

The Beacon

Sunday Worship: 10:25 am and 6:30 pm

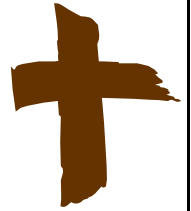
February, 2010

Reminder:

All-Church Annual Meeting,
Sunday, January 31 @ 12:00 Noon
in the Christian Education Center
Your Attendance is Needed.
Childcare is available.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 17th at 7:00 pm



Come begin Lent together as we worship, pray, and consider ways God is calling us to be free for deeper love of God, our neighbors, and our true selves in this season. The "ashes" in this service represent how the fire of God's Spirit offers us forgiveness and sets us free!

Women's Day Retreat

February 27

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Facing Fear With Faith:

Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms!

"A day of women sharing, caring, and growing in the power of God's faithfulness for our lives." Facilitated by Pastor Sara. Look for the sign up sheet in the lobby in January.

Please prayerfully consider setting the day aside. We will be spending time with new and old friends learning more about how to face our fears and strengthen our faith in our everyday lives.

Come...Let us Break Bread Together

The Bible tells us that where two or more are gathered, God is present. Please join us for an All Church Family Potluck on Sunday, February 28th. Lent is a perfect time for us to spend time together nourishing our bodies and souls. It is in this Spirit that we hope to see you on Sunday, February 28th at 5:30. We will share in a wonderful EGCC potluck supper and then move into Sunday Night Alive Worship, feeding us physically and spiritually as a church family.

There will be a sign-up sheet outside the office, but if the 28th comes and you haven't yet signed up, don't let that stop you. Everyone is welcome...this is an all church family event and "nourishment" abounds! See you there!!

The Cost of Forgiveness

Jesus said, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." – Luke 23:34

Have you ever had someone wrong you in some way? Whether it is a betrayal in relationship, a driver cutting you off on the highway, people gossiping about you, a co-worker who bad-mouthed you in order to get ahead, etc., most of us have been wronged, harmed, or hurt.

When you are wronged, what do you do? We live in a culture that says we should have reparation; that the person who has wronged us must "pay" in some way. That "pay" might look like the person humbling him or herself and come crawling to us for forgiveness, or the person should feel an equal amount of pain for the pain that they caused us (what some call "karmic justice"), etc.

But there is an alternative to our culture's way: Forgiveness. Instead of seeking reparation, we can forgive the person. Someone still has to "pay," but instead of the other person paying for the harm he or she has done, the person who "pays" is us. This is one of the reasons forgiveness can be so hard.

I share with you an example to illustrate this idea: I had a job for a time in which I worked with first and second graders. One of these children was jumping up and down and carelessly landed on the foot of another. I saw the child with the recently injured foot pull his hand back with clenched fist in order to wallop the offender. He was seeking reparation. I intervened, and told the child to stop. He looked at me with intense anger. I told him that instead of hurting his friend, he needed to forgive. His face went through some wild contortions. This idea was causing a kind of suffering, a pain within him. But eventually he unclenched his fist and said to the foot stomper, "It's okay, I know you did not mean it." He forgave and it cost him - - there was suffering involved.

This scenario offers a glimpse of one dimension of the story of the cross. As we live in separation (sin) from God, others, and who we are as God's beloved sons and daughters, this hurts us, hurts others, and, because God loves us, this hurts God. But God chooses not to wallop us. God chooses to forgive us. God chooses, embodied in Jesus of Nazareth, to take on the pain and suffering of the separation we have chosen. Jesus is willing to go to the cross to tell us "I do not want you to be in pain, I do not want you to pay for what you have chosen. I forgive you. I will take on the pain of separation, the pain of death, to reveal that you need not live in this way - - you are forgiven. Receive this forgiveness, be restored in relationship with me, and then be empowered to offer this freeing gift of forgiveness to others."

