

The Beacon

Sunday Worship: 10:25 am; Contemporary Service 6:30 pm

December, 2009

Advent and Christmas Opportunities

What is Advent? This is the season in the church year that begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is traditionally a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and, most importantly, a time of seeking to let the Spirit of Jesus Christ be "born" anew in us.

Sunday, Nov. 29

10:25 Worship - 1st Sunday in Advent
Advent Celebration following Worship (All ages!)
6:30 pm Sunday Night Alive Worship

Sunday, Dec. 6

10:25 Worship - 2nd Sunday in Advent
Communion
6:30 pm Sunday Night Alive Worship

Saturday, Dec. 12

Holiday Cookies By The Pound
9:00 - 11:30 am

Sunday, Dec. 13

10:25 Worship - 3rd Sunday in Advent
2:45 pm Christmas Caroling
6:30 pm Sunday Night Alive Worship

Sunday, December 20

10:25 Worship - 4th Sunday in Advent
6:30 pm Sunday Night Alive Worship

Thursday, Dec. 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship *(see below)
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
Candlelight Communion -
Fellowship for teens and young adults
follows late service

Sunday, Dec. 27

10:25 Worship

Sunday, January 3

10:25 Worship
Epiphany Sunday with Communion



How can I become part of this faith community?

If this is your question, come join us for an Inquirer's session on Sunday, December 6, following the morning worship service. We will talk about this faith community, and what it means to be a "member" of the church. We will welcome new members on Sunday, December 20 during our morning worship service. If you intend to join us, please call the church office 15 860-653-2987 or email Office@egchurch.necoxmail.com

All Annual Reports should be emailed to office@egchurch.necoxmail.com by December 15.

***The 5 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service**

This is a kid-friendly Christmas Eve Worship Service that tells the story of Jesus' birth and invites active participation including the wearing of costumes by the congregation (adults *and* children) throughout the telling of the story. Come and see!

Bakers are needed for Cookies By The Pound. See Page 7.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith...See Page 3.

Remember to share your faith experiences, stories, and testimonials on the FAITH WALL.

"Yes" To Birthing New Life

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her – Luke 2:38

The world of marketing and advertising has been working hard since October to ensure that we know that Christmas is coming. In light of this, the Christian season of Advent may seem redundant, at least as it is observed in many households - - a kind of "countdown to Christmas."

However, the Advent season is really intended to be one of getting in on what God has done in birthing Jesus and what God wants to birth in us. We are reminded of stories in which people participate and cooperate in what God is doing. God says, "Yes" to the world in God's desire to birth Jesus. Mary says, "Yes" to God. Joseph says, "Yes" to God. And Jesus is born, born to show us all how to say "Yes" to God who births new life, who brings forth salvation, healing, hope, peace, and love in us and in the world.

This is counter-cultural. We are trained and formed in our culture to say "yes" to more stuff, to busy lives, to more booze, to more entertainment, to staying at home, to taking care of our own. In saying "yes" to all of this, we at the same time, whether we intend to or not, say, "no" to God. Leighton Ford composed a poem that had me reflecting on to whom or what I say "yes" or "no."

STILL BORN	Protective of his fiancée's
But what if Mary	Reputation
Troubled by the angel's	(and his own)
Pregnant words,	Had listened to his common sense
Flinching from the Spirit's	And quietly broken
Shadowed touch	The engagement?
Had weighed the odds,	
Felt the seducing weight	Would not the Child
Of the conventional way	Still have been born
And said,	For the world?
"No"?	
	But what would have been
Or if Joseph	Still-born
Concerned for appearances	In them?

In this Advent season choose to say "no" to whatever separates you from God, from others, and from the truth of who you are in God. Choose to say "yes" to God in listening prayer, worship, seeking God's will, Scripture study, meditation, community, and serving as God calls you to serve. God can and will birth new life in us and through us as we walk in the Way of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Come and see!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael Bush

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

For some ideas for saying "no" to more of the shopping and stress, and instead receiving and sharing more fully the good news of Christ, check out www.adventconspiracy.org

Current Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Sunday Nights

Moments That Take Your Breath Away Study Sundays 7:20-8:20 PM in the Conference Room - 11/1 - 2/7 (no meetings on 11/29, 12/27, 1/3).

