

The Beacon

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

October, 2009

JUBILEE COVENANT RENEWAL - October 18

On Sunday, October 18, 2009, your envelope (an 8 x 11 manila envelope) for the Jubilee Covenant Renewal will be available for you after Sunday Morning Worship in the Christian Education Center (the Round Room). In the envelope will be a letter describing what the forms are and how to fill them out, an envelope to put the forms in and the actual forms to fill out. There will be three forms. The 1st form will be for your financial commitment for 2010 (which will be kept confidential and seen only by one person, our treasurer, Bill McGarry). The 2nd form will list receiving and giving opportunities for you to commit to for 2010. The 3rd form will be for you to fill out and keep for your own records. On Sunday, November 8th, 2009, we will offer these forms together in worship. If you have any questions please speak with Donna Clarke or Lewis Vissia.

Thank you, The Jubilee Team of
The Abundant Life Ministry

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

October 24

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

See Page 8 for more info.



New Study Groups coming
See Page 4

We are back on line!!!
Check us out at www.egchurch.org

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Bulletin Information is due by Wednesday.
All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of the 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.

DISCIPLESHIP: LEAVING ANGER AND DESPAIR
AND FINDING LIFE ABUNDANT

Jesus called people to follow him. These people, both past and present, are called disciples. Why? Because to follow Jesus, to walk in the way he teaches and lives, requires discipline.

We know this about many areas of life. If we want to play the guitar we have to be disciplined about practicing the chords. If we want to be good at basketball, we know we have to be disciplined about practicing shots and blocks and more. If we want to learn a foreign language we know we have to be disciplined in doing vocabulary flashcards and those “conjugate the verb” worksheets.

Yet we sometimes do not apply this to our life with God. Perhaps we think it should come naturally or automatically? I notice that some people call themselves Christian, but then they just do whatever they want to do and hope God will later clean up the mess. I notice that sometimes we live hyper-busy lives without much spiritual discipline and then wonder why we or the world are not really any better.

Wendy Wasserstein writes this about our busyness in *Sloth And How To Get It*, “Are hyperscheduled, over-active individuals really creating anything new? Are they guilty of passion in any way? Do they have a new vision for their community? Or for themselves? Their purpose is to keep themselves so busy, so entrenched in their active lives, that their spirit reaches a permanent state of lethargy.” Kathleen Norris continues along the same vein in her book *Acedia and Me*, “If we succumb to one diversion after another, we will lose our capacity to pray, and become more prone to despondency. It is a root out of which anger and despair can grow.” (p. 28).

I know I have lived in this place at various times in my life. I have found myself easily distracted by the voices around and within me that tell me to be busy so that I will be valued.

But Jesus calls me, you and everyone else away from the distracted, busy life that nurtures status quo, lethargy, emptiness, chaos, anger, and despair. He calls us to follow him and in so doing, to choose to be disciplined in daily prayer and listening, in study of the Scriptures, in worship, in learning, praising and playing in community, in sharing our gifts, in embodying God’s love and life. These ways awaken us to God’s Spirit, open us to be filled with God’s peace and light, and empower us to live as God’s gifts in the world.

In this season of beginning to renew our covenants, we are reminded by Jesus to commit, to be disciplined, to daily follow, to daily come and see. N.T. Wright offers this thought in *Surprised By Hope*, “Following Jesus means just that, following Jesus, not checking a box that says ‘Jesus’ and then sitting back as if it is all done.”

Love and blessings,
Pastor Michael

Current Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Sunday Nights

NOOMA3 - If you are looking for a fresh approach to spirituality, check this out. Each evening we begin with a short film (less than 15 minutes) from the **NOOMA*** series that speaks to an issue of faith, life, and spirit. We will then spend time in conversation around the ideas presented. See Pastor Michael with questions. (*The name **NOOMA** is an English phonetic spelling of the Greek word *pneuma*, which is commonly translated to "spirit" or "breath".) Meets beginning September 20 at 7:20 PM (following Sunday Night Alive Worship). Please sign up so we will have enough materials

Forgiveness: Letting Go - Why is it so hard to forgive? Christians talk a lot about forgiveness, but our actions don't always measure up to our words. In this study, authors Susan Pendleton Jones and L. Gregory Jones help us face that question honestly and, together, work toward embodying God's gracious forgiveness of us. Topics include: The Heart of Christian Living, Crafting Communities of Forgiveness, The Dance of Forgiveness, and Challenges to Forgiveness. Pastor Sara encourages you to give yourself this gift! Minimum 8 people to hold this class. Please sign up by September 9 to order books (\$10). Class will meet Sundays, September 20 - October 25, (5 sessions) from 7:20-8:20 pm.