We have lived in separation - - and in this we have made a mess of God's gift of life and God's gift of this world: abuse, addiction, pollution, war oppression, and more. But God in Jesus does not enter into this mess to punish or destroy us. God in Jesus enters in to forgive us, takes this pain onto and into God's self, and shows us the way to be free and to invite others into this freedom.

This Lenten season, which begins later this month (with Ash Wednesday, February 17), I call us to look to the cross -- to engage in a "Cross Walk" - - to daily contemplate the height and depth of love that dies so that we can live, a love that suffers instead of punishes, a love that shows us the way to forgive, the way to die to an "eye for an eye," and be resurrected to the new life of healing, mercy, forgiveness, and love. Jesus promises that as we follow him, we can live into this healing freeing love as well. Come and see!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Michael Bush

Current Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Sunday Nights

One Day At A Time study meets for the last time Sunday Feb. 7, 7:20 pm

The next session of **One Day At A Time** study will start on February 21, 7:20 pm

Moments That Take Your Breath Away study meets for the last time on Sunday Feb. 7, 7:20 pm

Weekday and Weeknight Groups

Women's Bible Study - "Living A Life of Balance" - Tuesdays 12:35 PM-1:35 PM, Thru March. 30 (1st Tues. to include lunch) We constantly hear from the experts about balanced lifestyles - that we need proper rest, nutrition, and exercise. It's true enough that we need such things to maintain physical and mental health, but we also need spiritual balance. How do we manage all of that and the challenges of daily life? Only God can guide us toward the balance we desperately desire. It starts with our hearts and this study will help us get there. Sign up by Jan. 6 so books can be ordered (\$10). 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 facilitates this group.

NEW Bible Study Book - Galatians on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 AM- What were the joys and challenges of following Jesus for the earliest communities of disciples? How are those like our own joys and challenges? We invite all those who are able to join us on Thursday mornings as we begin a study of two of the New Testament letters that will help us in our own faith journeys. We begin with Paul's letter to the church at Galatia, and will later look at the letter written by James. If you have questions please speak with Michael Bush.

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.

**Healing Retreat Reflections
January 15 - 17, 2010**

A steady, carefully tended fire brought warmth and comfort as thirty-four retreaters explored many of the aspects of healing that God offers each of us to both receive and to share. Under Pastor Michael's able guidance and teaching, we studied scripture, read passages from Stretch out Your Hand, listened to music, received communion, offered prayers, and participated in small and large-group discussions. Through these activities we gained new insights into one of God's great gifts to each of us – the gift of healing. We also shared stories, sang songs, laughed, shed tears, ate delicious food, played games, and even restored puzzles to wholeness.

In free time, some took naps. Some took walks over swamps. Others delighted in llamas, goats and other farm animals. There was space for quiet reflection, prayer and sunrise moments. We had time to worship alone and time to worship together. Lewis, Randy, Orlando, and Dick offered beautiful music through guitar, piano, and CD selections. Rhonda and her friend Leza provided scrolls tied in ribbon inspirational thoughts. Chris Czarnecki made lovely healing-hand book markers for us to take home. Snacks of fruit, vegetables, dips, cheese, crackers and cookies were available in abundance. Flowers graced tables and bathrooms, thanks to Gayle. Bill Bowers crafted a beautiful cross of poplar wood for our mantel and communion table. This cross will be present for retreats in the future.

Each retreatreer brought life experience and wisdom to the Whole. We thank each person for bringing special insights, and we thank God for all the Love and Healing we share.

Thank you all.

Retreat Planners for our Thirtieth Adult Retreat
Gayle Wilcox, Debbie Paskiewicz, Edna Herzig, Orlando Martinez, Ruth Ostrander, Chris Czarnecki, and Jeanne Daggett

Soup Kitchen News

There will be a Fundraiser for Immaculate Conception Shelter on Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 6:00 pm
A Concert of Handel's Messiah, Part 1 and Hallelujah Chorus, Directed by Bridget de Moura Castro at Our Lady of Sorrows, 79 New Park Ave., Hartford. Admission is FREE but monetary donations are welcome as well as gently used Men's winter coats and clothing, blankets, food and Men's toiletries.