One Day At A Time Study -Sundays 7:20-8:20 PM in the Buttaro Room - 11/1 - 2/7 (no meetings on 11/29, 12/27, 1/3)

Weekday and Weeknight Groups

Women's Bible Study - "Living Above Worry and Stress" - Tuesdays 12:35 PM-1:35 PM (1st Tues. to include lunch) Last meeting Dec. 8. The focus each week will be to look thru scripture at the variety of ways we can know calm and gain serenity. Come grow together as women of peace. Pastor Sara will facilitate this *Women of Faith* series and all that is needed is a Bible and an open heart.

Early In The Morning Prayer - **Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 AM in the Sanctuary** - In the Scriptures we read that Jesus spent time with God "early in the morning." In that spirit, come join a group for a time of mid-week prayer in the sanctuary.

Matthew Group on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 AM in Buttaro Room (Childcare Available!)

"Do Unto Others" "Blessed are the poor" "Seek ye first" "Wise men from the east saw a star" Have you heard any of these before? These are all quotes from the story of Jesus told in the Gospel of Matthew, the subject of our exploration on Wednesday mornings. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity. We meet 9:15-10:15 AM, and childcare is available. If you have any questions, please speak with Michael Bush who facilitates this group.

John Group on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM - This story of Jesus offers familiar phrases, developed theologies, and deep insight into the nature of who God is, who we are, and what difference that makes. Come discover together. This group also offers a monthly potluck meal prior to the study for those who are able to join us. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who will facilitate this group.

Luke Group on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 AM - This story of Jesus offers a picture of Jesus full of God's Spirit who calls us to awaken to God's Kingdom and Spirit with us, among us, and within us. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who facilitates this group. Ongoing.

Yoga, Meditation & Prayer on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM - A time of movement, meditation and prayer in the CEC. led by Martha Parrish Bush. These yoga sessions focus on the spiritual and are intended for all physical ability levels. While we work with various yoga postures and breath, we practice inviting the spirit to move in and through us. We end our time together with meditation and prayer choosing to listen attentively to what God might want to say to us. This time is quiet, gentle, and honoring of God and all who come to seek God in this way and place. If you're curious, just come and see! Or ask Martha or Sally Mullen for more information.

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News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends & Members,

Blessings to each of you! Holidays or put another way (Holy Days) can be times of joy. They also can be times of sorrow and sometimes frustration or loneliness. What I think we are invited to do as people of faith is to be proactive in how we approach these special days ahead. What I wanted to lift up is the idea that each of us can ask ourselves, *'What can I do on my part to make this a "Holy Day"?'* Perhaps there is a neighbor or old friend you wouldn't normally be in touch with that you could include for the celebration or part of it. Or maybe if life has been stressful you can pray to God in the coming days for alternative ways of spending that time which bring peace to you and others.

Over the years I've often found we can do 'holidays' the same way over and over even if they feel less than 'Holy' when we get to the end of them. As I think of Jesus teaching and preaching I become keenly aware of how intentionally he strove to live his life. If he was struggling he wouldn't just go along with the crowd, but would always bring it to God in prayer. He showed us I believe that when we too seek God for direction in prayer there is a far greater chance of us being led to do the next right thing. Moments are precious, hours are precious, days are precious. They all are gifts from the One who gave us life! So ask yourself or better yet ask God what would make this Thanksgiving, this Christmas Holy? And take a risk to follow the answer for God can lead you to wonderful places and people that can, before you know it, turn the ordinary into the extraordinary!

Peace & Grace,
Pastor Sara

The Visitation Team

The December meeting for our team of nine is **Thursday Dec. 17th** from 6-7pm in the Buttaro Room. We will continue visiting this month as our ministry to the church. If you cannot attend please communicate with Pastor Sara via e-mail or by phone in the first two weeks of the month.

As a group wishing to be present and caring for others our hope is that over the coming year that we'll visit several of our members on a regular basis! Pastor Sara is working with us each month to make this ministry of "presence" a vital part of our church. The more we make connections the stronger our body of believers becomes! Call her anytime there is someone you believe could use a visit.

Come and Receive Prayer

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) there will be a small prayer team available after worship for anyone who is desiring to be prayed for/with - whether the challenge is physical, emotional, spiritual - we welcome all who are open to receive. Also, if you would like to be part of one of these small teams who pray for others on these Communion Sundays, please talk with Jeanne Daggett.

