

# A VIEW FROM THE STEEPLE

*July / August 2009*

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Welcome to a very special edition of the Steeple. In it you will find calendars for both July and August and a “save the date” section for September. You will find the **Statements of Faith** written and presented to the church on May 31<sup>st</sup> (Pentecost) during a very moving Service of Confirmation: Affirmation of Baptism. We welcome to the church family: Sarah Heap-Crosby, Dan Pater, Matthew Thomas and Ross Zettergren, and Ellen and Carl Binder. Ellen and Carl joined the church on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed by the many talents these good folks bring to our church family.

**Youth Sunday** was last Sunday (June 21<sup>st</sup>) and Rex Cone and Joanna Vastola did a wonderful job of presenting gifts to the children and teachers and information to the congregation about our graduating seniors and the wonderful work of our church school teachers! With summer programming in place and having served 38 children in the Church School this year, we are already gearing up for an increase in numbers for the next Church School year.

Come and read ~ and enjoy!

## *Ministerial Musings, July / August 2009 ~*

When my cousin was little (+/- age 3), my mother’s sister entrusted my mother with her daughter (Cinders) so my aunt could do something else for a few hours. My brother and I were also quite small, so my mother really had her hands full when Cinders wandered away from her in a store. When my mother found her again, she expressed her concern to Cinders, who promptly replied, “Well, I knew where I was.”

Haven’t we all had those times? Times when we either “knew where we were” or what we meant by something we said, and have been surprised to find that someone else was concerned? I had a bit of that experience last month when people asked questions about my “sabbatical”... I do apologize for not being clearer. To paraphrase Cinders, “I knew what I meant.” ☺

The time I am taking this summer is divided up in the following way: 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks “sabbatical.” As I explained in my last note about this, some of the need for the additional weeks has to do with the fact that I took no time off the first full year that I served you (and the church in West Suffield); it can also be seen as a kind of allocation/division of the weeks that would come after a prescribed time of service to a church, divided up over the years. So, instead of three months after 4 or five years, two or three weeks a year is taken....

In the Bible, the Gospels clearly describe Jesus’ “taking time apart” either by the seashore, in the mountains or in some other quiet place. Not even the disciples were invited along at these times. Because a minister’s life in the church can be very intense, we all need to find our rhythms of renewal and service, if our lives of service are to be maintained. My “times apart” come in the following forms: Every quarter I take a week “apart” (but not out of the pulpit) for study and planning for the upcoming liturgical season; I take four weeks of vacation, and am now working with the Diaconate and the Church Council to see how this creative approach to Sabbath time might serve us all better than a more traditional, but more expensive and less nurturing (in the day to day) approach. With Christ as my model, I expect to return to you renewed and re-energized in body, mind and spirit.

*In faith,  
Claire*



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Dan Pater

Statement of Faith

I believe in God, Jesus, and their teachings.

I believe Jesus Christ died for our sins on the cross.

I believe in the teachings of the Ten Commandments.

I believe Baptism is one of the many ways of displaying your faith to the world.

I believe Confirmation is one of the many ways to confirm your faith.

I believe to get into heaven one must admit their sins to God and ask for forgiveness

I believe Jesus' teachings are without flaw due to the fact that they came from Him.

I believe God is with us and will always be with us throughout the good and bad.

I believe God is welcoming to all those who believe in Him.

I believe prayer is an effective way of communicating with God and feeling His love.

I believe God is all-powerful and all-knowing.

I believe God created man-kind to be united and learn; not to fight and argue.

I believe God's messages will be in existence for all of eternity.

I believe there is more than one way to worship and show your faith to God.

I believe the Bible is without question, the one book you must read before you die.

I believe man-kind is sinful, and only those who ask for forgiveness are forgiven.

I believe church school is an effective way of spreading the word of God to others.

I believe church should be attended at least once in everyone's life.

I believe the Congregational Church of Plainville, United Church of Christ is more of a family than a church.

I believe all who believe in God, Jesus, the Bible's teachings, or good will to all man-kind will be accepted into God's Kingdom.

