

## PRAYERS & CONCERNS

**We Pray For** - The Babbitt Family, Bill Betts, Mary Bottum, Tess Braun, Frank Buonocore, Dorothy Card, Justin and Tricia Coffey and Family, Tom Coons, Family of Roy Coulter, Davida Foy Crabtree, Frank Creamer, Fred Currier, Peter Dakers, Nancy and Dexter D'Cruz, Family of Margaret Derwin, Carole DeVoe, Bill Eckert, Mary Egan, Jen Emory, Ida Hamzy, John Harris, Bob Hawkins, Gus Hitchcock, Joanne Hitchcock, Family of Sandy Hoyoe, Jeanette Hudson, Joan Ingersoll, Sheldon Innocent, Bill Kelsey and His Doctors, Zach Kelsey, Ed McGee, Doris McGowan, Yvonne McGowan, Nelly Molina, Beth Oberton, Jean O'Connor, Sue Olsen, Seema Patel, Kathy Paulers, Diana Peyre and Family, George Phelan, Carmella Pietrafesa, Jerry Reginatto, Ruth Roelofs, Blake Roy, Judy Scanlon and Family, Evelyn Sellstone, Bill and Marge Servidio, Dorothy Smith, Ernie Smith, Arthur Smith, Ryan Sterba, Louise Tangarone, Hannah Taylor, Sue Ellen Thomas, Susan M. Trager, Sheila Uhl, Richard Waldron, Noel Williamson.

**We Also Pray For** - Steve Allen, Bryan Amantea, Lane Berg, Smith Conway, Chris Goodall, Stephanie McGowan, Silvio Melo, Dave Morales, Tony Peterson, Jay Sullivan, Matthew and Marcy Werner, Stephen Whalen, Michele Wilkinson, Wesley Williamson, and all men and women serving in the military.

Erick R. Olsen - Pastor

Bruce Anderson - Pastor Emeritus

Fred Herzig - Moderator

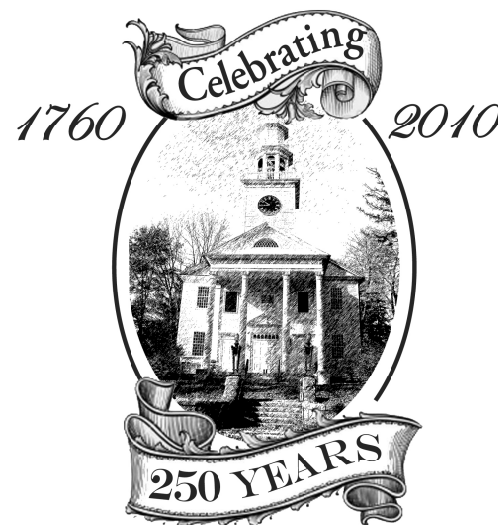
Julia Green & John Thew – Senior Deacons

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## Church of Christ Congregational A (UCC) Member Congregation An Open & Affirming Church



CHURCH OF CHRIST  
CONGREGATIONAL, UCC  
NORFOLK

### Ascension Sunday

June 5th, 2011

*"Our purpose is to follow Jesus Christ  
and to keep Christ at the center of our lives.  
We aspire to strengthen our identity as a home  
of extravagant welcome where friends  
and strangers alike encounter God's love."*

**Gathered in 1760  
Norfolk, CT**

# Ascension Sunday

June 5th, 2011

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!  
Praise God with loud songs!

People: The Lord, the Most High, is to be feared;  
he is a great king, ruling over all the world.

Leader: God goes up to his throne. There are shouts  
of joy and the blast of trumpets, as God goes up.

People: Sing praise to God; sing praise to our king!  
God is king over all the world;  
praise God with song!

**\*HYMN 185** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

**OPENING PRAYER** - Forgive us, O God, for those times when we fail to see our own power in you. We even shy away from claiming our identity as disciples charged with Spirit and filled with vision. Comfort us, O God, in the knowledge that your care for us surpasses any concerns we could have for others or even self. Help us to be free and ready to share your good news. Forgive us for our transgressions, and open to us a new way of living and loving, working and playing together for you. Bless us now and always to your purpose. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI 513** - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**LIGHT OF SERVICE** - Minister's Discretionary Fund

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** - All are welcome to partake. In the sharing of the bread, please hold, so we may take it together. In the sharing of the cup, please partake when served. Grape juice, not wine, is served.

