; Church School
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
Jan.	4	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Jan.	5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Diaconate
Jan.	7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Jan.	10	Sunday	8:30 AM	Missionary & Stewardship Committee
		Sunday	8:30 AM	Teachers' Meeting
		Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship; Church School
		Sunday	10:00 AM	SYF Meeting (note change)
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
		Sunday	11:15 AM	SYF Mission Trip Meeting
		Sunday	4:00 PM	Trip to Boars Head Festival, Winsted
Jan.	11	Monday	10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
		Monday	6:30 PM	Music Committee
		Monday	6:30 PM	Board of Trustees
		Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Jan.	13	Wednesday	Noon	Prime Timers meet in Parish Hall
		Wednesday	7:00 PM	Church Council
Jan.	14	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Jan.	16	Saturday	1:00-4:00 PM	Open House with Rev. & Mrs. Sinnaduray
		Saturday	6:00-8:00 PM	Pot Luck Super with Rev. & Mrs. Sinnaduray
Jan.	17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (led by Rev. Sinnaduray); Church School
		Sunday	11:00 AM	Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the candidacy of Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
Jan.	18	Monday		Martin Luther King Day, office is closed .
		Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Jan.	21	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Jan.	24	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship; Church School
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir
Jan.	25	Monday	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Jan.	28	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bell Choir
Jan.	31	Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship; Church School
		Sunday	11:15 AM	Junior Choir

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