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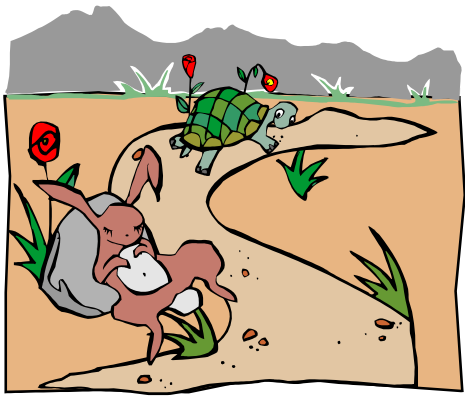
**Summer "Theme" Sundays**

The Diaconate is designating two of our summer Sundays with a special theme. We are hoping to sustain interest and enthusiasm to continue your attendance in worship throughout the summer months with these themes. You have already experienced the first theme day on June 14, Flag Day, by wearing colors and symbols of the American flag on that Sunday. On July 5 we will be observing our country's independence as this is July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Please dress for the occasion by wearing our patriotic colors of red, white and blue, a flag design or stars and stripes.

The second Theme Sunday will be Aug. 9. This will be "Green" Sunday to follow the liturgical color for the "season" of Pentecost. Please wear green to church on that day. Stay tuned ~ there may be others added as the summer progresses and interest is generated to continue with other themes. Thank you for your anticipated support of this endeavor.

Your Diaconate

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Once upon a time, a tortoise and a hare decided to have a race. The hare, who sped from the starting line, was soon so far ahead of the plodding tortoise, that he decided to take a nap. As we all know, the tortoise kept a slow, but steady, pace and beat the hare over the finish line.

Many of us are like hares. We plan to get ahead, cross the finish line, and make that big gift to our Church when we win. But the Church is the winner when we take small, frequent actions today, not tomorrow.

Did you know that banks and credit unions allow you to designate our Church as the beneficiary each time you purchase a Certificate of Deposit? All you need to do is give your financial institution the name, address and taxpayer I.D. of our Church when you buy your CD. Under this arrangement, the Church only receives money if you pass away before the end of the CD term.

Did you know that the UCC has an investment fund that is independent of and safe from the stock market? It is called the Cornerstone Fund, an investment in construction and eco-improvement loans to our UCC churches, which pay back the loans with interest. (Website: <http://cornerstonefund.org/>) Not only does the Cornerstone Fund allow investors to designate their beneficiaries, it has just dropped its minimum purchase price to \$500. What a small step to take to ensure that our UCC churches can make the capital improvements they need and offer a potential benefit to our own Church at the same time!

On a final note, please never underestimate the importance of your regular church offering. Every gift matters. Slow and steady wins the race!

*Fran Heap, Church Clerk*

## Mission Moment ~ UCC I LOVE U!

How do I love you, United Church of Christ? As the poet said, let me count the ways:

- \* You are not only a united, but also a uniting church.
- \* You welcome me, and all newcomers, into fellowship.
- \* You not only accept me just as I am, you affirm who I am, no matter what society says.
- \* You let me think for myself, and speak for myself, because you impose no tests of belief.
- \* You share the Good News without hesitation, but also without compulsion.
- \* You welcome me, and everyone else who believes in Jesus, to the Lord's Table.
- \* You encourage me, and every member, to participate in the business of our congregation.
- \* You bind me gently in covenantal relationships with my congregation, Association, and Conference.
- \* You honor both the ministry of the laity and the calling of the clergy.
- \* You open the church doors to all the hurts and joys of the surrounding neighborhood.
- \* You join with other communities of faith in witness and service to the community and nation.
- \* You initiate and maintain partnerships with Christian churches around the world.
- \* Your compassion for those who suffer is only exceeded by your passion for justice and peace.
- \* You will never wither or weaken because you are always attentive to the stillspeaking God.

UCC I love U!

*June 2008*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



**God is still speaking, to all of us.**

*It is your mission and mine to continue this wonderful love affair with the UCC, our Church and God.*

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## Statement of Faith

By Sarah Heap-Crosby

I believe in You. You are the creator of every creature and every beautiful treasure bestowed upon us. You created every animal, every ocean, and every land. You created heaven for all of your followers. I believe You set the path for life and death. You exist in three perfect Persons, who are the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe You not only gave us life, but our risen Savior Jesus Christ. I believe that Christ was held on the cross not with nails, but with love. The Lamb of the World was sacrificed for us, the sinners. I believe as written in the Holy Book that the Son of God came on this earth healing the sick and spreading the joy of your love, oh Lord. You, Father of all good, took us out of sin and oppression to be saved from condemning. You gave us your only faithful child. I believe Jesus is now at the right hand throne of the Lord.

