

The Inkling

The News of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

May 2010

Pentecost Sunday is full of the Spirit!

Join us for worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd as the Spirit of God enlivens God's people again.

The morning's worship will be full, as we celebrate the confirmation of five young people from our congregation, gather at the font for the Baptism of Elsa Joy and Sabina June Jungkeit, and say congratulations to college and graduate school students. This is sure to be a festive day as the Spirit of the Living God is made known in new and wonderful ways.

Christian Educator Nancy McLaren to be ordained!

Nancy McLaren will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, May 16th at First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. First, Nancy must stand before the Presbytery of Southern New England for her examination on Saturday, May 1. Assuming that all goes well, the service or ordination will take place two weeks later. Nancy will continue to serve as our Christian Educator and as the Director of Homework @ First, the after school homework help program reaching students from neighboring middle schools.

The Service of Ordination will begin at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow.

Confirmation Class members to speak in worship

Members of the First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class will be speaking in worship throughout the month, in preparation for their Confirmation on May 23rd. Each class member has been assigned a day and a scripture reading, and will read and reflect on that text before the congregation. We can look forward to hearing from Harrison Davis, Ally Duncan, Scott Duncan, Rachel Matheny, and Michael Schneider.

End of the Church School Year approaches!

On Sunday, May 16th everyone is welcome to attend the children's church school play, "The Good Samaritan in the Woods," written and directed by Martha Smalley. The children have been working on this play during the Children In Worship each Sunday morning.

Our end of the church year celebration will take place on Sunday, May 30th. We'll have a chance to celebrate all the youngsters, thank the teachers, and rejoice in the wonder of learning and growing in faith. Both of these events begin at 9:30 a.m.

Worship in May

On Sunday, May 9, the Senior High Youth Group will lead us in worship. On May 16, the day of her ordination, Nancy McLaren will be the morning's preacher. Don't miss these special days in the life of our church.

What's Happening at First Presbyterian in May...



Saturday May 1: Spring Bird Walk for Kids

Join church member Florence McBride for a bird walk on May 1. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum at 9:00 a.m. The walk is free and children must be accompanied by an adult.

BINGO Night, Saturday, May 1

B-I-N-G-O and Pizza FPC Family Night is back by popular demand! Come and join in the fun from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and enjoy fellowship, pizza, bingo and prizes. Bring an item to add to the prize table. A donation will be taken at the door for the pizza. Be the first to yell BINGO!!!!

Goody Bag Sunday – May 2

Our college students are beginning their finals and need brain support! On Sunday May 2nd we will prepare our Goodie Bags for our local college students. Please bring 25 baked goods or store bought items to fill the fun food goodie bags. The students really appreciate the bags and knowing they are being supported by their church family.

Help make exam week a bit sweeter for the college and graduate students who worship with us week after week by contributing to this year's spring Goody Bags. We'd like 25 store bought or home baked treats to fill the bags to overflowing. Bring your treats to the church on Sunday, May 2nd. A table will be set in the Copeland Room for your donations. Goody Boxes will be mailed to First Presbyterian Church students on May 4th. Help us spread some cheer.

Eve's Daughters on May 3

Women from the congregation are invited to the final gathering before the fall of Eve's Daughters on Monday evening, May 3rd at 6:30 p.m. This month we will meet at Congregation Mishkan Israel where Rabbi Alison Adler and Co-pastor Maria LaSala will explore "A woman of valor," whose story is found in Proverbs 31. Supper will be served. Congregation Mishkan Israel is located on Ridge Road in Hamden. Please sign up at the Welcome Table today!

Party with a Purpose!

On Sunday, May 9, First Presbyterian Church will be the center of the movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender welcome and equality in the PCUSA. We have volunteered to process a mailing of resources that will go to every commissioner, Youth Advisory Delegate, and Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the 219th General Assembly in July in Minneapolis. Join friends from First Presbyterian and from Presbyterian Promise after worship to help in this effort. Lunch will be served. Conversation, music, and many hands will make this a party, and a unique opportunity to help our church become a closer embodiment of God's love to all people. For more information, contact Dick Hasbany or talk with either pastor. This will be fun with a purpose.



Join the Walk Against Hunger

The New Haven Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger will be held on Sunday, May 2nd (rain or shine). Sign up to walk at the Welcome Table in the Copeland Room. Join the walkers (all ages may participate) and/or support our walkers with a generous donation (tax deductible). We start from East Rock Park (corner of Cold Spring and Orange Streets). Registration is at 1pm and the 5km procession steps off at 2pm. During the Friendship Hour on May 2nd, walkers will gather in the junior high classroom for a light lunch and to receive information. Questions? See Nancy Rupp or Rona Johnston Gordon.