Right now I have plans on attending and bringing the rest of the donations in the box at church and if there are any additional donations anyone would like to make, I can bring them as well. I can also get directions if needed.

Next is:

I would like to thank everyone who helped these last two dates we cooked and served at the Shelter. I would like to thank the Haselbag Family, Kathy Keily, the Confirmation Class leaders and confirmands. Everything went smoothly, however, there is still quite a need, as Immaculate is assisting in a No-Freeze shelter that serves about 40 more people. They have been using their kitchen to cook the meals to bring over to another location. We don't have another date to go down until April 6th but if there is anyone who feels like they would like to help with this additional need, I can call and set up a date. Please let me know and thanks again!

Lauren Farley
860-651-3946

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News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends and Members,

Warm wishes to each of you in the frosty month of February. I thought for my note this time I would lift up a teaching from our Women's Bible Study to share. The basis of the lesson is taken from Ecclesiastes 3: 1, "For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." Over the years every time I heard this passage I thought it spoke such real truth that can be so hard to grasp. I mean when we're going through different experiences in life, especially those that are difficult 'seasons', saying they have 'purpose' can be hard to fathom. Yet, many times people have shared with me, 'I would never have chosen to go through what I did, but it made me a more compassionate or a more forgiving person.'

Soren Kierkegard, the philosopher once wrote, "We gain understanding by looking back on life, but we must live it forward." When I put both the bible verse and this philisopher's thoughts together I realize wisdom and knowledge only have the chance to grow when seasons do come and go. Put another way, we need to live fully to fully live. And my heart tells me that is why faith communities, scripture, and prayers can be such great tools that our creator has given us to make sense of our living. My prayer for us all is that when those times come that we are lost or searching for the meaning in our lives that we are gentle with ourselves and trust God to help us find the purpose. We are meant to make this journey together and Jesus coming to walk with the Disciples can remind us how much we need one another for every season or our living. Thank you Lord for the living of our days.

Peace, Pastor Sara

The Visitation Team

The February meeting for our team of nine is **Thursday February 18** 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.

For Weather Cancellation information, tune in to Channel 30 or Channel 3.

Also the church voice mail and website will indicate any cancellations



**SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 6TH 2010**

See Me Beautiful

But God told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. ... God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7(The Message)

Join us on March 6th for a fun, spiritually-based, interactive workshop for girls ages 10-13 and their adult mentors (mothers, relatives, friends, etc.).

This workshop will explore the different ways that girls receive messages about themselves and how those messages are interpreted. It is designed to engage girls in a healthy dialogue about these interpretations and how they can impact self-esteem.

For more information or to register, please feel free to contact the workshop facilitator:

Kelly Hasenbalg
860-796-1977
kelly@seemebeautiful.org

EGCC Nursery School



Please spread to the word--we currently have openings in BOTH our 3 and 4 year old classes for this current school year. We are offering a 5 day option for our 4 year olds. **We are also starting to register classes for next Sept.** Please stop in, call or check out www.egccns.com for more information.

WORD OF MOUTH is our best advertisement so please help us out by mentioning us to friends, family and neighbors. We are feeling the "crunch" from the economy so please keep us in your prayers that registration picks up now and in the near future.

Many thanks!

Missions Corner

Mission Funds Already at Work
Helping Haiti Earthquake Victims

The Mission and Outreach Ministry members are reviewing the many ways in which we could supplement funds to help in the on-going recovery work in Haiti, following the devastating earthquake.

Some of the mission groups which our mission funds already support have been at work in poverty-stricken Haiti for many years and have now rushed additional monetary and supply aid to partners in Haiti for assistance.