I believe You empower us with light instead of darkness. You, as the Holy Spirit, give us the strength we need to worship and love in your faith. You give us Your holy love and lead us onto the path of righteousness. If we as sinners wander, Lord, you bring us back. I believe, if ever we feel alone You are always there and always will be. You give us the chance to be servants of Your faith and to spread the news of Your mercy upon us. I believe we shall struggle to the end in fighting for Your justice and peace.

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## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Join us for Faith and Family Day at New Britain Stadium on Sunday, August 23 at 1:35pm and watch the Rockcats play the Reading Phillies. All kids get to run the bases after the game! There will be a post-game Christian rock concert and a giveaway. There will be a sign-up sheet in Kelsey Hall in July. Tickets will be \$5/person. Pack your lunch and enjoy a picnic prior to the game. Questions? Contact Marianne Wright at 506-2206 or at [mares1994@comcast.net](mailto:mares1994@comcast.net).

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### *MUSIC NOTES...*

The Music Committee would like to thank all of the musicians who provided music for worship this year.

We also appreciate the support and generosity of the congregation for the Fair Luncheon, Penny War, "Buy-a-Key," Accidentals concert, and Ice Cream Social.

Stay "tuned" for many more musical opportunities in the year ahead!

### How Are We Doing?

	Income	Expenses
January	\$ 22,034.24	\$ 20,391.20
February	\$ 17,978.25	\$ 20,188.39
March	\$ 20,913.57	\$ 19,438.88
April	\$ 35,027.37	\$ 28,247.28
May	\$ 17,658.98	\$ 16,271.87
	\$ 113,612.41	\$ 104,537.62

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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### *Thrift Shop News*

As many of you know, the Thrift Shop has given the Church many thousands of dollars over the years. (This year's pledge is \$14,000). This has been accomplished with a handful of VERY dedicated volunteers.

We are in need of a few more volunteers. No permanent commitment is needed, only a few hours once in awhile, to cover regular volunteer's days off. The shifts are: Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and Saturday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. If you could even give us one shift now and then, we would appreciate it. Please call Shirley Brown at 793-9619, or Barb Edge at 747-5906, or email brubar13@sbcglobal.net.

Currently the shop has no regular Saturday volunteers. If you would be willing to commit to one Saturday a month, please call Ann Campbell at 793-4927.

Summer shut-down: We will be putting tile on the floor and painting the walls when we close 8/1 - 8/18/09. Any and all volunteers are welcome to join us for this endeavor. Contact Shirley or Barb (numbers above).

The Thrift Shop is ALWAYS looking for small household items and jewelry.

Thank you.

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### Statement of Faith Written by Matthew Thomas

I believe that God created Heaven and Earth. He cares about all people, wants the best for us and wants to help us throughout our lives.

I believe that Jesus is the son of God. He died for us on the cross.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is God's presence within and around us at all times.

I believe the church is a place where people come to pray, worship, give of themselves and boost their faith.

I believe Baptism brings you into God's family. It is a promise by parents or an individual to be raised in Christian faith.

I believe Communion is a reminder of Jesus' last supper and that he died for us.

I believe the Bible is a guidebook for all of us, and its stories help us through our lifelong journey. It teaches us how God expects us to lead our lives.

I believe prayer is when you talk to God and become closer to Him. You give thanks and pray for his help and his forgiveness.

I believe Confirmation is a promise to continue to strengthen my faith and take the responsibility of following God's path.

I believe that to be a Christian is to love God. When I join this church family I believe that it is my responsibility to participate, contribute and grow.

I believe that having faith is knowing that God loves me, and I trust that God will be with me always.

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**Thank You for Supporting UCC's *Strengthen the Church* Special Offering**

Thank you for your very generous donations to our church's second annual United Church of Christ special offering, Strengthen the Church. On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we collected **\$494** for this offering which funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults, nurtures current and future leaders, and aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its message of inclusivity. In the Spring of 2008, Rev. Claire and Marianne Wright travelled to the UCC national offices in Cleveland for a workshop funded by money from this offering. Your generous donations ensure a vibrant church tomorrow. Spread the love. Strengthen the Church. God is still speaking. Thank you.