Jubilee Covenant Cards

Please turn in your Jubilee Covenant Renewal Card by mail to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate during offertory. If you need an extra Covenant Card, you can download it at http://egchurch.org/The_Jubilee.html

Healing: A Spiritual Exploration
RETREAT 2010

What is healing? How is God involved in healing? Is it okay to seek healing for ourselves? How do we offer or share healing with others? This weekend we will seek to live the truth named by the authors of *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer* when they write, "Whenever we open ourselves to the activity of the Holy Spirit, some kind of healing takes place . . . Not all healing will be physical, of course; often healing comes in emotional and spiritual realms where God's love is able to overcome every obstacle."

**Save these dates -
Friday, Jan 15th through Sunday, Jan 17th**

What a wonderful way to begin the new year! All are invited to our Annual Adult Retreat. Please prayerfully consider joining your EGCC family at the "Lodge" of the Episcopal Retreat Center in Ivoryton, CT. The weekend will include food, fun, fellowship, music and sharing. There will be opportunities to converse, to pray, to play, to think, to dream and to worship. Our facilitator is Pastor Michael.

The cost of the retreat will be \$165.00 a person for single occupancy (no double rooms are available). This includes Friday evening snacks, three meals on Sat. and breakfast on Sun. Maximum occupancy of the Lodge is 39. So add your name to the sign-up sheet located just outside of the Church Office.

You will find it helpful, although not essential, to read Tilda Norberg's book *Stretch Out Your Hand* prior to the weekend. We are using this book as a resource for the retreat. We will have copies available to borrow at EGCC as well.

The retreat will begin Friday evening at 8 PM and end following worship on Sunday. *If you need full or partial financial assistance, please contact Pastor Michael. Do not let the cost of the retreat stand in your way!*

SAVE THE DATES!! Start to make plans to give yourself this gift of time. Perhaps the retreat should be on your Christmas list! Come...seek...and see...

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Dear Santa's helpers,

This year East Granby has 22 children, aged 12 years old and younger, who will be in need of presents this Christmas, and once again, we are asking for your help.

Traditionally, families from our town have provided "stockings" of gifts for a child they would like to sponsor.

On **Sunday, November 29th**, the chart listing the children will be posted on the bulletin board near the church office. The kids will be identified by their initials, gender, and age, and grouped by family, if applicable. Please choose a child from the chart to sponsor this Christmas season by signing up for this commitment.

In the past years, we have seen a very generous, sometimes overwhelming response to our plea. As we have siblings receiving these presents, we kindly request that your wonderfully generous gifts be limited to fit into one gift bag - the size of a large grocery bag. Both the parents and E. G. Social Services have asked this request of us.

Your bag of gifts needs to be at the church by Sunday, December 20th. Please deliver them in or near the church office. These gifts will then be delivered to the Community Center immediately after our worship service, and will be distributed to the families that evening through the Friend-to-Friend organization. Please bring your bag to church in time for this delivery!

We hope you agree that no child should awake in the morning to find that Santa was not able to visit on the night before Christmas...

Although this gift of giving has been provided, since its inception, through our church, participation is open to all people in town. Please pass the word. We thank you for choosing to do this in Christ's name.

Fran and Bob Perkins

PS: If there are any questions, please call us at 860-651-9523.



Spread the Joy of Christmas

It is in the true spirit of the season that we will share and spread the good news of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

On **Sunday, December 13th** we will go Christmas Caroling as a church family! This has long been an EGCC tradition. Once again we will go to Higley Village and Metacomet Homes as well as a few individual homes. We will ride together from place to place on a school bus. A sign up sheet will be outside the church office, however, if at the last minute you wish to come and have not signed up, please know that you and your family are welcome!

Please plan to arrive at the church at 2:45 PM. The bus will leave at 3 PM. Dress warmly and/or in layers. It begins to get cold when the sun goes down (flashlights are handy then, too!). We plan to return to the church no later than 5:30 PM. At that time we'll share a little Christmas cheer with some hot chocolate, cookies and finger foods and good conversation. If each family could bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share, that would be great.

This is a family event for all ages! Come one! Come all!

Church Family Notes

To Our Church Family,
Your prayers and support have helped my family in so many ways. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your cards, kind words, and thoughtfulness.