Some of the organizations that receive our church's annual mission donations (and their website locations) include the following:

United Church of Christ: One Great Hour of Sharing funds were provided immediately for the initial emergency response. As plans for recovery and relief are made, additional funds are being shared with partners in Haiti (websites: www.ucc.org and www.ctconfucc.org)

Church World Service (Blankets+, Crop Walk, etc.): Relief kits and blankets were quickly positioned for distribution in Haiti and funds are being sent to local recovery groups partnered with CWS. (website: www.churchworldservice.org)

We are trying to determine the level of need at the Haitian Humanitarian Network, an organization our mission funds support, which is focused on a clinic in Beaulieu, Haiti (website: www.hhninc.org)

There are other Haitian-based organizations we are reviewing in an attempt to discern the impact of the earthquake on their work and the way in which additional funding may help. As we determine other ways in which our church can assist with funding, we will provide further information to the congregation.

Of course, there are many concerns to include in everyone's prayers: for the victims, the individuals and groups who are trying to help them, the need for wisdom and organizational talent, the blessing of peace and patience, God's loving comfort and healing power.

Kristen Hardendorf
Mission and Outreach Ministry

See Page 9 for more news from the Missions and Outreach Ministry!

Pastor Michael Bush To Have Sabbatical in 2010

What is a sabbatical? A recurring cycle of absence from work for study, renewal, and/or travel.

Why is Michael taking a sabbatical this year? When EGCC called Michael in 2004, it was with the agreement that he would take a three month sabbatical leave after each five years of service. This is in line with our past practice and with our United Church of Christ guidelines. Past and current church leadership put this sabbatical provision in place recognizing that this time will allow the church and our pastors to have healthier, stronger mutual ministry. Michael chose not to take Sabbatical in 2009 because he wanted to be present to support the church during that fifth year due to staffing uncertainty following the resignation of Associate Pastor Linda Magyar. The purpose of Michael's sabbatical is for him to study, renew, refresh, and more deeply connect with God.

What will Michael do while he is in on Sabbatical? He developed a Sabbatical plan together with the Senior Pastor Relation's Team in order for EGCC to apply for a Lily Endowment grant last year. EGCC did not receive this grant, and so Michael is still adjusting the Sabbatical plan. He plans to be physically away from East Granby as much as finances will allow, as a Sabbatical in a parsonage next to the church is not at all recommended.

How long will Michael be gone? The Sabbatical will include the months of June, July, and August of 2010. Michael will take two of his study leave weeks on either side of the Sabbatical, so he will also be gone Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend.

May I email or call him while he is away? Experts on sabbaticals, as well as other pastors Michael has consulted, have advised that being totally away from the work place (no phone calls, emails, text messages, etc.) will result in a better experience of physical rest and spiritual renewal for him. In addition, Michael's regular email address will be suspended until his return.

When will Michael be back at EGCC? Michael's first day back will be September 8, when he will lead the Wednesday morning Bible study. He will preach at EGCC for the first time on Sunday, September 12.

Who will preach and cover pastoral care while Michael is away? The Rev. Jonathan Lee, former Senior Pastor of Rocky Hill Congregational Church and currently working for Hartford Seminary, will be the primary Sunday morning preacher. The Pastor for Caring Ministries (Pastor Sara or someone else depending upon the pace of the Search Team) will offer pastoral care support and continue to supervise the visitation team. We are also intending to have another pastor available for emergency pastoral care situations on the days when the Pastor for Caring Ministries is not present.

Is there a budget to support this staffing during the Sabbatical time? Yes, EGCC has been setting aside an amount each year to cover Sabbatical interim staffing costs.

With whom should I speak if I have questions about this Sabbatical time? Michael Bush, any member of the Senior Pastor Relations team, or our Moderator, Jim Pestana.

How can I support this Sabbatical time? Please hold Michael and his family in prayer as they move toward this time, and during the Sabbatical time itself. Please hold our faith community and church leaders in prayer as well. Please support our spiritual life as a congregation by committing to worship together, committing to other spiritual practices such as prayer, Bible study, and more, and by intentionally offering your gifts (time, talent, treasure) to strengthen God's ministry and mission to and through our church.