Weekday and Weeknight Groups

Women's Bible Study - "Living Above Worry and Stress" - Continues Tues. October 6th (1st Tues. to include lunch) for 10 Weeks from 12:35pm-1:35pm in the 'Buttaro Room'. The focus each week will be to look thru scripture at the variety of ways we can know calm and gain serenity. Come grow together as women of peace. Pastor Sara will facilitate this *Women of Faith* series and all that is needed is a Bible and an open heart. We will end December 8th. Not too late to join us, simply call Pastor Sara!!

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. Resumes September 9.

John Group on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM - This story of Jesus offers familiar phrases, developed theologies, and deep insight into the nature of who God is, who we are, and what difference that makes. Come discover together. This group also offers a monthly potluck meal prior to the study for those who are able to join us. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who will facilitate this group. Resumes September 9.

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

Sign up this month for Two New Study Groups
11/1 - 2/7 (no meetings 11/29, 12/27, 1/3)

One Day At A Time Study

Do you . . .

- worry too much ?
- battle stress and tension?
- struggle with compulsive or addictive behavior ?
- feel trapped by self-condemnation, guilt and regret ?
- sabotage relationships with destructive behavior ?
- worship regularly but feel bogged down in pious clichés and empty ritual?
- wonder about ways you could deepen in your spiritual life?

If any one of these fit your experience, then this next Sunday evening group may be helpful for you. After considering his own need for change, Trevor Hudson, author of *One Day At A Time*, took a fresh look at the iconic Twelve Steps used by Alcoholics Anonymous. He discovered that these practical guiding principles of recovery can help you — whatever your struggle — reclaim self-worth and renewal.

"If you sense that God may be nudging you toward living for a change and you are not too sure how to go about it, these steps will guide and help you," he writes. "They will draw you into a more personal and living relationship with God and enable you to live with greater joy and freedom and serenity."

Each week prior to our meeting, we will read a chapter (which coincides with one of the twelve steps) and engage the exercises offered to enact the step. When we meet each Sunday evening we will use an additional resource from a "Spiritual 12-Step Program" guide, discuss questions, and share our experience, strength, and hope. Come and see!

Sign Up deadline October 18 (sign up on church bulletin board outside the office or by e-mailing office@egchurch.necoxmail.com).

Books in week of 10/25 - pick up books and read Introduction. Questions? Talk with Pastor Michael Bush

Moments That Take Your Breath Away Study

Looking Ahead: Sundays starting November 1st for 12 weeks. Moments That Take Your Breath Away is a book series to help us focus on and be attentive to the many ways and times God breaks into our routines and gives us one of those awesome moments, so powerful, so amazing, so beautiful that we just want time to stand still. Join Pastor Sara and others from 7:20-8:20 pm to become more aware and receptive to all that God has in store for us! **Sign up deadline is Oct. 20th!**

**Yoga, Meditation & Prayer
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.

Hope to see you!

"When two or more are gathered..."

A small prayer group meets in the Purple Lounge on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Please feel free to join us.

Come and Receive Prayer

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) there will be a small prayer team (2-3 people) 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.

CROP Walk Postponed

The Mission and Outreach Ministry has decided to postpone our usual autumn CROP Walk, which is held to raise funds for programs associated with Church World Service (CWS) and for our local food pantry. Some churches and organizations hold the walk in the late spring and we hope next year there will be organizers in our congregation who can make plans and oversee the Walk, probably in May.

