

# The Beacon

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

May 2010

## MENS' FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On Sunday Morning, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM, the East Granby CC men's fellowship group will meet for breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining us for a morning meal, fellowship, and conversation, please join us then. The core topics and values of the group will include Fellowship, Servanthood, Seeking our faith, being a resource to the church, and being purposeful for Christ. This is a new ministry, and our initial plans are to meet once per month, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, to develop our relationships and set goals. Please come and join us for breakfast and conversation on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to schedule all meeting times through the church office.

## CROP Walk - May 16

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, May 16. We will meet at the East Granby rail trail at the Copper Hill parking area at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, it is family friendly walk. The CROP walk is to benefit Church World Service and a portion of funds raised will go to the East Granby Friend to Friend Food Pantry.

**What is the CROP Hunger Walk?** It is neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world.

**Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.** Church World Service reaches out across the world; Haiti, Chad, Darfur, Bosnia, Iraq, Indonesia and more.

If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker a fund raising table will be set up during Fellowship following the Sunday service each Sunday up to May 16. Checks should be payable to CWS/CROP. We are partnering with Copper Hill Methodist Church. If you have any questions please contact Adah Dionne, 860-653-6689. This event is sponsored by the Missions Ministry Team.

## Faith: Do You Have It?

*Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment. - Matthew 9:20-22*

"I just don't have faith like you do."

"I wish I had faith like her."

"Where did he ever get faith like that?"

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Have you ever said or heard something like this? Some people have faith. Some people do not. There seem to be people who really trust God (in the Bible, the original Greek word for "faith" is often best translated as "trust") -- and those people often live with a sense of clarity, serenity, joy, and more. This "faith" is attractive-- many of us want it.

Where did they get this faith? How did this trust come to be? The ways many of us express the question, it is as if we assume that there was a day when this stuff was handed out and we missed it. I believe that God gives the gift of faith, the gift of trust, but I do not believe that God offered it only to a select few at a particular time, and the rest of us missed out, and the best the rest of us can hope for is to bide our time in a pew until we head off to heavenly places.

Trust is a gift, but it is one we must receive. And it takes practice to learn this way of receiving the gift.

The classic Christian writer on spiritual healing, Agnes Sanford, has this to say on the subject:

*We must re-educate the subconscious mind, replacing every thought of fear with a thought of faith . . . In other words, we must learn faith.*

*How often have we heard a person say, "I guess I just haven't the faith to . . ." Of course we haven't! That's why we are learning it! One does not have mathematics at age six. But one can learn to add and subtract, to divide and multiply. One is not born playing the piano. But one can practice exercises and drills and so learn it. We learn mathematics by studying its laws and correcting every mistake our pencils make. We learn music by mastering its fundamentals and then correcting every slip of our fingers as we practice. So we learn faith by practicing the understanding that we are children of light, and then correcting (rebuking) every thought that denies our glorious heritage of light and love. This daily practice will gradually fill the subconscious with faith, so that one day it will overflow into our lives."*

God has given me the trust/faith that I have. And God has done this by giving the gift of Jesus who shows me the way to practice trust by talking and listening to God; by saying "no" to thoughts that tell me I am alone, unworthy and that I need to do it all on my own; by centering my thoughts and feelings on the Word in Scripture; by waiting on the still small voice of God in meditation; by being led by the Spirit in worship; and by experiencing the witness of others in the Body of Christ who love and challenge me. In these ways, I am daily learning trust as I practice the Way of Jesus.

As I head out on Sabbatical next month, I will continue this work of learning trust. I look forward to more time in the Scripture, more time in meditation and listening, more opportunities to worship, more opportunities to serve in mission, and more focus in certain relationships. I hope to return to this community having learned more trust. And I hope to return to live and share this trust with all of you so that we can together more fully learn to trust God, love each other, and embody the Way of Christ.

