

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Kindly notify the office regarding names to be added or removed.

Prayers & Concerns

Bill Betts, Mary Bottum, Tess Braun, Frank Buonocore, Dorothy Card, Davida Foy Crabtree, Frank Creamer, Fred Currier, Peter Dakers, Family of Margaret Derwin, Bill Eckert, Mary Egan, Ken Esposito, Ida Hamzy, Bob Hawkins, Gus Hitchcock, Family of Sandy Hoyoe, Bill Kelsey and His Doctors, Zach Kelsey, Michael McDermott, Doris McGowan, Yvonne McGowan, Nelly Molina, Jean O'Connor, Sue Olsen, Treasa Pattison, Kathy Paulers, Diana Peyre and Family, Evelyn Sellstone, Bill and Marge Servidio, Ernie Smith, Ryan Sterba, Louise Tangarone, Hannah Taylor, John Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas, Susan M. Trager, Richard Waldron, Ruth White, Noel Williamson.

We Also Pray For

Steve Allen, Bryan Amantea, Lane Berg, Smith Conway, Chris Goodall, Matthew Harrington, Thomas McGowan II, Silvio Melo, Dave Morales, Tony Peterson, Jay Sullivan, Matthew and Marcy Werner, Stephen Whalen, Michele Wilkinson and all men and women serving in the military.

Rev. Erick Olsen - Pastor

Rev. Bruce Anderson - Pastor Emeritus

Fred Herzig - Moderator

Julia Green and John Thew - Senior Deacons

Elizabeth Allyn - Minister of Music

Christina Wignall - Director of Christian Education

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CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, UCC NORFOLK

“Imagining the Future” Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19th, 2010

*“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**

“Imagining Our Future” - 4th Sunday of Advent
December 19th, 2010

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Andante* (from E minor Violin Concerto) - F. Mendelssohn
Elise Wignall, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**People: Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

Leader: Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**People: They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**

Leader: For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

**People: O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

***HYMN 110** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

OPENING PRAYER - A messenger is coming, and we are not always eager to listen, O God. Give us open ears and minds along with supple hearts willing to embrace the exhilarating news of your approach. Remind us that we have permission to dare to hope for better days and better ways. Grace our living with a renewed desire to be a people who seek peace, justice, kindness and harmony. Fuel us with the potential of your love in flesh. 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 - “Debts”

***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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Love: Metcalf Family

SPECIAL MUSIC *Caoineadh Cú Chulainn* (Lament) - B. Whelan
Andrew Thomson, uilleann pipes

LIGHT OF SERVICE - Fuel Relief

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN *An Anniversary Hymn* (insert)

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 1:18-25 (page 877)

SERMON “What Love May Do”

SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Kolibri* - T. Ferchen; Serena Sinclair, marimba

*** 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 116** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

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 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* - D. Zimmer

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

Deacon - Julia Green

Coffee Hour - The Metcalfs

Flowers - In loving memory of Elisabeth Kelemen by Tom and Elizabeth Vergo

Mission Plate Offerings

Please make checks payable to
"Church of Christ"

12/05 Min. Disc. Fund - \$1125

12/12 Heifer - \$202

12/19 Fuel Relief

12/24 Min. Disc. Fund - 5pm

12/24 Christmas Fund - 10pm

12/26 Christmas Fund

*The UCC's Christmas Fund
was formerly called "Veterans
of the Cross."*

The Christmas Flower Memorials will benefit the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Larger arrangements will replace an array of individual poinsettias. Checks may be made payable to "Church of Christ."

Names of those being memorialized or honored will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Flower envelopes are available in the church.

News for the Pews

Sunday - 12/19

10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School
11:30am Pageant Rehearsal
3:00pm Youth Group
Christmas Party
8:00pm AA Meeting

Tuesday - 12/21

9:00am Yoga
6:00pm Deacons

Wednesday - 12/22

10:00am Meadowbrook
Bible Discussion

Thursday - 12/23

6:45pm Christmas Pageant
Dress Rehearsal

Friday - 12/24

5:00pm Christmas Pageant
10:00pm Candlelight Service

Saturday - 12/25

Merry Christmas!

Sunday - 12/26

10:00am Worship
8:00pm AA Meeting

Tuesday - 12/28

9:00am Yoga'

Wednesday - 12/29

NO Meadowbrook
Bible Discussion

Thursday - 12/30

9:00am Yoga

2011 PLEDGES

A pledge of any amount helps us plan our budget. If you have not received a pledge card, please call the church office. **Pledge Envelopes** are available at the entrance to the church for those who requested them. **Pledge Payments** made on or before 12/30/10 will be credited to 2010. When meeting a pledge, please indicate whether your payment is for an Operating Fund or Dare to Dream pledge. Thank you!