Other churches in the area (in Suffield and in Bloomfield/Windsor) will be holding Walks in October and would welcome anyone's participation. More information is available at www.churchworldservice.org

As noted in the CWS website, CROP Hunger Walks collectively raise about \$16 million a year from sponsors. The use of the funds on a global scale means help might be provided for a feeding program or agricultural support in villages in places like Nicaragua or Indonesia. Locally, our own East Granby Friend to Friend food pantry would receive a portion of the funds our church raises.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be working on various ways to continue to assist our local food pantry this year.

Kristen Hardendorf

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News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends and Members,

My Son recently gave me a saying from his calendar that read, "*God didn't promise a smooth journey, but rather a safe landing.*" As I thought about that I began to wonder if that is why faith communities came into existence. Meaning, that we all have challenges and struggles in life to face from time to time and it is good to make the journey of life together. The Lord is always there for us and we can call upon God's ever loving spirit. Yet, there is something special about building relationships within a church family.

I also think local congregations give us a way to practice forgiveness, patience, and compassion beyond our own families. In fact there may be someone sitting in church service who could use a listening ear. Or perhaps there is someone who usually sits next to you in worship, but hasn't come for a while and could use a supportive phone call. We never know exactly what another may be facing in a given week and our reaching out to show concern may be the blessing they need most. God seems to have designed humanity to be together and I believe with a desire belong and connected with others. Alone time can be nice but one of the largest ills to plague our time is loneliness.

I would encourage everyone that if see anyone standing alone in coffee hour or sitting by themselves in service to offer your hand in fellowship. We each by opening our hearts, giving a warm smile or speaking to someone we don't know that well can make the journey of another a little smoother. God calls us to love one another in this lifetime and to let him worry about the 'safe landing' in the next.

Blessings on Your October,
Pastor Sara

The Visitation Team

The October meeting for our team of nine is **Thursday Oct. 15th** 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 years we will call and visit most of our membership! 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 if there is someone you believe could use a visit.

The Faith Wall

Share your faith experiences, stories, and testimonials on the FAITH WALL. Help us as members of EGCC to be filled and renewed by these stories. Come and see, come and share, starting October 1st.

RE-member how God is working in you.

Re-member who we are when we live in God.

Re-member the ways we have been called to be God's hands and feet in this world.

"In the fall I feel depleted." Have you said this recently??? Could you use some reminders of God's abundance? Do you long to be filled up with the truth of God's love? Well, here is your chance to both offer this to others and to receive it yourself. Do you have personal reminders of your faith, stories about how your faith journey began or has grown and matured, or was tested? Are you curious about other people's faith stories? Are you lifted up by telling and/or hearing these stories? Faith stories might be experiences that remind you of God's presence. Or they might be specific times when you felt God with you, helping you, guiding you or healing you. Or perhaps they were experiences that confirmed your faith.

This fall the Worship Arts Team invites you to share your stories with one another on ***The Faith Wall***. *The Faith Wall* is 20 feet of paper that will reside in the long hallway between the main building and the Christian Education Center (the round room.) You are invited to write, graffiti-style, directly on the paper or write something at home and attach it to *The Faith Wall* in some way. You could think of this like a "faith-book" page that you are updating. There are no restrictions as to how your story might be shared. It need not be formal, or it might be. It need not be profound or expansive; it could be simple and small like a seed of your faith. This might be something you write that is anonymous or you could share with others your story and give your name. You might draw pictures or share photographs as part of it. Parents might help their little ones by writing down what they say. All are welcome! This is a chance for each of us to practice remembering and sharing why we have chosen this path of following Jesus.

May we be blessed to be a blessing...

If you have questions please talk with Martha Parrish Bush

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AUTUMN FESTIVAL - 2009

DON'T FORGET THE FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 24TH FROM 11:00 TO 3:00. WE STILL NEED SOME HELP SO PLEASE CONTACT THE PEOPLE BELOW IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE FUN!

Kitchen: Judy Saxton (688-7419)

Friday 3:00pm - Food preparation

Saturday 11:00am - Food service

Dining Room: Barbara Skinner (658-9344)

Friday 5:30pm - Set up (need some muscle help)

Saturday 11:00am - Cashiers, servers and bussers

Saturday 3:00pm - Clean up (again need some strong people)

There are many opportunities here for teenagers to be involved. We would love to have you join us.