Love in Jesus,  
Pastor Michael Bush

**Current Opportunities to Grow in Faith**

**Sunday Nights**

**One Day At A Time study - Sundays 7:20-8:20 PM in the Buttaro Room - 2/21 - 5/9.**

**NEW - RESURRECTION: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN? - Sundays 7:20-8:20 PM** We have begun a Sunday evening series looking at resurrection - - what were pictures of "afterlife" in the time of Jesus? What were expectations around resurrection at that time? What did the resurrection of Jesus mean for his followers? What does resurrection mean for us today? We will be using a resource by Dr. N. Timothy Wright for this series. This group will meet four consecutive Sunday evenings **April 25-May 16**, 7:20 PM in the Buttaro Room. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Michael

**Weekday and Weeknight Groups**

**Women's Bible Study - "Woman of God Series" -** Continues Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month to include lunch provided - Becky Brown to host at her home on May 4<sup>th</sup>) for 7 weeks 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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. If you have any questions, please speak with Michael Bush who facilitates this group.

**Exodus Group on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM -** Come and join us as we study this second book of the Bible. We meet in the Buttaro Room. This group also meets at 5:30 PM the first Wednesday of the month to share a meal together. Please see Pastor Michael if you have questions.

**NEW - James Bible Study 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 continue a study of two of the New Testament letters that will help us in our own faith journeys. We are completing Paul's letter to the church at Galatia, and will look this month 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.

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### News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends and Members,

Ah, the merry month of May! New England gives us those amazing changes of season and does allow us to see the wonderful gift of variety that God blesses us with in this lifetime. As we awaken to the blessings of Spring I hope this note finds you all well. I decided to answer a question which seems to have peaked the curiosity of some of our members. A few members have been overheard wondering, "*I see Pastor Sara's name on the bulletin, but why isn't she in worship on Sunday morning and have you actually captured a glimpse of her?*" There's a simple answer. On Sunday I'm at the church in Windsor, called Wilson Congregational Church preaching in the morning. I'm their part-time Sole Pastor and then I come over to our church in East Granby and assist on Sunday evenings and teach. If you're here on Tuesdays or Thursdays I'm also around helping with Pastoral Care and teaching as well. When Pastor Michael is away I've been asked to be 'on-call' if any pastoral need should arise as well. I hope that a mystery has been solved. On a totally other note I would like to say thank you for the sincere caring that I've witnessed amongst the congregation. In my transitional role it has become very clear that so very many people here want to live out the Gospel message of 'loving thy neighbor'. In a world that can be so fast paced and too often folks can be lost to loneliness and hardship it is especially important for church communities to honor Jesus call for us 'to love one another'. In our humanness God knows we won't do it perfectly, but what I've come to know is that the important thing is that we try and keep trying to the best of our ability 'to love one another'. Thank you for caring!

Peace Always, Pastor Sara

### 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 May 20th** 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.

**REMINDER: PASTOR MICHAEL'S SABBATICAL Is June, July, and August. Here is an updated "Question and Response" about The Sabbatical Time**

**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. Plans include study at Yale, a mission week in Hartford, and a meditation retreat in Washington state.

**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. Pastor Sara will offer pastoral care support and continue to supervise the visitation team. Also, the co-Pastors of First Congregational Church of Granby, Dan Schroeder and Bonnie Stagg, have agreed to be available for emergency pastoral care situations on the days when our 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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### THE GOSPEL GUYS ..... At the studio!

After much urging, support, and encouragement, the GOSPEL GUYS have nearly completed the recording and production of our first CD, "KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR" which includes several of our favorites and a couple of surprises too! We have many folks to thank for encouraging us to complete this project, and with any luck and lots of prayers, we'll be ready to release it in May. Our hope is to have a little social time with the congregation and friends, sing a few songs, and then have a "talk back" about our experience recording these songs. The CD will be available for sale soon, and all proceeds will be donated to EGCC. Look for it sometime in May or June!

## Search Status

### Director of Discipleship

Job Description Posted ✓  
*Completed*

Receiving Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Reviewing Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Interviews in Progress ✓  
*Completed*

Final Candidates ✓  
*Completed*

Final Interviews ✓  
*In Process*

Meet the Members

### Pastor for Caring

Job Description Posted ✓  
*Completed*

Receiving Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Reviewing Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Interviews in Progress ✓  
*Completed*

Final Candidates ✓  
*Completed*

Final Interviews ✓  
*In Process*

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### Youth Ministry Coordinator

Job Description Posted ✓  
*Completed*

Receiving Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Reviewing Resumes ✓  
*Completed*