Your Mission-Social Action Committee - Audrey, Carol, Joni, Mary, Pauline, Rinette, Robin, and Ruthe

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*Statement of Faith ~ Ross Zettergren*

God, I believe in You, and in my Savior Jesus the Christ,  
You are our creator of life and death,  
and to Your deeds we testify.

You take things into your own matter,  
creating persons differently,  
forming life and death upon everyone.

I know through your holy love you will direct me and give me focus to live the remainder  
of my life free from evil and sin.

I will continue to be your disciple and carry on your teachings.

Jesus Christ through your crucifixion and resurrection,  
you have come to me.

We struggle through problems  
and share our joy together,  
while overcoming obstacles  
and correcting mistakes within myself.

You show me love and provide me with your Holy Spirit,  
while you create it for others  
of all ages and those with different backgrounds.

You accept me into this church with open arms  
to experience the true meaning of discipleship,  
to now teach others about the knowledge I have of you,  
to spread your teachings throughout the world  
and exclude myself from making bad choices,  
and the food you share with me at your table everyday,  
may I join in your strengths and accomplishments.

You promise to me,  
you will always be there to guide me,  
forgiving me for the bad things I have done,  
leading me towards the right direction  
while keeping an eye on me through the good and bad times  
may you watch over me through eternity.

Blessing and honor, glory, and the power be unto you.

Amen.

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## Our Church Receives 2008 CWS Blanket Program Honor Award



Thanks to everyone who contributed to *last year's* 2008 annual Mother's Day Church World Service Blanket collection, our church was honored on June 7<sup>th</sup> when Alyse McEwen from the Southern New England Regional Office of Church World Service gave the Youth Sermon and presented our church with a CWS blanket banner. **Our church was 6<sup>th</sup> in per capita giving for 2008, amounting to \$6.17 per person.** For the summer, the CWS banner is hanging in the narthex, then will be moved elsewhere in the church. Below is Alyse's email following her June 7<sup>th</sup> visit to our church:

*I wanted to drop you a short note to once again thank you for allowing me to visit the Congregational Church of Plainville this past Sunday and hand deliver your Blanket Banner. From the moment I walked in the front door, I was made to feel very welcome. I sat in worship with Audrey and enjoyed chatting with her before and after the service. You should feel honored to be part of such a loving, caring church family.*

*I especially enjoyed meeting Pastor Claire. The worship service was very inspiring and as I mentioned to her, the Communion service was one of the most touching ones that I've ever been a part of.*

*I had fun talking with the children. There were a couple of boys that kept me on my toes...they had a lot to say and lots of questions, which prompted answers that I think were beneficial to the entire congregation...."out of the mouths of babes!"*

*As I mentioned in my presentation to the congregation, your church has raised over \$12,000 over the past several years. You have consistently contributed to the various ministries of CWS, including responding to emergency appeals. Thank you once again for your continued support...we simply could not do our work without caring congregations such as yours.*

*Finally, I forgot to bring a listing of banner award churches. I'm attaching a copy to this email. [Posted on Mission-Social Action Bulletin Board, next to the library.]*

*I look forward to working with you in the days ahead. Feel free to contact me if there's anything else I could do to support your efforts.*

*Alyse McEwen  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
CWS/Southern New England Office  
415 Killingworth Road  
Higganum, CT 06441*

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## Covenant to Care for Children Back-to-School Backpack Drive

Summer is here, and it's time to begin purchasing back-to-school items for our Covenant to Care for Children social worker's school-age clients. A huge basket has been placed in the narthex to collect: backpacks, notebook and construction paper, pencils, pens, notebooks, folders, dividers, rulers, crayons, markers, calculators, glue, glue sticks, erasers, pencil boxes, pocket dictionaries -- any school supply, except no scissors. Watch for sales, and if you are shopping at Staples, CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, or many other stores – *please support our scrip fundraiser and our church's general operating budget by making your purchase with UnitedScrip gift cards.* This year, we will be putting together the backpacks on **Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** following worship, which will give our Adopt-A-Social Worker Lynn Ludwin time to deliver them all before school begins. Thanks for your generous support.