Food Products: Linda Harrold (653-2677)

Betsy Mack (653-3794)

Crafts: Judy Goff (653-7747)

We need lots of goodies to sell. Please contact the above people and share your talents.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Looking for something to do that would be a help? The Craft Fair on Oct. 24 needs homemade items for its craft and food tables. Anything you can make and contribute will be appreciated. This is usually a good fundraiser for the church and a good way for new members to get involved. Judy Goff and Lois Viets are heading up the Craft Table, and Betsy Mack and Linda Harrold are chairing the Food Table. Judy Saxton will also be looking for help making and serving the luncheon that day. Call with any questions.

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At the Congregational Meeting on September 20, 2009 the following motion was passed:

The Motion: To move from a staffing model utilizing a single full-time Associate Pastor (AP) position to a staffing model utilizing multiple part-time ministry positions. The Human Resources Ministry is now authorized to begin the process of filling these positions.

Seeking applicants for the following positions:

Pastor for Caring Ministries (part-time) responsible for:

1. Support caring ministries through pastoral visits and visitation ministry team
2. Being present for Sunday morning and evening worship and leading some worship services (including 12 Sundays preaching) as scheduled by Senior Pastor
3. Adult Spiritual Formation ministry opportunities as coordinated with Senior Pastor.

15 hours averaged per week

Director of Discipleship for Children, Youth, and Families (part-time) responsible for:

1. Sunday School Pre-K thru 8th grade (and summer children's ministry)
2. Development and leadership in Confirmation ministry with oversight of the Senior Pastor
3. Liaison to Spiritual Formation Ministry and Abundant Life Ministry
4. Children's Worship elements
5. Teacher training/spiritual growth

22 hours averaged per week

Coordinator of Youth Ministries (part-time) responsible for:

1. Develop, support, and participate in youth groups for MS and HS, including planning and spiritual growth with adult leaders.
2. Support and participate in Confirmation ministry in coord with Dir of Discipleship for purpose of relational connection with youth.
3. Support ecumenical youth ministry opportunities (HUH, Emmaus, etc)

8 hours averaged per week (potential to grow with these ministries)

If interested, contact Search Team leader Karen Rhodes by email at: karen6493@sbcglobal.net.

Church Family Notes

ATTENTION ALL TRAVELERS

I am considering organizing a trip to **BRAZIL** that would include **BRASILIA, RIO DE JANEIRO, IGUASSU FALLS** and a seven day cruise on the **AMAZON RIVER** for late October or early November 2010. If you are interested, please give me a call or talk to me in church. It's much more fun to travel with friends.

Judy Saxton - 688.7419

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Thank you to Kyle Bowers, Brianna Raymes and Haylee Kulig for helping me prepare for this year's confirmation class kick off event. They were awesome! Thanks also to Mikey Parenteau who was willing and planning to help, but got too sick to do so. Next time, Mikey!!

Amy Stillman Kulig

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Thank you for the Church flowers given to my daughter Olivia. She does have a mild asthma and recently her symptoms we acting up. I cannot thank you enough for the smile I saw on her face when she was given the vase. Seeing and feeling the love from so many did make her feel all better, not only in her heart, but she did recover much quicker than other times I remember. Thank you to all of. You are really God's beautiful children and I'm proud to know you.
Ewa Brody



MUMS The Word!

Please help support the nursery school by coming to our second annual mums sale this weekend! Big, beautiful mums are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Proceeds go to help fund special events and general operations at the school. Mums can be purchased on the front lawn of the church on Friday 10/2 from 3-6:00, Saturday 10/3 from 9:00 until noon and Sunday 10/4 from 12:00 - 2:00.

