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The News of First Presbyterian Church of New Haven

June 2010

Summer Time!

The month of June offers both endings and new beginnings for the First Presbyterian Church family.

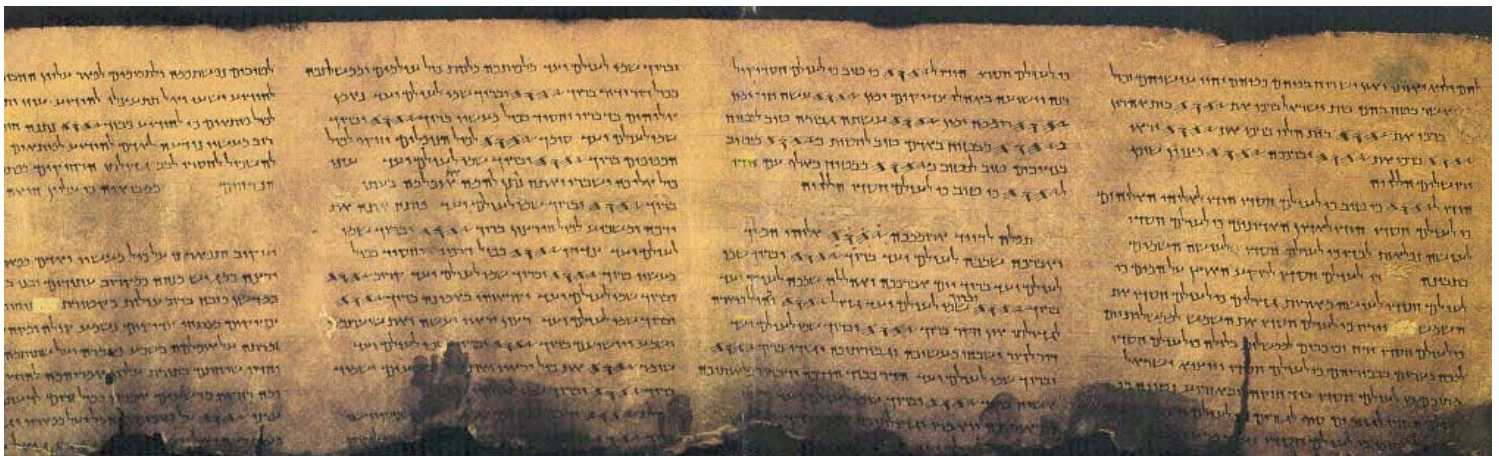
On Sunday, June 6th we will congratulate the ten high school seniors who graduate this year. A special friendship hour is planned to celebrate this important event. Also during worship that day, Ja'Avi Rhames Littlejohn, son of Amba Anthony will be baptized. Amba and Ja'Avi live with Melissa and Frank Socolow. And, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated. It is sure to be another wonderful morning of worship and thanksgiving.

On June 13th we will give thanks to the choir and to Pat McCreless for another year of wonderful and inspiration music. Each Sunday the choir helps us all to lift our voices in song. This will be the final Sunday with a full choir until the fall. Each summer Sunday, soloists or small ensembles from our choir will continue to lead us in song.

On Sunday, June 20th the worship hour moves to 9:30 a.m. On that morning, still gathering in the sanctuary, we will baptize Kai-Jin Kwek-Rupp, son of Stephanie Rupp and Ju Hon Kwek and grandson of George and Nancy Rupp. Once again we heed Christ's call to go forth and make disciples baptizing them in the name of the Triune God.

A Summer of Psalms - This Summer's Preaching Theme

Beginning on July 4 and continuing throughout the summer, preachers from our congregation will offer sermons on the Psalms. Each week of the summer, our congregation will be invited to memorize the Psalm for the following Sunday. Then, using word and song, art and dance, we will experience these important verses in new ways. You won't want to miss a Sunday.



Above: The Great Psalms Scroll from Qumran (11QPs^a)

A special thank you to the Christian Education teachers of the 2009-2010 year! These devoted, consistent, and wonderful volunteers make our Christian Education program happen week after week: Melissa Socolow, Michael Boddy, Martha Smalley, Gary Cline, Taylor Purvis, Sarah Warren, David Warren, and Kristen Leslie. Thanks go also to Phil Yoo, Senior High Youth Advisor. We thank you and our children thank you, for sharing your talents, gifts, and time.

