

The Beacon

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

June 2010

Worship Schedule Changes

June 13	Last Sunday Night Alive Worship
June 20	Last 10:25 am Sunday Worship
June 27	Begin 9:25 am Sunday Worship
September 12	Begins 10:25 am Sunday Worship 6:30 Sunday Night Alive Worship

SEARCH TEAM ANNOUNCES CANDIDATE SELECTION FOR
PASTOR FOR CARING MINISTRIES AND YOUTH COORDINATOR- see p. 3

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS START THIS MONTH! -see p.4
NEW - Praying the Bible on Wednesday evenings

REMINDERS ABOUT SABBATICAL STAFFING:

Primary peacher is the Rev. Jonathan Lee, who currently serves on staff at Hartford Seminary, and was recently the Senior Pastor of Rocky Hill Congregational Church. Jonathan is here on Sunday mornings, and will not be available for pastoral care. There will also be two summer Sundays with guest preachers.

Pastoral Care is provided by a team of clergy. Pastor Sara continues through the summer in the role of Transitional Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries. Sara will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays to offer pastoral care, and, as our staff person, will coordinate caring ministry over the summer. Contact info for Sara - church 860-653-2987 ex. 10, home - 860- 844-8663

On days when Sara is not here, the Co-Pastors from First Congregational Church in Granby are willing to help with emergency pastoral care. Their contact information is available below:

Co-Pastor Bonnie Stagg - 860-653-4537 (Church)
Co-Pastor Dan Schroeder - 860-653-4537 (Church)
860-653-6025 (Home)

Pastor Michael will not be receiving church email or phone messages during the Sabbatical time, so please contact the above clergy with any caring ministry needs. Michael returns to EGCC on Wednesday September 8, and will lead worship on Sunday September 12.

The Church Office will be open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am- 12:00 noon beginning week of June 20.

Sabbath and Sabbatical

*Then Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made to serve us; we weren't made to serve the Sabbath."-
Mark 2:27*

When I was in seminary, our Hebrew Scriptures professor said to us, "You are going to be pastors. Sunday will not be your Sabbath day. Usually, it will be the busiest, most frantic and exhausting day of the week. But you will need Sabbath, so you will need to choose another day. It is in the top ten commands for a reason. We are made to rest. And not just any old rest, we need extended time each week to rest in God. Don't think because someone ordains you or because you're trying to do 'God's work' that you do not need Sabbath time."

When I started serving in my first church as an ordained pastor, I chose Tuesday as my Sabbath day. I think it was because not much happened on Tuesdays in that church, so it was the easiest day to let go. But I was greatly challenged by this. I kept wanting to finish "just one more thing" that was not completed by Monday night. Even when I let go of regular work, I was tempted to fill Tuesdays with chores and errands. I struggled to "rest in God," to take time for extended prayer and meditation, to enjoy loved ones, to engage in re-creation outdoors and more. I wanted to get things done, to accomplish things, to be productive. Why? Perhaps it helps me prove my worth. Perhaps it is because I believe that my undercurrents of anxiety will be stilled if I just finish one more thing. But probably deep-down, it is because I want to be "god" and think that everything depends upon me.

As I have learned over the years to honor Sabbath, I have discovered that the world actually *will* turn without me. I have discovered that what I absolutely thought had to get done really did not have to get done. Most importantly, I have experienced more of God's presence, love, and power. And, interestingly, the more I have taken Sabbath time, the more energy, clarity, and wisdom I receive that I can then apply to work, relationships, and more. I have discovered that Sabbath is a great gift!

Even so, I am greatly challenged as I begin this extended Sabbath time of a three-month sabbatical. The time will not be empty or vacant (as captured in the word "vacation"). I will take classes at Yale, attend meditation retreats, help serve in an inner city youth camp, spend time reading and writing in the Pacific Northwest, visit family, experience worship in different church communities and more. But I will be letting go of my role as your

Senior Pastor until I return in September. I will not be able to read and write emails, answer calls, preach, teach, lead groups, facilitate studies, visit those who are hurting, counsel those who are seeking, etc. I see the gift in this, of course. But it will be hard to let go, because to do so is to die -- to die to illusions that I am necessary, that I am in charge of my corner of the universe, that I am in any way "god" of my life. In spite of the challenge, I know that in dying in these ways, as Jesus reveals, there is room and space for the Spirit to bring new and abundant life. Therefore I choose to be obedient to receive the gift of Sabbath in this sabbatical.

