

## 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, Jeanette Hudson, Bill Kelsey and His Doctors, Zach Kelsey, Michael McDermott, Doris McGowan, Yvonne McGowan, Nelly Molina, Jean O'Connor, Sue Olsen, Seema Patel, 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, 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.

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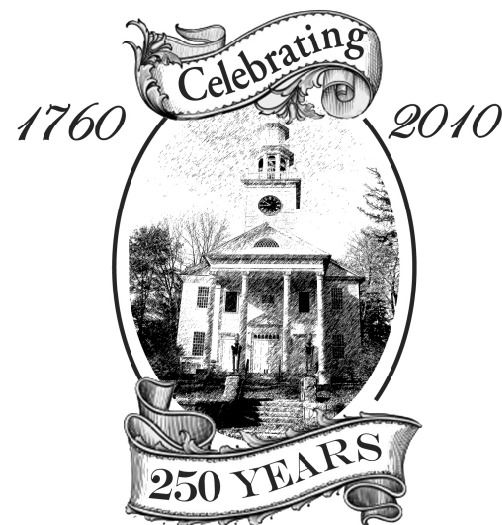
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## A United Church of Christ (UCC) Member Congregation An Open & Affirming Church



### CHURCH OF CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL, UCC NORFOLK

## The First Sunday After Christmas December 26th, 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**

# The First Sunday After Christmas

## December 26th, 2010

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### WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights!

**People: Praise God, all you angels;  
praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!**

Leader: Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
royalty and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of God, for God's name  
alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and  
heaven.

**People: God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise  
for the faithful, for the people of Israel who are  
close to God. Hallelujah!**

**\*HYMN 141** *The First Nowell* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

**OPENING PRAYER** - We recognize, O God, that even as we follow  
your star, we are led astray in our travels by the promise of power  
and security. Soften our hearts and heads with your grace, and help  
us to welcome your Spirit as it comes to us. Clarify within us a  
sense of your purpose and connect us in a new way to the deep  
meaning and power of your desire for loving justice. Grant us the  
wisdom to set aside divisive concerns and focus on you. 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 CHRIST CANDLE** - Holly, Zachary, Will,  
Hillary and Justin

### CAROL SING

**LIGHT OF SERVICE - The Christmas Fund**  
(formerly Veterans of the Cross)

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Matthew 2:13-23 (page 878)

**SERMON** "Which Bethlehem is Real?"

### SILENT MEDITATION

### JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

\* **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 120** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (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

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

**Deacon** - Julie Green

**Coffee Hour** - Liz Allyn

**Flowers** - Loving memory of Great Grandma Roberta Muller by the Allen Family

### Mission Plate Offerings

Please make checks payable to "Church of Christ"

**12/12** Heifer - \$202

**12/19** Fuel Relief - \$625

**12/24** Minister's Disc. Fund

**12/24** Christmas Fund

**12/26** Christmas Fund

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

**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.

**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. Thank you also to those who hung the greens, Phyllis Diggle for the out-door wreaths, and Julie Green for arranging the poinsettias.

## News for the Pews

### 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

### Sunday - 1/2

8:00am Deacons  
10:00am Communion  
8:00pm AA Meeting

### Tuesday - 1/4

9:00am Yoga

### Wednesday - 1/5

Meadowbrook  
Bible Discussion

### Thursday - 1/6

9:00am Yoga  
7:00pm Choir

### Friday - 1/8

Men's Breakfast

### Sunday - 1/9

8:00pm AA Meeting

## 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

January 18 & 25, Feb. 1 & 8  
7 to 9 PM  
Donation: \$60

### Cooking Class

**Small Plate Dinner Party**  
January 11 - 6PM - \$30  
Make an interesting meal with a wide variety of small plates. Join Gloria Gourley and Jan Graham-Jones for a fun evening with lots of sampling.

### 2011 Music Programs!!

#### Note Date Changes

Michael McDermott - 3/6  
Tom Bates - 4/3

## 250 for 250 Volunteers

To volunteer for a good cause and celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> 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.

**250th Book** - To reserve copies, call the office (542-5721). Books are \$42 each. Please add \$6 to ship 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.

## Join Church of Christ?

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