Interviews in Progress ✓  
*Completed*

Final Candidates ✓  
*Completed*

Final Interviews ✓  
*In Process*

Meet the Members

Your Search Team: Karen Rhodes:Chair, Judy Goff, Gayle Wilcox, Ward Mathis,  
Kathy Mock, John Rafferty

**Heads Up! Hartford CALENDAR 2010**

Beginning Wednesday late afternoon, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and running through Wednesday evening, June 30<sup>th</sup> HUH will run its 7<sup>th</sup> annual "service week"/"mission week". All current 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to attend. There is a waiting list for current 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**headsuphartford.org**

- Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*** HUH Registration Deadline - please have registrations to Kim Thompson -***by this date!!!! You've already missed the deadline! Contact Kim right away if you are interested!***
- Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> HUH All Camp Advisor and Intern training - EGCC -time not yet finalized - plan on ***9 AM to 1 PM.***
- Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> EGCC Mission Team brunches - 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 20<sup>th</sup> ***10:25 worship*** - Commissioning of the EGCC HUH Missions Team
- Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> -  
Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> **2010 Service Week!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> ***7 PM*** - Camp closing ceremony at St. Thomas
- Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> ***7 PM*** - Team gathers to plan 9/25 worship
- Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> ***10 AM*** - Rehearsal for HUH Sunday
- Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> ***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.

**Yet to follow - fund-raisers - when and where. All teens are expected to participate in the fund raisers as the dollars raised offset camp tuitions. Karen Rhodes is in charge of fund raising, so give her a call with ideas!**

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

- Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>      7:15 - 9:00 PM meeting
- Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>      No meeting
- Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>      7:15 - 9:00 PM meeting
- Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>      Time yet to be determined meet  
at EGCC and travel to Sears Island Church for  
Worship - details to follow.
- Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>      No meeting - Memorial Day  
weekend
- Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>      7:15 - 9:00 PM meeting
- Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>      Cookout to say Goodbye to  
Seniors ☺ and wish them well...you will be missed!  
Final meeting - time and place to be determined.

#### Future Dates to remember:

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

HUH Camp runs from Wed., June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Wed., June 20<sup>nd</sup>.

### AED Automated External Defibrillator Training Session Tuesday, May 25 @ 7:00 pm

We have an AED. Why not come to this meeting and learn how to use it? Cardiac arrest is a leading killer. This session will give you the confidence you need to know what to do if you are needed as a first aid responder. Contact Doug Comstock at 860-970-3250 for more information.

### Missions and Outreach News

#### Encouragement Cards

Simple messages of encouragement and prayer can strengthen us and remind us of God's abundant love. The Mission and Outreach Ministry is making Encouragement Cards available at a table after worship each Sunday at Fellowship time.

Members of the ministry will address, stamp and mail the cards you have written to the person whose name you provide. These caring words then arrive during the week to bless and brighten someone's day.

If there are questions, please visit the Encouragement Card table at Fellowship time or contact Kristen Hardendorf.

### Thank You

#### "Love God. Raise funds. Feed the world."

The IHS group would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU!" to all who supported us with prayers and donations for our 30 Hour Famine mission. We raised almost \$1,000 this year!!! This is truly amazing, and would not have been possible without your help!

Eagle Ceremony for Samuel Rhodes

Let's celebrate together this great accomplishment!

Being Held at  
East Granby Congregational Church  
Saturday - May 22, 2010  
2:00 p.m.

Reception Immediately Following in  
Christian Ed Center

RSVP to Karen Rhodes by May 15  
[Karen6493@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Karen6493@sbcglobal.net) OR  
(860) 623-1858

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](http://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.

Church Family Notes

Please join us in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, Grace Ann and Charlie Kingsbury Open House / Reception (event is not a surprise!) Saturday, May 15, 2010 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

East Granby Congregational Church Given by their daughters Gracelyn and Janice Kingsbury

Please bring a story or photograph, if you have one, that you would like to share. Cards only. No gifts, please. If you have any questions or need directions, please call: Gracelyn Kingsbury @ (860) 683-1274 or Janice Kingsbury @ (860) 688-8268

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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 Buttarro or Pat Lang.

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I want to say a very belated thank you for all of the love and prayers that poured over me after my fall & surgery in the cold bleak winter past. My little apartment was over-flowing with cards. My refrigerator bulged with food (there's nothing like hot soup in the winter to provide comfort). How blest we are in this church with love.