I encourage each of you to honor Sabbath time this summer - to take extended time in each week and time each day to attend to God, to awaken to God's Spirit and power, to worship each Sunday together (and if you are traveling, to worship where you are), to take a walk with a friend, to spend some time in prayer/reflection/meditation, to smell the salt spray at the beach or the wood smoke of a campfire, to listen for the praise in the songs of the birds and the crickets, to listen for God's Word resonating in your heart as you read the Bible or talk with a study group.

If we each and all are committed to Sabbath time this summer, imagine what God will reveal, what love we will know, what power we will experience, what amazing things God will do in, among, and through us as we follow Jesus together! With hope, I look forward to God bringing us together again in September to receive and share in the Spirit in new and powerful ways.

I thank you for this special sabbatical gift that God has given me through this faith community. I pray you will receive the gift of Sabbath God has given to us all.

Love in Jesus,
Michael

**Search Team Announces Choice for
Pastor for Caring Ministries Position and
Youth Ministries Coordinator Position**

In the letter announcing the hiring of Lewis Vissia for Director of Discipleship for Children Youth and Families, our Search Team Chair, Karen Rhodes, reminded us of our congregational process that resulted in the formation of the search team to seek persons for three part-time positions, and explained the Search Team process to fill these positions.

Pastor Sara Worcester, who has served us for two years as Transitional Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries, applied for both the Pastor for Caring Ministries and the Youth Coordinator positions. Our Search Team discerned that Pastor Sara was the most qualified and the best overall fit with our ministries among the candidates whom they talked with and interviewed. The Search team recommended to Human Resources Ministry and then to the Church Council that Pastor Sara be hired for the Youth Ministries Coordinator position (which does not require an ordained pastor and does not require a "call"), and that Pastor Sara be presented to the congregation to be called to the Pastor of Caring Ministries position (which does require an ordained pastor and does require a "call"). HR and the Council have affirmed this recommendation.

Pastor Sara is currently finishing her important work with the Wilson Congregational Church. The Wilson church will be closing, and is celebrating their final worship service on September 12, 2010. After this, we will have a **Congregational Meeting at EGCC on Sunday September 26, 2010, following the morning worship for the congregation to vote, per our bylaws, to call Pastor Sara as our Pastor for Caring Ministries.** If the congregation votes to extend this call, Pastor Sara would start in both the Pastor for Caring Ministries and the Coordinator for Youth Ministries positions effective October 1, 2010. We invite your prayers and your participation as we move forward together. If you have questions about this process, please be in touch with Karen Rhodes, Search Team chair, Kathy Mock, HR Ministry Leader, or Jim Pestana, Moderator.

EGCC Council News

Please note that copies of the council minutes will now be available on the egchurch.org website. Printed copies will also be available in the informational rack near the front door. Of particular note, Ministries are being asked to develop and submit their 2011 budgets to the Physical Resources Ministry earlier this year so a draft line item budget can be included in the 2011 Jubilee Packets in early October.

The timeframe for developing the 2011 budget is as follows:

- Initial Drafts completed by August 16th.
- Final Numbers to Physical Resources for Review: September 13th.
- Summary Budget and Narrative ready for Jubilee packets by October 1st.

SUMMER STUDY GROUPS!

Some of our groups are on hiatus during the summer - Sunday evening small groups have concluded and will resume September 19. But there are still opportunities for small group spiritual formation this summer! Come join us for . . .

Weekday and Weeknight Groups

Women's Bible Study - "Woman of God Series" - Continues Tuesday June 1, 8 and 15th (1st Tues. of the month to include lunch) 12:35 PM-1:35 PM in the Purple Room. The focus each week will be to look at Scripture to develop traits of a godly woman. Pastor Sara will facilitate this Woman of Faith series and all that is needed is a Bible and an open heart. We will end June 15th.