Your Mission-Social Action Committee - Audrey, Carol, Joni, Mary, Pauline, Rinette, Robin, and Ruthe

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## A Letter and Gift To Our Church from Zimbabwe

As you know, for the past two years, Audrey Lewis has been our contact with her friend Ann Leroux and her organization, "A Light for Zimbabwe". Ann has visited our church twice and shown us slides of her mission work in Africa. Thanks to all the members of our congregation, Audrey has collected clothing items, including hospital supplies for shipping to Zimbabwe. We were recently thrilled when Audrey received the following thank-you letter and beautifully hand-woven mat, not from Ann's group, but from a UCC hospital in Zimbabwe:



*June 2009*

*Valued Brothers & Sisters in Christ  
The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
130 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut*

*Greetings to you all in the name of our saviour Jesus Christ Amen!*

*We want to thank you all for the wonderful humanitarian donations you sent to us through Sr Susan Heppenstall and our denomination [UCC Africa] President Rev. E. Matunhunye.*

*We received 2 boxes with clothes and medical supplies.*

*Really we want to thank you a lot. It is difficult for us to buy clothing because our priority is to secure food in the home then there is nothing to buy clothes with. So the clothing you sent really cheer-up and made a difference at a time like this. Every staff member managed to get something with excitement.*

*May our good Lord continue to richly bless you as you are working hard to support the marginalized.*

*Please receive this small gift for your church from this hospital and remember we all love you. Continue the good blessed work.*

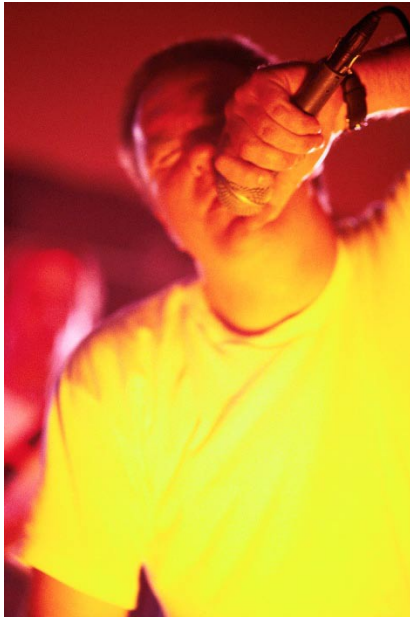
*On behalf of the hospital staff, thank you once more.*

*Yours in Christ  
Sr Aletha Chilcoo  
Praise Mkwakwami (God)  
Sister Buck Memorial Hospital, Chikore Hospital  
PO Box 170  
Grugmore, Chipinge, Zimbabwe*

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, this letter was read during the Message of Christian Concern, and the hand-woven gift mat was presented to Rev. Claire for hanging in our church. In mid-June, our church packed more clothing and medical items, and the load was picked up - to be included with other groups' donations for eventual shipping to Zimbabwe. We plan to collect items for Zimbabwe again in the fall. We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to make this a successful mission project for our church.

Your Mission-Social Action Committee - Audrey, Carol, Joni, Mary, Pauline, Rinette, Robin, and Ruthe

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# SOULFEST 2009 IS COMING!

SOULFEST is a Christian music festival at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, New Hampshire and features over 100 artists and speakers: "Inspiring music, activities, and fellowship, all in a safe and beautiful setting."

An adult single day pass is \$50; adult weekend pass (Friday-Saturday) \$90; adult multi day pass \$120 now, but \$140 at the gate.

SOULFEST takes place this year from Wednesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 1st. Events begin at 12 noon on Wednesday through midnight on Saturday night. If you'd like to join in the fun and make a group of it, please see Suzanne Colley or Fran Heap!

<http://www.thesoulfest.com/>

## UnitedScrip – Ongoing Fundraiser

***A BIG thanks for shopping with UnitedScrip!*** This is our church's ongoing fundraiser. This fundraiser is so successful because our congregation faithfully purchases scrip shopping/gift cards week after week. **As you need gifts for weddings, baby and bridal showers, and birthdays, please consider giving gift cards or purchase your gifts with gift cards.** Simply pick up a UnitedScrip order form in the narthex or in Kelsey Hall, check which national stores, restaurants, and gas stations that you frequent, then make a check out to our church and give the order form with a check to Carol after church in Kelsey Hall. Be sure to purchase your store/gift cards for all your normal shopping needs. You will receive the full face value of the gift card, and our church will keep a percentage of the face value. It's win-win for all!