The Christmas Pageant

will take place on Christmas Eve, Friday, 12/24, during the 5 p.m. service. Group and individual rehearsals are now being held during Sunday School. It is important for children to attend each Sunday!

Sunday, 12/19

First run-through for adults and children, following the worship service.

Thursday, 12/23 - 6:45PM

Final rehearsal
for adults and children

Friday, December 24

Arrive at Chapel - 3:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

POT LUCK

After the Pageant - 6PM
Friday 12/24 - Dining Room

ALL are welcome!

Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, contact Tina Olsen or Suzanne Hinman.

250 for 250 Volunteers

To volunteer for a good cause and help the Church of Christ celebrate its 250th anniversary, pick up a Volunteer Form from the Chapel foyer. Volunteer for your favorite charity or town function, keep track of your hours on the form and return it to the office. Your hours will be pooled with others to reach a total of at least 250 hours of volunteer service.

**Would You Like to Join
Church Of Christ ?**

A number of people have expressed interest in joining Church of Christ as full members, so we will gather a group soon. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member, please contact Julia Green, John Thew, or any of our Deacons, Pastor Erick, or call the church office, 542-5721.

THANK YOU! - Many thanks to Russell Russ, Wayne Jenkins, the Childs family and Great Mountain Forest for providing the lovely spray on the balcony of the church. We also thank Charlie Tirrell for the two pines in the sanctuary. Please take a moment to personally thank them all for their generosity!

**UPCOMING CLASSES
At Church of Christ
For Adults & Teens**

Contact office to register:
542-5721, cchurch01@snet.net

Yoga on Thursdays

January 6, 13, 20 & 27

February 3 & 10

Time: 5:30-6:45PM,

Donation: \$60 for 6-weeks or
\$12 per class

Zumba on Saturdays

January 8, 15, 22 & 29

February 5 & 12

Time: 9-10AM

Donation: \$60 for
6-weeks or \$12 per class
½ price for teenagers!

Oil Painting - Chris Hanley

Jan. 18 & 25, Feb. 1 & 8

7 to 9 PM

Donation: \$60

**Cooking Class
With Ted Hinman**

January 11 - 6PM - \$30

**CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday, 12/24, 5PM**

**Pageant at 5 PM
Living Creche**

*In the Chapel
Birthday Cupcakes
to follow.*

Evening Bonfire

On the Church Lawn
Pot-Luck - Dining Room
**Please bring a dish
to share!**

**Candlelight & Communion
Service
10PM Sanctuary**

**The Music Committee
PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE:
Our next program will be
held March 6th**
Michael McDermott + Friends
**Tom Bates' Surround Sound
program is now April 3rd**

**250TH
ANNIVERSARY BOOK
Available Soon!**

To reserve copies of this beautiful commemorative tribute, please call the office (542-5721). The books are \$42 each. If you wish them shipped, please add \$6 for a single copy or \$4 for multiple copies (mailed to the same address). If you would like a gift-card, please contact the office. Make checks payable to "Church of Christ." Order forms are available in the Church and Chapel.

**In Loving Memory of
Elisabeth Zulauf Kelemen &
Dr. Pal Kelemen**

By Elizabeth Vergo

Elisabeth and Pal Kelemen came to Norfolk in the mid 1930's. They built a home on Loon Meadow drive and lived there until 1984 when they moved to La Jolla, California. Elisabeth was an accomplished musician, studying voice in New York, Zurich and Florence and gave concerts and recitals extensively in Europe. Pal was born in Budapest and he and Elisabeth met and were married in Florence in 1936. Elisabeth loved the opera and classical music; she shared her talents with many, as music was an important part of her life.

The Kelemens traveled extensively in Latin America. Pal was an art historian specializing in Pre-Colombian and Baroque Art of Central and South America. His many books and articles were illustrated by the wonderful photographs that Elisabeth took on all their travels.

The Kelemens loved Norfolk and at the time of their death in the early 1990's, they made many bequests to Norfolk: the Norfolk Library, the Historical Society and the Church of Christ. The income from the Kelemen Music Fund is

designed to augment the budget of the Music Committee and therefore provides enrichment to the established music program of the Church. The acquisition of the grand piano, special concerts and guest artists, the sound equipment, the Tiffany Consort, the recently commissioned work by Paul Halley are a few of the enrichments made possible by this Fund. These all enhance the lovely music that is given to us every week by the organist, the wonderful organ and musicians. It is with deep gratitude that we remember the loving on-going contribution that Elisabeth Zulauf Kelemen and Dr. Pal Kelemen gave to the church.

Our Music It is with great joy that we welcome back Elise Wignall, Serena Sinclair and Andrew Thomson today. We rejoice with all our families who will be welcoming home their college students for the holidays. Our future is here today....gifting us with their music. We ask God to bless them, their music to His praise and, pray that there will always be a church where their music can be shared, wherever they may be. Thank-you all!