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IHS Senior High CALENDAR Winter 2010

"You/I/We can make a difference!"

Sunday, January 31 st	<u>7:15 - 9:00 PM</u>
Sunday, February, 7 th	<u>Superbowl Sunday - Party at Doherty's 5:30ish</u>
Sunday, February 14 th	No regular meeting.
Wednesday, February 17 th	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, February 21 st	<u>7:15 - 9:00 PM</u>
Sunday, February 28 th	<u>5:30 - 7:10 PM</u> All Church Potluck followed by Sun day Night Alive Worship

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.

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

More Missions and Outreach News

Possible Spring Crop Walk

We hope to be able to plan a spring Crop Walk, which would raise additional mission funds for Church World Service. A portion of these funds goes to the East Granby Friend to Friend Food Pantry. The balance raised is used for work around the world, such as relief and recovery needs in Haiti.

If you are interested in helping to organize the Crop Walk, please talk to Adah Dionne or other members of the Mission and Outreach Ministry team.

Encouragement Cards

One way we all can encourage and pray for one another is to write a note to let others know that we hold them in our hearts and prayers. The Mission and Outreach Ministry is planning to provide an opportunity after Sunday morning worship services, during fellowship time, for anyone who would like to write a note on these postcard-sized cards. The cards will then be mailed to the person whose name you provide.

The card can contain a scripture passage, or your prayer, or just your immediate loving thoughts. While these cards can be very helpful to those who are ill or going through difficult times, they can also be encouragement to someone whose music or call to worship or other gift you appreciate.

When the cards are available, we will make an announcement and be present at a table during fellowship time. If there is interest in expanding availability of the cards, we may provide them in other locations.

If there are any questions, please talk to Kristen Hardendorf.

Kristen Hardendorf
Mission and Outreach Ministry

Church Family Notes

Our thanks to our wonderfully kind friends of the church for the lovely Christmas cactus in its cheerful red and green wrapping. We're enjoying it and hope to keep it growing! Our thanks to all who remember us and call and visit. It is appreciated more than you'll ever know.

With love,
Al & Nancy Biddleman

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Many thanks to all of you who were so kind during my recent surgery and rehab. Your cards, visits, phone calls, food, flowers and most of all your prayers meant so much to David and me. Thank you again for your support.

Virginia Trenholm

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Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the flowers you gave me at Christmas. May you be blessed for the kindness you've shown me.

Love, Anna Andryzeck

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Dear Church Family,
I was out with Jeannie delivering the Cactus plants. Imagine my surprise to come home and find one had been delivered to me. The Christmas Cactus is one of my favorite plants. Thank you and may God bless you, my church family.

Ruth Ostrander

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Dear Church Family,
I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you during my unexpected surgery and hospital stay. Your donations of food, drinks, visits, phone calls, cards, home care and prayers truly express the blessings of my church family and friends. Thank you, thank you and may God bless you all as He has blessed me. With love and I wish you all joy, peace, good health, and God's blessing in the New Year.

Maureen Brousseau

February Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 Kelsee Horner
- 3 Scott Lennon, Erik Harrold, Michael Nickell
- 5 Gerri Watkins
- 6 Kim Kelly, Rhonda Pelletier
- 7 Charlie Kingsbury, Martha Parrish Bush
- 8 Art Barstow, Sydney Farley Jennifer Schwartz
- 9 Claire Newhall, Zane Gray
- 12 Alison DeVack, Jenna Connole
- 13 Kathy Connelly, Mandy Waller
- 14 Renee Jubrey
- 15 Tony Juliano, Shelby Demke
- 17 Ruthie Holton, Andrew McIsaac Wade Jubrey, Mary Bertolini
- 19 Anne Barnes
- 21 Dave Barnes, Luke Bilodeau
- 22 Matt Smith
- 23 Lois Buttaro, Robin Bach
- 24 Keith Forney
- 25 Dan Gibson
- 27 Carl Pitney
- 28 Lois Wagner
- 29 Dick Daggett, Geri Rafferty

Happy Anniversary to:

- 5 Gayl and Bill Christie
- 8 Judy and Peter Goff
- 18 Karen and Chip Hines
- 21 James and Alison DeVack

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

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Bulletin Information is due by Wednesday.

