

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, Kathy Paulers, Diana Peyre and Family, Evelyn Sellstone, Bill and Marge Servidio, Ernie Smith, Ryan Sterba, Louise Tangarone, Hannah Taylor, Sue Ellen Thomas, Susan M. Trager, Richard Waldron, Ruth White, Noel Williamson, Judy.

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
NORFOLK

“Rejoicing in the Present”
First Sunday of Advent
November 28th, 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

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WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* - arr. R.J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 2)

Leader: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

People: Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD.”

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

People: He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples.

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

***HYMN 103** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

OPENING PRAYER - Oh, that the hopes of our lives might be your hopes for us, Lord! Make us willing enough learners to keep seeking your word. Make us faithful enough to keep welcoming Christ's coming into our hearts. Grant us strength enough to turn to you and courage to hope for your new life within us and through us. 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope - The Herzig Family

PASSING OF PEACE

ANTHEM *Celtic Advent Carol* - D. Angerman and M. Barrett

LIGHT OF SERVICE - Operation Overflow

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***HYMN 198** *Christ Is the World's True Light* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Matthew 3:1-12 (page 878)

SERMON - “Hopeful Repentance”

SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Zion Hears the Watchman Singing* -
J.S. Bach, arr. J. Leavitt

***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 114** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* (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 *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* - arr. R. J. Powell

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

Deacon - Nancy Herzig
Coffee Hour - Nels & Phyllis White
Flowers - To the Glory of God

Mission Plate Offerings
Please make checks payable to
"Church of Christ"

11/07 SW Indian Found. - \$285
11/14 ELON Homes - \$157
11/21 Nothing But Nets - \$247
11/28 Operation Overflow

Coffee Hour - Hosts are needed for the upcoming months. Please sign up in the Chapel or speak to Barbara Gomez.

The Mission Market
Sunday - 11/28, 12/5, 12/12
Fair trade coffee, Heifer International, Nothing but Nets, Youth Group's Mission, Angel Tree, Meadowbrook, cookbooks, special Christmas cards, and more each week!

Citrus Orders are Due Today.
Proceeds benefit the church's general fund. We need help making this fundraiser successful! Order forms are on in the chapel foyer. Call Suzanne Hinman (542-5880) Citrus can be picked up at the Chapel on 12/3, 7-9pm, or 12/4, 7-9am. Please make checks payable to "Church of Christ." Thank you!

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Sunday - 11/28
10:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School & Pageant Rehearsal
11:30am Mission Market
1:00pm Confirmation

Tuesday - 11/30
9:00am Yoga
7pm Card-Making Class

Wednesday - 12/1
10:00am Meadowbrook Bible Discussion

Thursday - 12/2
9:00am Yoga
5:30pm Yoga
7:00pm Adult Choir

Friday - 12/3
7-9:00pm Citrus Pick-Up

Saturday - 12/4
7-9am Citrus Pick-Up
7-10am Breakfast with Santa
10-3pm Farmer's Market
1pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Sunday - 12/5 - Youth Sunday
8:00am Deacons
10:00am Communion
11:00am Mission Market

Tuesday - 12/7
9:00am Yoga

Wednesday - 12/8
10:00am Meadowbrook Bible Discussion
7:00pm Trustees

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.

An Invitation to Share Your Love - If you would like to join others in sharing the Spirit and joy of God in Christ as you experience it here, please see Nancy Herzig, Julie Green, or Orié Marrero for outreach packets. You are invited to share these as you see fit.

Pledging at Church of Christ
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** will be distributed in December to those who requested them. **Pledge Payments** made on or before 12/30/10 will be credited to 2010, unless you notify the office otherwise. 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. worship service. Group and individual rehearsals are now being held during Sunday School. It is important for children to attend each Sunday! Here is the schedule:

Sunday, November 28
Sunday, December 12 & 19
Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School.

Sunday, December 19
First run-through for adults and children, following the worship service.

Wednesday, December 23
Final rehearsal for adults and children (time to be announced).

Thursday, December 24
Arrive at Chapel - 3:45 p.m.

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**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 now available in the church.

**Norfolk Farmer's Market**  
**Sat., 12/4 - 10AM to 3PM**

The Norfolk Farmer's Market will be held in Battell Chapel in December. You will find wonderful foods for the holiday season and many unique items that make great gifts. Please stop by! Breakfast with Santa will also be held that morning...

**UPCOMING CLASSES**

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

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

**Yoga on Thursdays**

**December 2, 9, & 16**

Time: 5:30-6:45PM,  
Donation: \$60 for 6-weeks or  
\$12 per class

**Zumba on Saturdays**  
**December 11, & 18**

Note: No class on Dec. 4

Time: 9-10AM  
Donation: \$60 for  
6-weeks or \$12 per class  
½ price for teenagers!

**Holiday Card-Making**  
**With Julie Green**

**Tuesday, November 30, 7PM**

Come make 5 holiday cards to send out to that special someone. Learn how to rubber stamp and emboss your cards!

**Donation: \$10**

**"Going Green" Cards** - We will continue to brainstorm, plan and celebrate specific steps to reduce our collective carbon footprint. Please keep track of the changes you are making at home. At a future date we will invite you to share those changes. See Tina Wignall for more info.

**Anticipating Our Future**  
**Sunday, 12/5, 10AM**

Help fill the church (250 + people for 250 years!) as our youth lead worship.

**250th Anniversary Book**  
**Available Soon!**

Reserve your copy of this beautiful commemorative tribute today. \$42 per copy. Call the church office to order (860) 542-5721.

**Christmas Eve**  
**Friday, 12/24, 5PM**

**Pageant at 5 PM**  
**Living Creche**  
*In the Chapel*  
*Birthday Cupcakes*  
*to follow.*

**Evening Bonfire**  
Church Lawn  
**Candlelight & Communion**  
**Service**  
**10AM Sanctuary**

**FREE Gestetner Office Copier Machine** to anyone who can use it. Some supplies included; as is. Call the church office (860) 542-5721.

**Breakfast With Santa**  
**Saturday, 12/4 - 7 to 10AM**

Battell Chapel Dining Room  
For tickets, call 542-5654.  
Sponsored by Norfolk Fire Dep't. \$4 children/seniors, \$7 adults (under 5 free)

**The Music Committee**  
**presents**

**God Sings in Every**  
**Language**

**Sunday, 2/6/11 - 3PM**

Our friend **Tom Bates** returns to present a surround sound presentation.

**Michael McDermott**  
**& Friends**  
**Sunday, 3/6/11 - 3PM**

**The Gospel of Mark**  
**5/15/11 - Time TBD**

**Local Family**  
**Lost Home to Fire**

To help, please donate any of the following:

- \$575 towards one month's rent or security deposit
- Pre-paid gas card
- Diabetic testing kit
- Eye Glass replacement (\$50 Dr. Matt Blondin, Torrington)
- Winter Coats (Men's 2XL)
- Winter Coat (Women's 3XL)
- Blankets
- 63" Window Curtains (2 pr.)
- Kitchen Items: coffee maker, small roasting pan, toaster
- Walmart gift cards

If you have questions, please see Pastor Erick...