What's happening at First Presbyterian in June...

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. *Please note that there is no Bible Study on June 24.*

The texts for June are:

June 6	1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146:1-10; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17
June 13	1 Kings 21:1-10; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3
June 20	1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42-43; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 27	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost (June 20)
"Sleeping Elijah"
He Qi (China)*

On Sunday June 6th the Mission Committee will be celebrating our church's connection to Guatemala. Our congregation sponsors Karla Koll, a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker, who lives and works in Guatemala. Recently, Karla encouraged us to support Corazon de la Mujer (The Heart of the Women) sewing cooperative in Chimaltenango, Guatemala. This community makes beautiful scarves that they sell in order to support themselves and pay for education for themselves and their children. We will have scarves available to purchase for either \$25 or \$15, or you can check out their website and order your own at www.corazonscarves.com.

It's Picnic Time!

The End of the Church Year Picnic will be held on June 13th immediately after our service.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Veggie Burgers will be hot on the grill. Bring a salad or dessert to share. This picnic takes place rain or shine and promises to be a great social event!

The Elm City Girls' Choir will hold an Italy Tour send-off benefit concert on Wednesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. Church member Anna LaSala-Goettler is a member of this choir and hopes that you will attend.

State Street Farmers Market

FPC church members Bob and Sue Frew worked to get the State Street Farmers Market open.

This link from the New Haven Independent online newspaper tells the story in a fun way.

http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/upper_state_street_farmers_mkt_second_edition/.

Let's change the world, one market at a time!

Graduates, Graduates, and More Graduates!

Anna Balakrishnan will graduate from Daniel Hand High School and attend SUNY Binghamton.
Connor Blackwell will graduate from Hamden High School and attend University of New Haven.
Christopher Dynia will graduate from The Sound School in New Haven and attend New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, Rhode Island.
Kamilla Dynia will graduate from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford and attend the Cobleskill branch of the State University of New York.
Sophia Gatison will graduate from North Haven High School and attend University of Vermont.
Alex Latina will graduate from Cheshire High School and attend Georgia Tech.
Anna LaSala–Goettler will graduate from Wilbur Cross High School and attend Middlebury College.
Lindsay Miller will graduate from Amity High School and attend MICA, Maryland Institute College of Art.
Oscar Osei will graduate from West Haven High School and attend Southern Connecticut State University.
Megan Rowland will graduate from Hamden High School and attend The University of Connecticut Honors Program.

From College:

Christina Clark, from Hamilton College. Christina received honors in Psychology and will attend Simmons, pursuing an MSW.
Ginger Cline, from University of Michigan. Ginger majored in Political Science, History, and French and Francophone Studies and will travel to France in the Fall. She received a Fulbright Fellowship, and will teach English at Lycée Evariste-Galois, a high school in the Parisian suburb of Sartrouville.
Caitie Gibbs, from Boston University. Caitie's degree was in Psychology and American Sign Language. She plans to move to California.
Lucy Quagliato McClure, from Southern Connecticut State University.

From Graduate School:

Ann Ameling – M. Div., Yale Divinity School. Ann heads off to California for an internship with Yvette Flunders, a UCC Pastor known for her wide welcome of GLBT people.
Jeremy Cline – Cornell University Law School
Jenny Davis – M. Div., Yale Divinity School. Jenny will spend a year in a CPE Residency Program at Yale New Haven Hospital.
Ian Doescher – Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in the City of New York. Ian serves as a pastor in Portland, Oregon.
Steve Jungkeit – Ph.D., Yale University. Steve will spend a year in a CPE residency program at Bridgeport Hospital.
Elizabeth Kvach – Yale University Medical School. Elizabeth will do her Primary Care residency at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.
Sarah Smith Warren – M. Div., Yale Divinity School. Sarah will teach at Northfield Mount Herman School in Western Massachusetts.
Michael McCreless – a joint Master of Public Administration in International Development from the Kennedy School of Government, and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.
Ian Smalley – M.A. from Georgetown University. Ian is now working at the Communications and Society Program of the Aspen Institute in Washington, DC.

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Happy 125th Birthday!