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!)
Meets through June 9 and resumes September 8.

PRAYING THE BIBLE on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM - in June, July, and August we will be gathering in the air conditioned Buttaro Room to pray a passage of Scripture each week using an ancient spiritual practice called "lectio divina" (divine reading). This is different than traditional Bible study involving historical background and discussion about the meaning of the text. We will be praying/listening for the ways God is speaking to us individually through the text, and through the whole group. Continuity is not required for this group -- so come for all, or come when you are able! Members of the Wednesday night Bible study group are sharing in the leadership this summer.

James Bible Study on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 AM- We are continuing a study of this interesting letter in the New Testament. Come talk about how "faith" relates to "action" as well as a variety of other spiritual and theological themes. Lewis Vissia, Director of Discipleship for Children, Youth, and Families is facilitating this group this summer.

Yoga, Meditation & Prayer - Please contact Martha Parrish Bush at 860-844-0335, if you are interested in continuing Yoga, Meditation & Prayer throughout June, July and August.

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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?----

Pastor Sara!!!

I'm going to be bold and ask as your newly announced '**Youth Coordinator**' if all families with up and coming 9th-12th graders, if I could be invited over for dinner this summer. I've got a sign up in the main hallway near the office with evenings during July and August when I really would like to come over and visit our High Schooler families!! So parents, would you check and see what date might work, ask your teen if it's ok, and know I'll eat anything (almost) and let's get together!! My home # is (860)-844-8663 if you have any questions! Looking forward to a stellar year to come for all our Youth Ministries!!

Blessings,
Pastor Sara

It's Time to Get Together and Pool our Hearts and Minds!

Please bring your ideas, thoughts and spontaneity! The Spiritual Formation Ministry Team is looking for your input. On Monday, June 7th, from 7 to 8:30 PM, at EGCC, you are invited to a brain-storming session for adult education. Our goal is to develop a wish list of Adult Education possibilities. What would you like to see more of? Less of? What works well? What new and different things might we try? We invite you to think out of the box...Nothing is out-of bounds. Many hearts and minds are better than 1 or 2, so we ask that you to share your thoughts. If you have some ideas or suggestions and are unable to attend the meeting, you may contact Gayle Wilcox.

However, if at all possible, please actually attend the meeting. A brain-storming session is best with many folks in attendance. That way the energy (and the Holy Spirit) can work thru us as we feed off each other. Where two or more are gathered...Hope to see you there!!!!

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.

The Visitation Team

The monthly meeting for our team of nine is **Thursday June 17th** from 6-7pm in the Buttaro Room. We will begin 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.

Call To Serve

For eight years Carol Mathis has faithfully sent hand-written notes to visitors and friends who have joined us in worship. This has been an important ministry which has extended hospitality to those who have been here, and has surely encouraged many to become a part of our church family. Carol is now ready to pass the baton to another. She will be glad to meet with anyone who feels this ministry is just right for them.

Please call Jeanne Daggett if you have any questions, or would like to accept this opportunity.

Carol, we are deeply grateful for the time, the energy and the love you have given over these many years in welcoming "the stranger" into our midst.



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THE GOSPEL GUYS

On Sunday June 6th, 2010, the GOSPEL GUYS will host a brief reception, immediately following Sunday Services and coffee hour in the CEC, to introduce our new CD, "Knocking At Your Door."

We plan on chatting with friends, talking a little about how the CD production came about, and telling a few stories about our experiences over the last 15 years singing around church and around town. We'd love to have you join us for a few minutes of fellowship, and yes, we'll have some CD's on hand for sale. All proceeds will go to the church. Who knows, we may even have time to sing a couple of songs!

Ladies Breakfast June 5

On Saturday morning Becky Brown is planning a Ladies Breakfast. It is open to anyone who would like to have breakfast and fellowship. (I can accommodate 10-12 easily) It is a nice way to start the day and I welcome you to come.