Kathlyn Parrick's new contact information:
29 Old Cedar Lane
South Yarmouth, MA 02664
Tel. (508) 394-1906 (Evenings)

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IHS & Heads Up! Hartford CALENDAR Fall 2009

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

Sunday, October 4 th	<u>7:15 - 9:00 PM</u> meeting in the I.H.S. Room
Sunday, October 11 th	No meeting
Saturday, October 17 th - Sunday, Oct 18 th	<u>8:00 PM - 8:00 AM</u> Let's run this play again! We'll get together - a movie, some games, food and fellowship! All "I.H.S.ers" are encouraged to meet at the church for a sleepover. A light breakfast will be served. More details to follow.
Sunday, October 25 th	<u>10:00 AM</u> Meet in the church and travel to Blackwell AME church in Hartford to worship with our friends. No evening meeting.
Sunday, November 1 st	<u>7:15 - 9:00 PM</u> meeting in the I.H.S. Room (<i>Edie away for a couple of months?</i>)
Sunday, November 8 th	Thanksgiving dinner/games with MSYG at the church?!?!?!?
Sunday, November 15 th	No meeting - Emmaus Weekend
Sunday, November 22 nd	Meeting involving Food Share? - details to follow
Wednesday, November 25 th	Prepare and serve a meal at a local soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Eve - details to follow
Sunday, November 29 th	Shopping for family - perhaps immediately following church?

Future Dates to remember:

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

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

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

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Soup Kitchen

The dates to serve at the Soup Kitchen this year are:

Saturday, November 28th
Wednesday, December 30th
Sunday, January 3rd
Tuesday, April 6th

To volunteer to help please call Lauren Farley @ 651-3946.

Communion Table Flowers

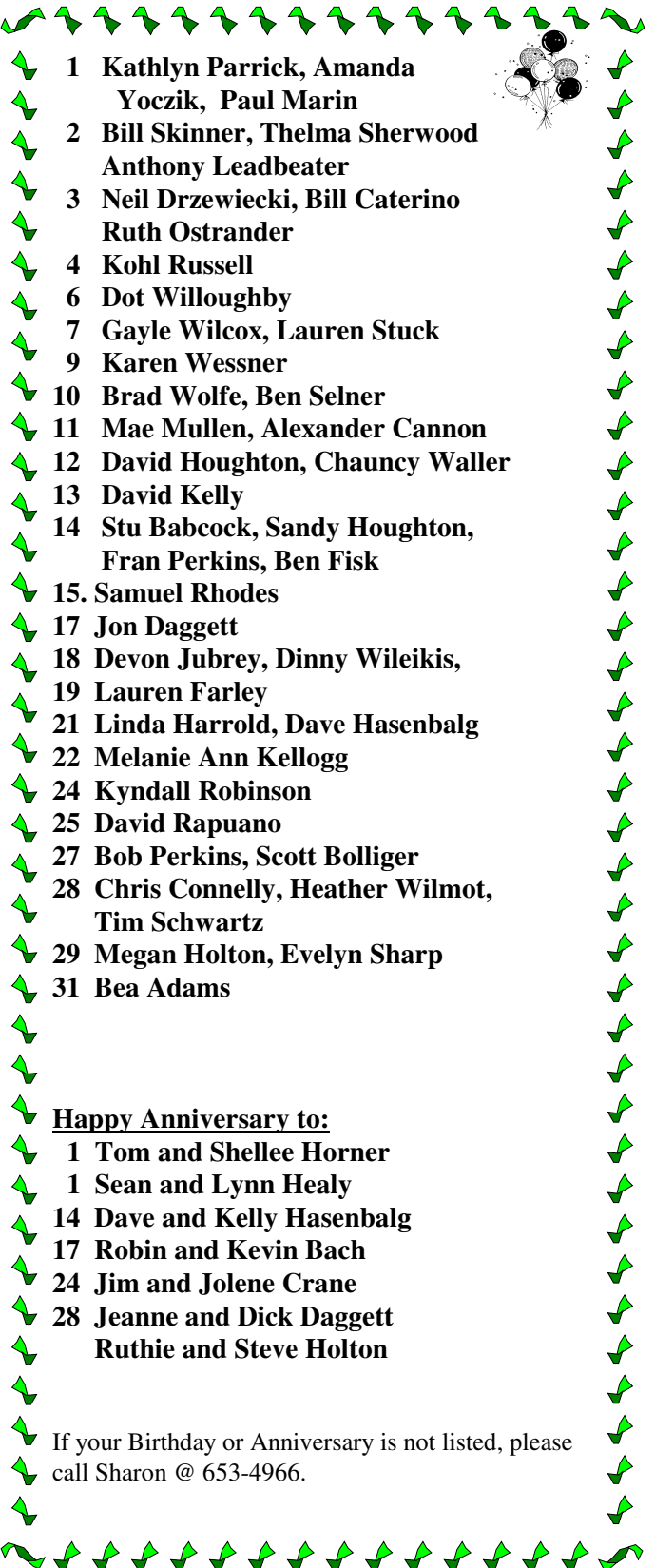
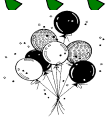
Thank you to the following people for offering to grace the Communion Table with flowers for the month of October.