God Bless and thank you,
Nicole, Karina, Kevin Jr., Robin and Kevin Bach

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Dear EGCC Family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for this family of faith. It has been a difficult year for me and my family - losing my brother and then my mom. But throughout these sorrowful times, I have felt the love and support of this congregation.

Randy and I have marvelled at God's goodness many times during the year since we came to EGCC. It has been a wonderful experience musically, but even more wonderful spiritually. Little did we know how much we would need you all. God has blessed us over and over again.

My mother is at peace in the embrace of our dear Savior. I miss her every day. But the love and prayers and hugs and smiles of my church family help to fill the empty space inside.

Thank you all and God bless,
Lauren Stuck

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Dear Church Family,

We want to extend a deep appreciation and thanks to our many friends at EGCC who surrounded us with love, gave us hugs, and contacted us with phone calls and cards at the unexpected passing of Betsy's mother. She was an important part of our lives and the family has a tremendous hole left with her departure, especially Betsy's father. While we rejoice knowing that she has gone to be with God and is in a better place, we miss her terribly.

Thankfully you love has helped to ease the pain we all have felt.

Blessings and love to you all,
Lew and Betsy

COOKIES BY THE POUND SALE
SAT., DECEMBER 12
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We are having our annual Christmas cookie and candy sale on Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cookies and fudge will be \$7.00 per pound. Come early for the best selection. There will be lots of variety!

Also, we need people to bake the cookies and make the fudge. Please start baking early and freeze the cookies. Decorated cookies are the best sellers. Please drop off the cookies by Friday evening, December 11, in the kitchen. Please label them for the cookie sale.

If you like to bake with others, Karen Pestana will be hosting a baking session at her house on Saturday, December 5. Please check with her on the time. Thanks for your help.
Judy Goff

Christmas Eve Homecoming



In recent years, the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve has become a time for family renewal. High school students, college students and young adults have worshipped and then gathered for a time of reunion with old friends and an opportunity to meet new friends. Following worship, we will again gather for hugs and handshakes, cookies and cheer, laughter and love. Everyone attending worship is welcome to attend this rich time of community and refreshment. The Homecoming Reception will be held in Fellowship Hall. Spread the word to those "coming home for

One person is needed to work with Carol Mathis once a month to prepare the Sanctuary for worship. This includes general dusting and polishing the brass. Please call the office @ 860-653-2987 if you are interested in serving in this way. Thank you

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Immaculate Conception Shelter Soup Kitchen / Winter Collection

Soup Kitchen dates:

Nov. 28th

Dec. 30th

Jan 3rd

April 6th

If you would like to help cook and/or serve on any of these dates, please call me.

Thank you!

Lauren Farley, 860-651-3946

Please watch for the large collection box near the church office which will hold all your donations of men's winter clothing. Your cleaned, gently used items of: winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts and pants, socks, hats and mittens. Also toiletry items are all very much in need.

We will be collecting these items this month and next so please keep them in mind at the shelter in mind this holiday season.

We thank you for your generous gifts from the past, and hope that once again we will be able to fill this need. Please watch for the gift wrapped box in the entrance lobby. Questions? See Lauren Farley

Blankets and So Much More

The Church World Service program, formerly known as the Blankets and Tools program, is now known as Blankets+. Cards can be purchased to give to family and friends telling them that money is being contributed to this program in their honor. The funds from the sale of the cards are used for the purchase of blankets as well as many other things needed to help people in the U.S. and around the world, including the following:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will have cards available for purchase at \$5.00 each after the Sunday morning services from November 29th to December 20th.. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated by those in need around the world.

If you have any questions, you may contact either Sybil Pokorny or Grace Ann Kingsbury.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL FINALE

We did it again with our down-sized version of the Autumn Festival. Many of you were involved in the fun and fellowship and as a result we made even more money than last year. I can only repeat what I said last year and extend special thanks to the women who took charge of each area. Judy Goff, Linda Harold, Betsy Mack, and Polly Storms are the best. We could not have done it without you. Thank you to the many cooks, crafters, eaters and shoppers. You are what makes the festival great. Thanks also to all

of you who worked behind the scenes prepping, cooking, serving, bussing tables and cleaning. You are fantastic.

It was wonderful to see all the people buying, selling, eating, serving and enjoying being together in Fellowship Hall. We had fun and were able to give the church \$2,376.00 to help do God's work.