**\*Communion Hymn – 288** *Let Us Break Bread Together* (P.H.)

## Invitation

## Consecration and Service

**Prayer of Gratitude (unison)** - Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *I Will Always Give Thanks* - C. King

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Luke 24:44-53 (page 965)  
Acts 1:1-11 (page 991)

**SERMON** "Together Again"

## SILENT MEDITATION

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

### Invitation

**Offertory** *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

– R. Lowry, arr. C. Courtney

**\*Doxology 515** (Pilgrim Hymnal) - Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*HYMN 202** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (Pilgrim H.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR COMMON COMMISSION** - Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

*\*Those who wish to remain seated may do so.*

**Deacon** - Nancy Herzig

**Coffee Hour** - The Nelsons

**Flowers** – To the Glory of God

**Mission Plate Offerings**

Please make checks payable to  
"Church of Christ"

**5/22** Habitat for Humanity-\$192

**5/29** Komen Race - tba

**6/05** Minister's Disc. Fund

**6/12** Strengthen the Church

**The White Envelopes** in the pews are for contributions to benefit the Operating Budget. Kindly do not use these envelopes for Mission or Pledge offerings. Thanks!

**All God's Children's Day**  
**Sunday 6/19**

Please take note this year's children-led worship service is only two weeks away. **The first walk through for Sunday School children and adult participants will take place next Sunday June 12th at 9 a.m. PLEASE do your BEST to be on time. ALSO ALL participants** are asked to attend the **FINAL** Rehearsal promptly at 9:00am June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Strengthen the Church**  
**NEXT Sunday 6/12**

Strengthen the Church helps invigorate congregations, foster new leaders and grow the UCC's presence as a community of extravagant welcome.

**NEWS FOR THE PEWS**

**Sunday 6/5**

10:00am Communion

10:00am Sunday School

11:30am Children's Choir

1:00am Confirmation

8:00pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday 6/7**

8:45am Yoga

**Wednesday 6/8**

10:00am Bible Discussion -

Meadowbrook

7:00pm Trustees

**Thursday 6/9**

8:45am Yoga

5:30pm Yoga

11:00am Tiffany Window Tour

7:00pm Adult Choir

**Saturday 6/11**

8:00am Men's Breakfast

9:00am Zumba

6:30-8:30pm Pizza Night

**Sunday 6/12**

**Pentecost/Confirmation**

9:00am First run through

*All God's Children's Day*

10:00am Worship &

Confirmation

10:00am Sunday School

rehearsal

11:30 Music reh.

8:00pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday 6/14**

8:45am Yoga

**Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, 6/26 at 11:30AM**

The Annual Meeting will be held on 6/26. Committee chairs are asked to submit their reports to the office by Wednesday 6/22.

**Cell Tower in the Steeple?**

The church has been approached Message Center Management (MCM) offering us an annual revenue stream in return for leasing space in our steeple for a cell phone carrier to construct a transmitter. As part of our 6/26 Annual Meeting, MCM will make a presentation and answer questions such as: How much will cell service in town be improved? Will this change the appearance of our steeple? How much money might this project yield? Are cell towers safe? Does MCM have experience with historic buildings? At the end of the presentation, we will vote on whether to permit MCM to draw up formal engineering plans. Once we have these plans, a second meeting will be held for a final vote. Questions before the meeting? Ask a trustee (Kate Persons, Jim Coons, Tim Deasy, Felix Graham-Jones, Teri Padua, Mike Schopp, or Elizabeth Vergo).

**Pizza Parlor Night**

**Saturday - June 11th**

**6:30 to 8:30PM**

Battell Chapel Dining Room  
Includes 2 slices of salad and beverage. \$8 adults and \$5 for kids (age 12 and under). \$25 for family of 4 or more. Eat in or take-out. **This is a Youth Work Camp fundraiser!**

**SENIOR RECOGNITION**  
**DAY SUNDAY JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Our sympathies** go to the family and friends of Betty Westberg, a resident of Meadowbrook who passed from this life into eternal glory this week.

**Norfolk Farmer's Market** is (rain or shine) on Saturdays from 10AM till 1PM in front of the Town Hall.

**Cupboards are Bare!**

Please consider giving to our Food Pantry, as we are in urgent need of such items as: tuna fish, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, condiments, pasta and tomato sauce, juice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you!!

**FUN-RAISING CLASSES**

**Zumba - Saturday 9AM**

**6/11, 18, 25 & 7/2, 9, 16**

**Yoga - Thursday 5:30PM**

**6/9, 16, 23, 30 & 7/7**

**Donation:**

\$60/6-weeks; \$12 drop-in

Teens ½ for Zumba