We will meet on June 5, Saturday, at my house, 88 Hunt Glen Dr., Granby (Hunt Glen Village is behind the S&S on 202/10). We will gather at 9 AM and start breakfast at 9:15 AM and be off to other obligations by 10:30 AM. Please call me if you would like to join us so that I can plan for food and chairs. 860-653-1292

EGCC Men's Fellowship

**SAVE the DATE SUNDAY JUNE
20TH
EVERYONE IS INVITED...**

The EGCC Men's Fellowship is sponsoring a breakfast for the congregation on Sunday June 20, at 8:00 a.m. before worship at 10:25 a.m. Please join us for this time of sharing of good food, fellowship and fun as we break bread together.



See you there!!!

Relay For Life - June 5th - 6th

Many people came out for our Relay For Life (American Cancer Society) **BY ALL MEANS** (Let's Find a Cure) Dance/Social on March 27th. THANK YOU for your support. A great time was had by all and many members walked away with great tea cup raffle items. Joan (Wright Lee) Holliday was a great DJ for us that night as we rocked through the ages..

I have had quite a few people ask--what is this relay ? How's it work?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high schools, parks, or fairgrounds (in our case--Suffield Middle School) and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

**10 am June 5 to 10 am June 6
Suffield Middle School**

Although every Relay For Life is different, there are certain traditions at all Relays, no matter where they are held. These traditions help participants celebrate, remember, and fight back. We raise money before, during and after the walk as a team.

Celebrate - The Survivors Lap

Relay starts with a Survivors Lap an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories we've achieved over cancer. The Survivors Lap is an emotional example of how Relay participants are creating a world with more birthdays like those of each individual on the track.

Remember - The Luminaria Ceremony

After dark, we honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence.

Fight Back - The Fight Back Ceremony

Last, there is a Fight Back Ceremony, where we make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

No matter where you are, there's a place for you at Relay and you can make a difference today. If you would like to join our team **BY ALL MEANS** or just come check out one of our fundraising events **OR** the walk -we'd love to see you. No pressure. For most of us, the fundraising is just part of the team. It's the support we give one another and just having a great time together. We also have many "friends" of the team,too, for people that want to help or be apart of our parties, get togethers and be aware of our fundraising events. The Relay event in June is the highlight each year but it's just **PART** of what our team is all about. If you would like some more information-please check out www.relayforlife.org/suffieldct

MANY churches in the area have Relay teams and the majority of our team is **FROM** our church so would we would love to have more of you with us.

What Can I DO??? Heads Up!!!!!! HUH!!!!!!!

Have you been listening for the call? Have you been called to serve? To join in the fun? To make a difference? Consider yourself called! Ok, so you are unable to serve on the HUH team for a week...you can STILL be a part of this important mission project! There are so very many ways to serve!

- Most importantly, please hold the HUH team, and those we serve, in prayer, before during and after camp.
- **SAVE THIS DATE!!!! Saturday, June 12th from 10 am to 2 pm at the EG Fire House - CAR WASH & BAKE Sale.** Karen Rhodes and Carol Schwartz are in charge of our annual fund-raiser. The donations help to offset the EGCC teen camp tuitions.
- Do you have an afternoon or evening to volunteer as a part-time adult advisor? Call Gayle Wilcox (653-2460).
- You can donate snack foods - packaged snacks or bags of fruit - things that do not need to be refrigerated and in containers that you do need returned. There will be an area in the kitchen marked "HUH snacks". Perishables can also be brought to St. Thomas during the week of camp. Veggie trays are a team favorite!
- Suppose it rains? Can you imagine 100+ folks unable to get outside and move around? Well, we are also collecting new or gently used indoor games to use during camp, year after year. Might be a good time to make some space in your closet by donating some games???
- Given the difficult economic climate this year, we have many more teens throughout the HUH program seeking financial aid. Especially our urban sister churches have teens unable to cover their tuition. Historically, HUH has never turned anyone away. In order to retain this approach and still cover expenses, we are looking to others who might wish to contribute towards tuitions. The weeklong 7 night camp costs \$375.00. Perhaps you can serve by covering tuition or a partial tuition. Please contact Gayle Wilcox (653-2460) if God is calling you in this way.
- Attend the closing ceremony at St. Thomas on Wednesday, June 30th at 7 PM to support these amazing teen volunteers.