Happy birthday to FPC! We will be marking our 125th year as a Presbyterian Christian Community on February 20, 2011. We want everyone involved in the celebration. The Session has formed a 125th Anniversary committee to assist in the organization of the celebration. Members of the committee include: Chair, Elder Beth Aura Miller, Assistant Chair, Rev. Alan Hogle, Betsy Mussman, Bruce Gordon, Liz Copeland, Bruce Peabody, Rev. Bill Goettler, and Rev. Maria LaSala. We plan to have our 125th Celebration Kick Off in the Fall.

We are presently forming **Celebration Committees**, and seeking to enlist members for each committee.

History Coordinator – Alan Hogle: Develop a comprehensive FPC History Book for purchase by members; Develop a shorter FPC History Booklet, which will be given at the Celebration Dinner; Develop an area in the Church Library for historical memorabilia.

Written Communication Committee: Articles for bulletin, Inkling, newspapers; Letters to pastors and interns inviting letters telling where they are now, offering congratulations and reflection; Letters requesting greetings from the President, the Governor, the Mayor, Senators and Representatives; Letters to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly – recognizing the Anniversary

Media Coordinator Committee: Enlist videographer to video the events of the celebration; Coordinate pictures from the congregation to create a “picture of our history” on a DVD with music.

Mission Trip to Dominican Republic for Two FPC Youth

Anna Balakrishnan and Andrew McCloskey will be traveling to the Caribbean nation of the Dominican Republic with the youth group from the First Congregational Church in Madison late in June. Along with about 25 other people, they will travel near Luperon, on the northern coast, to join a project building housing for community members.

The experience was organized by the Village Mountain Mission Project, which is based in Ohio and has its roots in the Boy Scouts of America.

The school bags and emergency aid packages collected by our Confirmation Class during the spring will go along with Anna and Andrew, to be used by the school children they meet in the Dominican Republic.

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, VS, grape, orange*
- Instant milk*
- Coffee and/or tea*
- Flour*
- Sugar*

Property Committee Update

There is nothing like the smell of wood preservative on a Sunday morning. Work is in progress on the exterior wood of the Church. The bees are gone and the holes they made have been filled with epoxy. The wood around the Church has been power washed. The doors on the sides of the Church have been refinished. Work is proceeding on the front and back of the Church. The entrance doors at the front and back will be refinished in the next few weeks.

Work has begun on the Owens building roof replacement. We are starting with the side facing the Church and the side facing Whitney Avenue. Bob Frew is following the work carefully to make sure it proceeds according to our specification.

The Property Committee has had a busy month! We are a committee of hands-on volunteers and we are very fortunate to have energetic committee members and volunteers with terrific skills. Thank you to one and all.

The follow-up Spring Spruce Up Day is Sunday, June 6 immediately following Church. Wear your gardening clothes to Church and help us complete the tasks we started in April. Lunch will be served.

Other ongoing projects include the following:

Bird deterrents for both ends of the church have been ordered.

David Miller has completed repairs to the outside lights around the Church.

The committee has completed an evaluation of how to refinish the pews and eliminate the splintering problem. We hope to complete this work with volunteers. We will definitely need your help. The windows in the Manse are being repaired so they can be opened and closed easily and the screens are being repaired.

Our list for the summer also includes repairing or replacing the lights in the Miller Gathering Hall and the Sanctuary, replacing the door locks on the side doors of the Church, filling the pot hole in the driveway, reinforcing the framing and refastening the hinges on several of the interior and exterior doors refinish the pews, installing cages around Owens Building outdoor A/C units, installing storm windows at the Manse, caulking around the skylight in the Church and installing exterior lights under the eaves of the Owens Building to light the path to the grass parking area.

Wow, it is a long list and we probably will not get to it all. Please let us know if you see anything around the Church the committee should pay attention to.

Art Hunt, Chair

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 John Bollier.

Prayers for Alan Hogle.

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.

CO-PASTORS: BILL GOETTLER & MARIA LASALA

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: PATRICK McCRELESS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR: NANCY McLAREN

CAMPUS CHAPLAIN TO YALE: JENNIFER DAVIS

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

Worship

10:45 a.m.

****Starting June 20, Worship moves to 9:30 a.m.****

Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday

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

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