MAY POTLUCK – International!

Plan to stay for the May church potluck lunch on Sunday, May 16th. The theme for the lunch is "foods from around the world." Plan to bring your favorite international dish to the table.

News from the Library

A 2004 book that stands up to re-reading is Marcus J. Borg's "The Heart of Christianity." He asks us to see the Christian tradition again and to see the Christian life again. He reclaims for liberal progressive Christians expressions such as "born again," which has real meaning for all Christians, and "the "Kingdom of God" which is not a bulwark against secularism but a means of transforming society into a world that values justice and love. The new paradigm is about loving God and loving what God loves, rather than rigidly adhering to a specific set of beliefs. This is not an erudite nor a combative book but a book written by a man who loves God and wants to share that love with you. Reading Borg will not change your life dramatically, but you won't be the same after you re-read "The Heart of Christianity." Read a book and grow a little! You can find it in the Library in the Green CL section (for Christian Living) and under B (for Borg).

Gardening Day Thanks and Follow Up

The Property Committee is very grateful to everyone who worked Sunday, April 18, to spruce up the Church grounds. Our volunteer gardeners worked extremely hard and the grounds look really great. Even though we worked until 3 p.m., we did not quite get everything done. We need one more gardening day to complete the Spring spruce up. We are looking for gardeners to help after Church on either Sunday, May 2 or Sunday June 6. Learning from and with apologies for our oversight, we will be serving lunch. Please sign up on the Volunteer Gardener sheet on the welcome table for either date or check both if you don't have a preference. We will only select one date for the follow up spring spruce up day.

Graduates!

If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring? Graduation wishes!

This year we will celebrate the graduation of many from our worshipping community, including the following:

Jenny Davis will graduate from Yale Divinity School and will begin a residency in CPE at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Steve Jungkeit will graduate from Yale University. Steve and his family will remain in New Haven.

Elizabeth Kvach. Elizabeth will graduate with honors from Yale Medical School and will begin a residency in Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Sarah Smith Warren will graduate from Yale Divinity School, Sarah, and her husband David, will begin teaching at Northfield Mount Hermon school in western Massachusetts.

Ann Ameling will graduate from Yale Divinity School. Ann will spend a month in San Francisco working with The Rev. Yvette Flunders and after she returns to New Haven plans to supply preach in UCC churches in Connecticut.

Join us for Bible Study!

The Lectionary Bible Study meets on Thursday Mornings at 11:30 a.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Each week we read and reflect on the texts for the upcoming Sunday.

The texts for May are:

May 2 Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148:1-14; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 9 Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67:1-7; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 5:1-9

May 16 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97:1-12; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 23 *Pentecost* Acts 2:1-21; Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17

May 30 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8:1-9; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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GREEN TIP for MAY – MAKE YOUR OWN CLEANERS

While many green tips were included in First Presbyterian Church's Lenten Carbon Fast, space limitations prevented much detail on any one suggestion. As suggested by church members, a green suggestion will be included in upcoming Inklings. After all, we try to be greener all year, not just during Lent, just as we're Christians every day, not just on Sunday and holidays.

Spring – It's a time for cleaning and freshening the house after winter. It's also a perfect time to change from the many toxic cleaning products to something that's healthier for you and the environment. Try making your own green cleaners. They do work and cost less. Below are easy recipes recently compiled on the shelterrific.com website.

-Martha Smith

To make any of the following cleaners, simply add the ingredients to a glass jar or (in the case of the spray) a spray bottle and shake or use a spoon to mix.

All-Purpose Cleaner (Great for Glass)

1 cup white distilled vinegar
1 cup water
2-4 drops essential oil (optional)
2 drops liquid dish detergent

(Recipe via womenandenvironment.org)

Creamy Soft Scrub

1 cup baking soda
1/3-1/2 cup liquid castile soap (to desired consistency)
2 tsp. vegetable glycerin (acts as a preservative)
2-4 drops essential oil such as lavender, tea tree, rosemary or other (optional)
Mix together and store in a sealed glass jar; shelf life of two years.