<i>Our Scrip Profits for 2009:</i>	<i>\$\$ (Annual Budget Target: \$2,000)</i>	<i>% of Annual Budget Achieved</i>
Month of Jan:	\$48.80	
Month of Feb:	\$107.90	
Month of March	\$143.70	
Month of April	\$84.55	
Month of May	\$99.95	<b><i>Through May 24% (target 42%)</i></b>
<b><i>Total Scrip Profit for 2009:</i></b>	<b><i>\$484.90</i></b>	

For May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>, we thank the following church families who participated: Astolfi, Boiczuk, Drachenberg, Edge, Fuller, Heap, Hoerle, Johnson, Kordes, Letendre, Bonnie Mazurek, Michaud, Mowry, D. Pelletier, Pershken, Peterson, Seeds, Vastola, and Christian Education Committee.

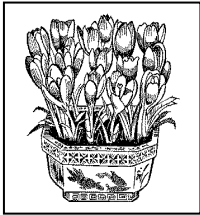
For any questions regarding our scrip fundraiser, please call Carol Peterson during the day at 747-5174. Thanks.

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Thanks to those who have already signed up to cut the grass around the church!  
Most of August, and all of September and October are still in need of mowers.

Please see the sign-up sheet in Kelsey Hall to help out. ☺ Thanks!





***Our thoughts and prayers are with:*** Ron Harke, Sara Marsan, Nelly Carillo, Wyona Frasier, Patricia Johnson, Frank Geissler, John, Judy Beausoleil, Marcel Tardif, Shirley Brown, Michael Fraychak, Connie and Alan MacMillan, Jane MacMillan, Craig Mackenzie, Ernie Gallant, Eleanor Kordes, Ruth Pater, Lachlyn Parker Nichols, Cynthia Bowes, Helen Wilson, Bert Michaud, Jessie Flanders, Pam Collins, Luke Santhouse, Dick and Joan Dante, Bunny Colter, Jim Fielder, Marcia and Woody Winslow, Gary Hubbell, Don Barrows, Dorothy "Dot" Haley, Maria Schatz, David & Davida Foy Crabtree, Jeff Schaefer, Peg Hoerle, Peg Young, Mary Devine, Gordon McCann, Helen McKernan, Jeane Pierson, Walter Smykla, ***and the families of*** Paul Dube, Paul Raisides, Marjorie Wilbur, Irma Eastwood, Lucille Rackliffe, Sharon Warren, David Bowes (Lynnette Astolfi's father), Steven Stairs, Morgan Nichols, as well as members and friends serving in the military: James Palmer, Gabriel Smykla, and Mark Terrill.

We received a ***"Thank you"*** note from Dot Haley....

*A big thank you to my church family for the lovely bouquet of flowers you gave me which brightened up my room here at Brittany Farms. I have loved looking at the beautiful colors! Dot Haley*

We received a ***"Thank you"*** card from Woody and Marcia Winslow....

*Our thanks to: Reverend Dr. Claire, Ken Hodge, the Church Family, and to Kathy Todd. God Bless Each of You!*

*Dear Kathy, For the many times we have asked favors, you gladly granted, we must let you know personally as now how much it meant to us both over the years! We are still unable to do so personally again because of poor health, still, we both cannot remember, it's God's Will.*

*Love, Woody and Marcia Winslow*

We wish a very ***"Happy Birthday"*** to the following members of our congregation who have July & August birthdays: Christina Chamberland (7/7), Sherri Ryan (7/10), Kiley Mazurek (7/11), Carolyn Karno (7/13), Hailey Calder (7/14), Delaney Beausoleil (7/15), Russ Drachenberg (7/26), Dolly Pelletier (7/27), Carl Pelletier (7/27), Ross Zettergren (7/28), Fran Rose (7/29), Cheryl Cone (7/30), Gina Guglietta (8/1), Cameron Pelletier (8/6), David Ryan (8/9), Joni Czajkowski (8/12), Brian Beausoleil (8/15), Peg Young (8/17), Rinette Yanez (8/19), Joanna Vastola (8/19), Robert Raymond (8/20), Steven Guglietta (8/28), Carey Beausoleil (8/30), ***and to friends of the church:*** Robert Willard (7/8), Nathaniel Bamberg-Johnson (7/10), and Margaret-Ann Bamberg (8/17).