"What would you have me do, Lord - take something on, give something up, or both? How would you have me serve You and grow in You?" Heads Up Hartford is a wonderful way to serve the Lord - to be His hands and feet on earth. Might this be part of your answer? Please pray on it!

CLEAN and EAT

That's right! Get your car washed and bring a goody home for supper! Please support the Heads Up! Hartford Car Wash and Bake Sale on Saturday, June 12th, 10 AM to 2 PM. All donations will be used to offset the tuition of our EGCC teen missionaries.

Heads Up! Hartford CALENDAR 2010

Beginning Wednesday late afternoon, June 23rd and running through Wednesday evening, June 30th HUH will run its 7th annual "service week"/"mission week". All current 9th through 12th graders are eligible to attend. There is a waiting list for current 8th Graders. The home base will be St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. From there we will serve the greater Hartford community in teams comprised of adults and teens from various churches throughout the greater Hartford Area. Service projects may include, but are not limited to, serving at soup kitchens, helping to repair/maintain non-profit homes, helping out at CRT daycare centers and working at Holcomb Farms in Granby.

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We need you AP!!!

HUH Registration! *You've already missed the deadline!*
Contact Kim right away if you are interested.

Saturday, June 5th

HUH All Camp Advisor and Intern training - EGCC - time not yet finalized - plan on **9 AM to 1 PM**.

Saturday, June 12th

This is a change!!! 9:30 AM - Meet at the Firehouse for the Car Wash Bake Sale from 10 AM to 2 PM. Plan on being there until everything is cleaned up!

Saturday, June 19th

This is also a change !!! EGCC Mission Team brunch - 9:30 to 11:00 - a time to get together at EGCC, go over last minute details, answer any questions and join together in communion and prayer.

Sunday, June 20th

10:25 worship - Commissioning of the EGCC HUH Missions Team

Wednesday, June 23rd -
Wednesday, June 30th

2010 Service Week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wednesday, June 30th

7 PM - Camp closing ceremony at St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 14th

7 PM - Team gathers to plan 9/25 worship

Saturday, September 25th

10 AM - Rehearsal for HUH Sunday

Sunday, September 26th

10:25 worship - HUH Sunday - the HUH team is responsible for the service. In so doing we are able to share our experiences and witness to our EGCC family.

The times, dates and activities above are **SUBJECT to CHANGE!** This is HUH and things are often fluid! We will update this calendar as often as necessary and communicate via the Beacon and/or email.

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IHS CALENDAR Spring 2010 "You/I/We can make a difference!"

Sunday May 30th No meeting - Memorial Day w/e

Sunday, June 6th Time yet to be determined
meet at EGCC and travel to Sears Island Church
for Worship - details to follow.

Sunday, June 13th Cookout to say Goodbye to
Seniors ☺ and wish them well...you will be missed!
Final meeting @ Pestana's - time yet to be deter-
mined.

**No official summer meetings, but we are looking
forward to a great start in the fall!**

Future Dates to remember:

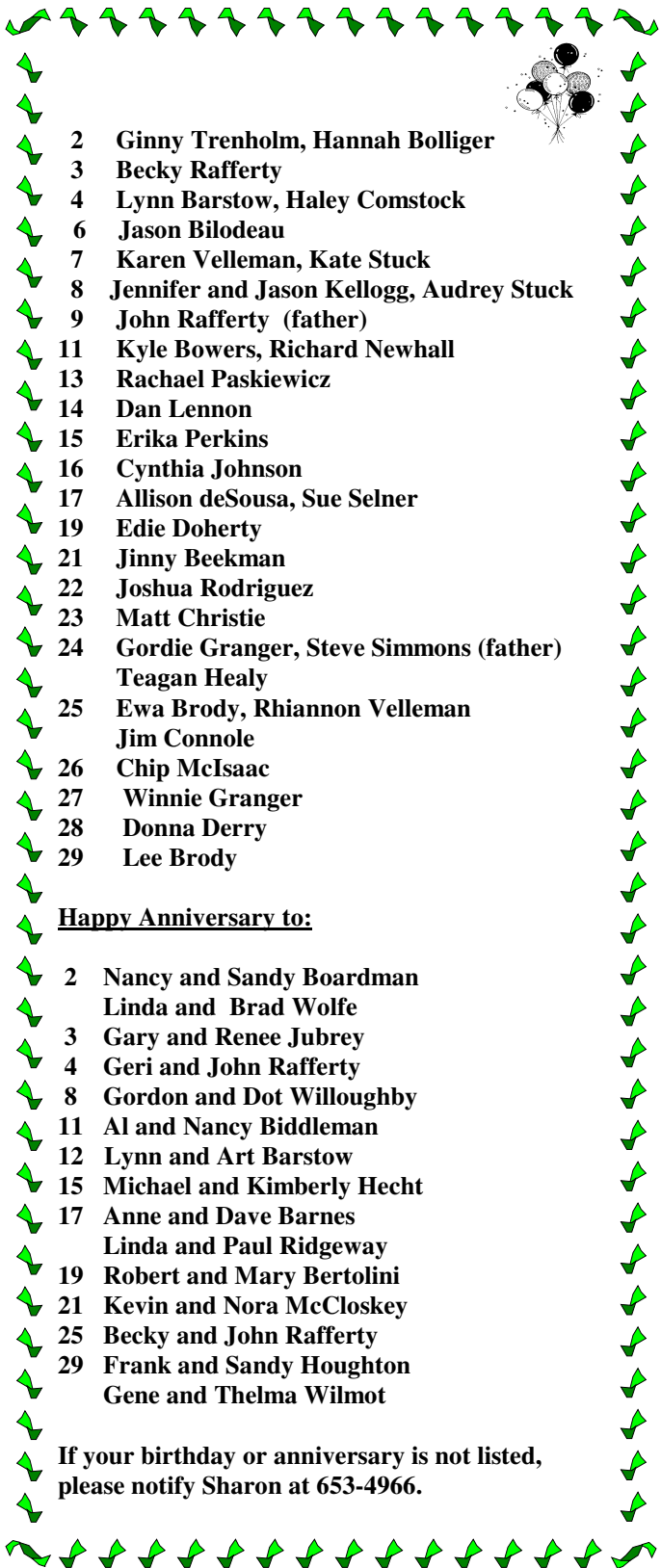
- Fall Emmaus Weekend - time and place ytbtd.
- Ivoryton Retreat - Friday March 6, 2011 thru
Sunday March 6, 2011 - Please put this on your
calendar now!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!"

Like Our Lord before us, we were able to join to-
gether and feed many! The I.H.S. Youth Group
wishes to thank everyone who generously sup-
ported our 30-Hour Famine. Over Easter weekend
youth and adults alike fasted for 30 hours.
Through the generosity of family and friends and
our EGCC church family, we were able to raise
over \$1,000. That represents enough food to
feed more than 33 children for one month.

This has become an annual event for us and each
year is very special. This year was no different.
Our time together flew by. We broke our 30 hour
fast on Easter Morn with early morning commu-
nion, the Sunrise Worship and Easter breakfast.
Thank you for your financial and prayerful support
- we couldn't do it without you! Next year, again
with your help, we look forward to feeding even
more children!

June Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2 Ginny Trenholm, Hannah Bolliger
- 3 Becky Rafferty
- 4 Lynn Barstow, Haley Comstock
- 6 Jason Bilodeau
- 7 Karen Velleman, Kate Stuck
- 8 Jennifer and Jason Kellogg, Audrey Stuck
- 9 John Rafferty (father)
- 11 Kyle Bowers, Richard Newhall
- 13 Rachael Paskiewicz
- 14 Dan Lennon
- 15 Erika Perkins
- 16 Cynthia Johnson
- 17 Allison deSousa, Sue Selner
- 19 Edie Doherty
- 21 Jinny Beekman
- 22 Joshua Rodriguez
- 23 Matt Christie
- 24 Gordie Granger, Steve Simmons (father)
Teagan Healy
- 25 Ewa Brody, Rhiannon Velleman
Jim Connole
- 26 Chip McIsaac
- 27 Winnie Granger
- 28 Donna Derry
- 29 Lee Brody

Happy Anniversary to:

- 2 Nancy and Sandy Boardman
Linda and Brad Wolfe
- 3 Gary and Renee Jubrey
- 4 Geri and John Rafferty
- 8 Gordon and Dot Willoughby
- 11 Al and Nancy Biddleman
- 12 Lynn and Art Barstow
- 15 Michael and Kimberly Hecht
- 17 Anne and Dave Barnes
Linda and Paul Ridgeway
- 19 Robert and Mary Bertolini
- 21 Kevin and Nora McCloskey
- 25 Becky and John Rafferty
- 29 Frank and Sandy Houghton
Gene and Thelma Wilmot

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed,
please notify Sharon at 653-4966.

Church Family Notes

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

AMERICAS MAGNIFICENT NATIONAL PARKS

We are on the move again and would love to have you join us. NO PASSPORT REQUIRED! We are staying in the USA. Our 16 day trip begins on September 3rd at Yellowstone National Park and continues south to Salt Lake City, 6 more parks and ends in Las Vegas. Check out the details at vantagetravel.com.

If you have any questions see Lois Buttaro or Pat Lang.

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, notes, visits, phone calls & flowers. The Easter lily was beautiful.

I put it in the library for others to enjoy when I went to the hospital for a few days. All your expressions of loving care have helped me through this difficult time. I hope to see you soon to thank you in person.

With much love,
Betty Guinan

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To our church family:

Does anyone have a trustworthy car which could be given to a member of our church family? She is very much in need of a reliable car, as her current car must be retired. If you should feel moved to provide such a marvelous gift, would you please contact Jeanne Daggett at 658-1098, and she will help you connect with this person. Thank you all for considering this petition.

My Church Family,

I sincerely want to thank the Church Family for the many prayers that were said on my behalf, because of the recent diagnosis. Thank you for the visitation in Saint Francis Hospital, by Pastor Bush, and the beautiful flowers brought to my hospital room by Mrs. Nancy Boardman.

Thank you for the get well cards, prayer notes, and phone calls. Everything was so very uplifting. I thank Pastor Sara, for her home visitation, and her prayers.

I thank God for my wife Joan, and daughter Kim, for they were at my side thru out my entire hospital stay.

Again I say Thank you .
Tony Witkiewicz

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East Granby Congregational Church,

So many of 'my church family' stood by me by giving me love and support, sharing tears and smiles at the time when I lost my dear husband, Nelson. It is difficult to describe the feeling of gratitude, it's almost overwhelming to comprehend 'people do care'!

My heartfelt thank you to all who showed compassion and reassured me 'you are here for me'. I embrace you all with a thankful heart and love,

Ursula

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Serving EGCC

Ministers - All our members

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Moderator - Jim Pestana

Vice Moderator - Jeanne Daggett

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Music Director - Randy Stuck

Organist - Dick Daggett

Sexton - Ann Caye

Nursery Attendants - Kimberly Rodriguez
Marianne Klein

Abundant Life Ministry Leader: Bryant Waller

Human Resources Ministry Leader: Kathy Mock

Mission and Outreach Ministry Leader: Kristen Hardendorf

Spiritual Formation Ministry Leader: Ruthie Holton

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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.

Communion Table Flowers

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

June 6	Dudley & Gerri Watkins
June 13	The Waller Family
June 20	Paul & Linda Ridgeway
June 27	John & Becky Rafferty

June Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby



June 6	Tony & Chrissy Leadbeater
June 13	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
June 20	Available
June 27	Available

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



June 6	Available
June 13	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
June 20	Available
June 27	Available

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

June 6	Tom Horner
June 13	Matt Short
June 20	Shelby Demke
June 27	Kevin Bach

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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.