(Recipe via womenandenvironment.org)

Natural Disinfectant Spray

1 cup distilled water
1/2 cup white grain vinegar
4 drops lavender oil
4 drops tea tree oil
(Recipe via www.natural-healthy-home-cleaning-tips.com/natural_home_cleaning_recipes.htm)

Non-Toxic Toilet Bowl Cleaner

1 cup borax
1/2 cup white vinegar
Directions: Flush to wet the sides of the bowl. Sprinkle the borax around the toilet bowl, then drizzle with vinegar. Leave for several hours before scrubbing with a toilet brush. (Recipe via www.ecomall.com/greenshopping/vlnon.htm)

Folk Concert features Tret Frue

Tret Frue plays acoustic guitar and is well known for her compelling voice and folk repertoire. Alison Farrell will open for this show that is sure to be a crowd pleaser. Look for more details at ctfolk.org.

First Presbyterian Church hosts the First Friday Acoustic Concert series, and receives 10 complimentary tickets in return. Call the church office (203-562-5664) to reserve your ticket, or support the concert series by buying a ticket at the door.

Meal-a-Month

Your generous donations go to the Christian Community Action food pantry.

- CCA's clients select the items they need and want for families ranging from one or two to seven or eight.

- A variety of sizes are appropriate.

- Use this list as a guide. Check the specials aisle for similar items on sale.

- The CT health department prohibits distribution of fresh foods.

- Census data show Connecticut had the largest percentage increase for all people and for children living in poverty in the country – despite our goal of cutting the child poverty rate in half by 2014. That's almost 315,000 Connecticut residents living under the Federal poverty level.

Meal-A-Month GROCERIES

- Bags of rice*
- Bags of beans (red or black)*
- Pasta / pasta sauce*
- Canned tuna*
- Canned fruits (low sugar preferred)*
- Canned meats*
- Canned vegetables (low-sodium)*
- Boxes of mashed potatoes*
- Pasta sauce*
- Peanut butter*
- Low-sugar breakfast cereals (Cheerios, etc.)*
- Low-sodium soups*
- Dessert items – Jello, pudding mixes, etc.*
- Canned juices: tomato, V8, grape, orange*
- Instant milk*
- Coffee and/or tea*
- Flour*
- Sugar*

Property Committee Update

On Tuesday, April 20, Session approved several projects that have been under review since the first of the year, or earlier. All of these projects will be financed by the Capital Campaign Fund.

First, we will rid the Church of the Carpenter Bees that have created quite a bit of damage over the past several decades. This work was done on Tuesday, April 27.

Second, we will clean and seal the wood at both ends of the Church and the doors on the sides of the church. As part of this we will:

- Fill the bee holes with epoxy
- Lightly power wash all wood
- Lightly sand any wood that requires it, primarily the doors and door frames
- Seal the framing around the windows with 2 coats
- Repair and refinish the exterior doors and door frames on the sides of the Church
- Repair and refinish the wood doors and door frames at each end of the church
- Re-seal any areas around the picture windows that need it
- Install bird deterrents

This project started on Thursday, April 22, and take about three weeks.

Third, we will make improvements to the lighting inside and outside both buildings including installing three outside lights under the eaves on the Owens Building to provide light on the walkway and the grass parking area and adding timers on more outside lights.

Fourth, we will replace the roof on the Owens Building. We have a verbal agreement with Chapel Construction and National Roofing, who built the roof five years ago, for them to contribute \$20,000 to the \$50,000 total cost. We may spread the project over two years but we will replace the south and east sides of the roof this year.

Fifth, we will replace the door locks on the side doors of the Church. Several are not functioning well and none can be locked from the outside. We have had many instances when the doors were inadvertently left unlocked over the years. This will start in about three weeks and will take about a week.

Another project on our list to do soon is to fill the pot hole at end of driveway but we do not have a price yet.

We also have several projects we will be tackling as a committee with volunteer labor: reinforcing the framing and refastening the hinges on several of the interior and exterior doors will be done over the summer; refinishing the pews will be done over the summer when we are worshiping in the Owens Building. Installing a protective barrier around Owens Building outdoor A/C units will also be done over the summer.

There are other projects on our list we can begin to plan once we get through this list. Please contact Art Hunt if you have any questions about the work of the Property Committee or you would like to volunteer your help.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer...

Prayers for those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis: Jim Tenney, Mary Chesnutt; Jan Forman; Ken and Kay Jetter; and Nancy Johnstone.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

Looking Ahead to June...

June 13 – Choir Celebration and Church School Picnic; June 20 – Worship moves to 9:30 a.m.

CO-PASTORS: BILL GOETTLER & MARIA LASALA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: PATRICK McCRELESS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR: NANCY McLAREN

CAMPUS CHAPLAIN TO YALE: JENNIFER DAVIS

PARISH ASSOCIATE: SUE ASHER

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9:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:45 a.m. Worship

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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