Thanks & God Bless, Edna

Dear Church Family,

Once again a note of thanks. This time for the beautiful Easter lily. It brought that Easter "feeling" into the house and also the touch of Spring. We've enjoyed having it so much - two blossoms are still blooming. For all your kindnesses and remembrances we are so grateful.

Love, Al & Nancy Biddleman

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the lily you sent last week.

Anna Andryzeck

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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.

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Dear EGCC Church Family Members, prayer-chain prayers, Bible Study friends and yoga buddies,

From me and my family, I want to thank you for your many prayers, cards, meals, flowers, phone calls, hugs and kind words during this time of hospice and passing for my mom. I felt carried by God as I sat with my mom and when our family had her Celebration of Life service. It has been a long and challenging few weeks going back and forth to Chicago to be with my dad and siblings. Thank you for all the ways you supported Michael and Joshua here in East Granby while I was gone.

I love you and am so thankful for the many, many blessings.

With love, Martha Parrish Bush

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## Worship and Caring Ministry



In the beauty of the Easter Lilies we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, and then carried their message of God's love and comfort to many of our friends and neighbors. Thanks to these most generous contributors.

Gerry & Dudley Watkins  
Ruthie Holton  
Don & Fran Blomquist  
Gayle Wilcox  
Linda Ridgeway  
Tracy & Jason Ligos  
The Bach Family  
Edie Doherty  
Nettie Raynard  
Nora McCloskey  
Becky Brown  
Jan & Chip McIsaac  
Bea Estby  
Lynn Barstow  
Rita House  
Nancy Boardman

## May Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 2 Dudley Watkins
  - 4 Melissa Harrold
  - 5 Lois Viets, Jolene Crane, Logan Horner,  
Lewis Vissia, Michele Leadbeater
  - 6 LeeAnne Steenhoek  
Marge Korhonen,
  - 7 Karen Fisk
  - 8 Rachel Korhonen, Jessica Wessner
  - 9 Katie Colbeck, Elsie Tule,  
Jessica Blythe
  - 10 Cade Velleman
  - 12 Abbie Rodriguez
  - 13 John Rafferty (son)
  - 15 Kathy Juliano, Ethan Newhall
  - 16 Dave Barnes, Sara Czarnecki  
Daniel McIsaac
  - 17 Nolan Dionne, Krista Dionne, Michael Bush
  - 18 Theresa Hecht
  - 19 Carol Schwartz, Andrew Clarke,  
Sally Mullen, Angela Cecchini
  - 20 Judy Goff, Wendy Bowers
  - 21 Aubrey Murphy, Janet Cannon
  - 22 Gordon Willoughby
  - 23 Jamison Clark, Linda Wolfe,  
Kathy Daleb  
Donald Blomquist, Michael Hecht
  - 25 Danielle Bolliger
  - 27 Ryan Hecht
  - 29 Sandy Johnson, Dan Mullen
  - 30 Sophia House
  - 31 Cara Turner
- Happy Anniversary to:
- 9 Tony and Kathy Juliano
  - 14 Charlie and GraceAnn Kingsbury
  - 17 Carl and Stephanie Pitney  
Anthony and Christina Leadbeater
  - 21 Sue and Bill Howard
  - 22 John and Linda Colbeck  
Gary and Chris Trombly
  - 24 David and Caroline Hayden
  - 25 Wayne and Marge Korhonen  
Sally and Dan Mullen
  - 28 Anne and Rick Newhall  
Randy and Lauren Stuck
  - 30 Bill and Jill McGarry

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**May, 2010**

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# The Beacon

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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.

### Communion Table Flowers

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

May 2 The Nero Family

May 9 Art & Lynn Barstow

May 16 The Cecchini Family

May 23 Betsy Mack & Lew Noble

May 30 The Gibson Family

### May Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby



May 2 Lynn Barstow

May 9 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

May 16 Available

May 23 Available

May 30 Janice Gibson & Becky Brown

### Fellowship / Coffee Hour



May 2 Available

May 9 Wednesday Morning Bible Study

May 16 Available

May 23 Available

May 30 Janice Gibson & Becky Brown

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

May 2 Shelby Demke

May 9 Tom Horner

May 16 Daniel McIsaac

May 23 Bill Bowers

May 30 Marge Korhonen

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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.