October 4	The Stuck Family
October 11	The Cecchini Family
October 18	The Mock Family
October 25	Available

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

October 4	Tom Horner
October 11	Lew Noble
October 18	Bill Bowers
October 25	Marge Korhonen

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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- 1 **Kathlyn Parrick, Amanda Yoczik, Paul Marin**
 - 2 **Bill Skinner, Thelma Sherwood Anthony Leadbeater**
 - 3 **Neil Drzewiecki, Bill Caterino Ruth Ostrander**
 - 4 **Kohl Russell**
 - 6 **Dot Willoughby**
 - 7 **Gayle Wilcox, Lauren Stuck**
 - 9 **Karen Wessner**
 - 10 **Brad Wolfe, Ben Selner**
 - 11 **Mae Mullen, Alexander Cannon**
 - 12 **David Houghton, Chauncy Waller**
 - 13 **David Kelly**
 - 14 **Stu Babcock, Sandy Houghton, Fran Perkins, Ben Fisk**
 15. **Samuel Rhodes**
 - 17 **Jon Daggett**
 - 18 **Devon Jubrey, Dinny Wileikis,**
 - 19 **Lauren Farley**
 - 21 **Linda Harrold, Dave Hasenbalg**
 - 22 **Melanie Ann Kellogg**
 - 24 **Kyndall Robinson**
 - 25 **David Rapuano**
 - 27 **Bob Perkins, Scott Bolliger**
 - 28 **Chris Connelly, Heather Wilmot, Tim Schwartz**
 - 29 **Megan Holton, Evelyn Sharp**
 - 31 **Bea Adams**
- Happy Anniversary to:**
- 1 **Tom and Shellee Horner**
 - 1 **Sean and Lynn Healy**
 - 14 **Dave and Kelly Hasenbalg**
 - 17 **Robin and Kevin Bach**
 - 24 **Jim and Jolene Crane**
 - 28 **Jeanne and Dick Daggett Ruthie and Steve Holton**
- If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please call Sharon @ 653-4966.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:45 Luke Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation and Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir	2 Nursery School Mum Sale 3:00-6:00 10-11 Food Pantry	3 Nursery School Mum Sale 9:00-12:00 2:00-5:00 Reception in Honor of Kathlyn Parrick
4 10:25 Worship 5:00-6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:15-9:00 I H S 7:20 NOOMA 3 7:20 Forgiveness: Letting Go	5	6 12:35-1:35 Living Above Worry & Stress, Buttaro Room 6:30-9:00 Boy Scout Leaders, F. H.	7 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 5:30 John Study Dinner 6:30 John Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	8 10:45 Luke Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation and Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir	9 10-11 Food Pantry	10
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25 10:00 I H S meet to go to Blackwell AME Church 10:25 Worship 5:00-6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:20 NOOMA 3 7:20 Forgiveness: Letting Go	26 7:15 Council	27 12:35-1:35 Living Above Worry & Stress, Buttaro Room 1:30 Prayer Group, Purple Lounge	28 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 6:30 John Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	29 10:45 Luke Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation and Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir	30	31 8:00-1:00 Red Cross Blood Drive, CEC

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October, 2009 Newsletter of the
East Granby Congregational Church



PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

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

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