Judy Saxton

IHS & Heads Up! Hartford
CALENDAR Fall / Winter 2009
"You/I/We can make a difference!"

Saturday, November 28th 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Soup Kitchen Dinner prep at the church followed by delivering/serving the meal at Immaculate Conception in Hartford.

Sunday, November 29th - Advent Celebration -
Family event - Immediately following worship

Sunday, December 6th - Shopping for our family - Immediately following worship - shall we do lunch out?
7:15-9:00 PM meeting in the I.H.S. Room wrapping gifts.

Sunday, December 13th - 2:45 - 6:00 PM All Church Caroling

Sunday, December 20th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM Christmas Party at Gayle's

Sunday, December 27th - A movie perhaps??? No regular meeting.

January 3rd - 7:15-9:00 meeting in IHS Room

January 10th - 7:15-9:00 meeting in IHS Room

January 17th - Adult Retreat weekend - no meeting

January 24th - 7:15-9:00 meeting in IHS Room

January 31st - 7:15-9:00 meeting in IHS Room

Future Dates to remember:

Emmaus Reunions are on the 3rd Sunday of every month are from 2 - 4:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal in Tariffville

The Spring Emmaus Weekend and Heads Up! Hartford works days/Super Sundays have YTBD.

The Ivoryton Retreat will be Friday, March 5th to Sunday, March 7th - Please mark your calendars in INK!

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Report of Kitchen Renovation Ministry Team

The kitchen renovation ministry team has been meeting to come up with ideas on updating our kitchen and making it fully functional again. The team has met with the Council and will soon be ready to present its proposals to the congregation. Before we do that, however, we would like some input from the congregation. We are looking for ideas on how the congregation would want to use the kitchen, if it were fully renovated:

- Continued or expanded soup kitchen ministries?
- Fund raising dinners?
- Other mission opportunities?
- Other fellowship opportunities?
- Receptions / parties?

Please give this some prayerful consideration and let us know how you might use the kitchen, and we will take that into account when drawing up our final proposals that will be presented to the congregation.

Please talk to any of the team members with your ideas - Bill Bowers, Judy Goff, Frank Houghton, Karen Pestana, Judy Saxton

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2 Karen Hines
- 3 Elise Juliano, Charles Stoldt
- 4 Frank Houghton
- 5 Bruce Buttaro, Amanda Cormier
- 6 Ross Wilcox
- 9 Erica Demke
- 10 Zachary Perkins
- 12 Shannon Ball, Aaron Clarke,
Frances Blomquist
- 14 Tom Horner, Maya Brody
- 15 Ward Mathis
- 16 Lisa Poudrier
- 17 Bob Nero, Sean Trombly
Josh Leadbeater
- 18 Stephanie Smith, Krystle Olszewski,
Wayne Korhonen
- 19 Joe Rapuano
- 20 Bill McGarry
- 21 Chris Trombly
- 22 Cyndi Dryfe, Thomas Selner
- 23 Rob Biddleman, Larry DeBurro
Rob Connelly, Bob Poudrier
- 24 Arthur Schwartz, Abigail Martin
- 25 Joanna Nero
- 26 Jennie Drysdale, Lew Noble
Hayley Drzewiecki
- 28 Peter Goff
- 29 Jenna Daves, George Tule
- 30 Kimberly Rodriguez

Happy Anniversary to:

- 15 Doug and Mary Comstock
- 17 Dudley and Gerri Watkins
- 23 Rob and Kathy Connelly
- 27 Phil and Sandy Johnson

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please call Sharon @ 653-4966.

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All Beacon articles for the month of January are due on the

Communion Table Flowers

Thank you to the following people for offering to grace the Communion Table with flowers for the month of December.

December 6 Available

December 13 Available

December 20 Orlando Martinez

December 27 Available

December Greeters



December 6 Available

December 13 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

December 20 Available

December 27 Janice Gibson & Becky Brown

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



December 6 Available

December 13 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

December 20 Available

December 27 Janice Gibson & Becky Brown

Audio Tech crew for worship services in the month of December is as follows:

December 6 Lew Noble

December 13 Marge Korhonen

December 20 Bill Bowers

December 27 Tom Horner

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December, 2009 Newsletter of the
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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

East Granby Congregational Church, U.C.C.,
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Following Jesus Christ and being formed as disciples
- Serving our neighbors and equipping one another for ministry.