We also wish a very ***"Happy Anniversary"*** to the following members with July & August anniversaries:

Bill & Patricia Pegg (7/1)	Joanna & Steve Vastola (7/16)	Beverly and Herve Letendre (7/26)
Sherri & David Ryan (7/26)	Rinette & Tony Yanez (8/3)	Audrey & George Lewis (8/4)
Diana & Russ Drachenberg (8/5)	Marianne & James Wright (8/10)	Linda & Elton Hill (8/23)
	Betty & Brian Mayer (8/30)	

## MILESTONES AND HIGHPOINTS

**New Members - Carl and Ellen Binder ~ June 7, 2009**

**- Sarah Heap-Crosby, Dan Pater, Matt Thomas, Ross Zettergren ~ May 31, 2009**

Transfers or terminations of membership	None reported
Inactive	None reported
Deaths	None reported
Marriages/Unions	None reported
Births	None reported

**Baptisms - Chase Philip Beausoleil ~ June 14, 2009**

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## JULY 2009



**\*\*Steeple articles due by: August 21, 2009 ~ for September issue\*\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<del>28</del> <b>9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Music Sunday  7:30 pm - Recovery	<del>29</del> 10:00 am AI Anon	<del>30</del> 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	1  5-7pm Food for Friends	2  7:30 pm - NA	3	4  6:30 pm - NA
5 ~ ~ <b>Patriotic Sunday</b> ~ ~ <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Worship Leader: Ken Hodge	6 10:00 am AI Anon	7 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA  <b>7:15 pm -</b> <b>All</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Meeting Night</b>	8  5-7pm Food for Friends	9  7:30 pm - NA	10	11  6:30 pm - NA
12 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Worship Leader: Jeff Lukens  7:30 pm - Recovery	13 10:00 am AI Anon	14 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	15  5-7pm Food for Friends	16  6:30 pm - NA Administrative 7:30 pm - NA	17	18  6:30 pm - NA
19 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Minister: Rev. Jonathan Lee	20 10:00 am AI Anon	21 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA  <b>7:30 pm -</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Council</b>	22  <b>5-7pm</b> <b>Food</b> <b>for</b> <b>Friends</b>	23  7:30 pm - NA	24	25  6:30 pm - NA
26 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Minister: Rev. Jonathan Lee  7:30 - Recovery	27 10:00 am AI Anon	28 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	29  5-7pm Food for Friends	30  7:30 pm - NA	31	1  6:30 pm - NA

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## AUGUST 2009



**\*\*Steeple articles due by: August 21, 2009\*\***

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<del>26</del> <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Minister: Rev. Jonathan Lee  7:30 pm - Recovery	<del>27</del> 10:00 am Al Anon	<del>28</del> 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	<del>29</del>  5-7pm Food for Friends	<del>30</del>  7:30 pm - NA	<del>31</del>	1  6:30 pm - NA
2 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Minister: Rev. Jonathan Lee	3 10:00 am Al Anon	4 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA  <b>7:15 pm -                      All                      Committee                      Meeting Night</b>	5  5-7pm Food for Friends	6  7:30 pm - NA	7	8  6:30 pm - NA
9 ~ Green Sunday ~ <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Guest Minister: Rev. Jonathan Lee  7:30 pm - Recovery	10 10:00 am Al Anon	11 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	12  <b>5-7pm                      Food for                      Friends</b>	13  7:30 pm - NA	14	15  6:30 pm - NA
16 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Rev. Claire is back	17 10:00 am Al Anon	18 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA  <b>7:30 pm -                      Church                      Council</b>	19  <b>Notice:</b> There will be <b>NO</b> Food for Friends meal this week	20  6:30 pm - NA Administrative  7:30 pm - NA	21   <b>*All Steeple                      Articles due**</b>	22  6:30 pm - NA
23 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b> ~ Covenant to Care Backpack Sunday  <b>1:35pm- Rock Cats game at                      New Britain Stadium</b> ~ picnic prior to game ~  7:30 pm - Recovery	24 10:00 am Al Anon	25 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA	26  5-7pm Food for Friends	27  7:30 pm - NA	28	29  6:30 pm - NA
30 <b>10:00 am - Worship</b>	31 10:00 am Al Anon	1 10:30 am - AA  7:00 pm - AA  <b>7:15 pm -                      All                      Committee                      Meeting Night</b>	2  5-7pm Food for Friends	3  7:30 pm - NA	4	5  6:30 pm - NA