All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of each month.

All articles are subject to editing.

If you would like to schedule meetings, events or make any changes to the church calendars, please call Sharon, or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

Ushers are needed for 2010.

Please contact Lisa Poudrier at

860-658-6531 or

LPOUDRIER@Cox.net

Please contact Tom Horner at (860) 408-1226 if you would be willing to volunteer to be part of the "Tech Crew" that records our worship services!

Communion Table Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to offer to grace the Communion Table with flowers.

February 7 Judy & Peter Goff

February 14 Ruth Ostrander

February 21 The Boardman's

February 28 Available

February Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby



February 7 Judy & Peter Goff

February 14 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

February 21 Christina & Anthony Leadbeater

February 28 Available

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



February 7 Judy & Peter Goff

February 14 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

February 21 The Galloways

February 28 Available

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

February 7 Tom Horner

February 14 Bill Bowers

February 21 Shelby Demke

February 28 Tom Horner

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2009 EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MEMORY TREE HONOREES

"IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS."

The East Granby Congregational Church Music Committee wishes to recognize those donors who have honored their family and friends to whom the Memory Tree was dedicated this holiday season. The thought of each person represented by a single bulb together on one special tree illuminates the air with memories.

Jean Granger Adams	Kathryn and John Floyd	Kathlyn Parrick
Rose and Edward Adams	Ann Gallagher	Paul Parrick
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Jean Boardman	Janet Yoczik Gray	Alan K. Root
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Scott Boardman (2)	Mary and Alfred Hall	Dottie Rothammer
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Martha and Michael Bush	Edna Herzig	Charles Sharp, Sr. (2)
Alan Buttarò (5)	Lester Herzig	James Sharp
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David Buttarò	Edward A. Higgins	Polly Shove
Joyce Cahill (2)	Angie Hoffer	Robert Strong
Elizabeth Cannon	Betty Anne Holly	Eleanor and Andrew Toussaint
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Mari-Jo Cecchini	Julie Jennings	Lois Viets
Gary Chase	Milan Konopa	Cecil Walls
Lois Chase	Vera Bach Krieger	Norma Walls
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Elizabeth Collins	Peg LaCouture	James L. Washburn
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Mittie and Kennedy Crane	Robert Lee	Gerri Watkins
Allen Crysler	Brian Lindquist	Ruth and Archibald Watt
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Lucille Cunneen	Cindy Marchese	Peter Wick
Lillian and Howard Cushman	MaryAnn Markowski	Agnes and Malcolm Wilcox
Emily and Cecil Daggett	Tim Maynard	Fran and Merrill Wilcox
Jeanne Daggett	Mildred and Joseph McKinnie	Gayle Wilcox
Betty Dalrymple	Nancy Means (2)	Ina and Warren Wilcox
Meeka Daugherty	Charles Merritt	Emeline and Gordon Willoughby, Sr.
Douglas DeGray	Margaret Crane Merritt	(2)
Noma DeGray	Nellie (G.G.) and Ferdinand Meyer	Esther and Thomas Yoczik
Rebecca and George Dunton	Carl Millirons	Judith F. Yoczik
Shelia Dworkin	Adah B. Murphy	Our lost loved ones
Chris Estby	Mr. and Mrs. Naples	
Annie and Fred Fahr	Winifred and Clymer Noble	
Alamgir Farhat	Eugene Ostrander	
Jason Fitzsimmons	Ruth Ostrander	

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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.