

# June 2010

## Sunday Schedule

**June 6**      **Jubilee Sunday**  
 10:00 a.m.   **Morning Worship**  
                  **Children's Day Rehearsal**

**June 13**     **Children's Day**  
 10:00 a.m.     **Family Worship**  
                  No Sunday School  
                  Moment for Missions  
 11:15 a.m.     Library Committee  
 12:00 p.m.     Women's Lunch at Savvi's  
 3:00 pm.       *Koinonia II*

# Happy Father's Day!

**June 20**      **Workcamp Commissioning**  
                  **Blanket Sunday**  
 10:00 a.m.     **Morning Worship**  
                  **with Communion**  
                  Summer Sunday School  
                  Grades K-6  
 7:00 p.m.     All Workcampers

**June 27**  
 10:00 a.m.     **Morning Worship &**  
                  Summer Sunday School  
                  Grades K-6  
 11:30 a.m.     Board of Missions Meeting



## Jubilee Sunday

June 6, 2010

*"And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; you shall return every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family."*

*Leviticus 25:10*

If you have been a member of this or any combination of churches for 50 years, we would like you to be recognized on Jubilee Sunday.



**Congratulations**  
**to the**  
**Class of 2010!**

**Good luck in your future endeavors!**

WELCOME TO  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

## Sunday School Schedule

June 6            Rehearsal for Children's Sunday for ALL Sunday School classes at 10:00 in the Chapel.

June 13           Children's Sunday  
 All children please meet your teachers in the Scout Room at 9:30

June 20           Summer Sunday School begins for grades K-6 following the Children's Moment.  
 Grades 7-12 will remain in worship. Workcamp commissioning.

June 27           Summer Sunday School for grades K-6 following the Children's Moment.  
 Grades 7-12 will remain in worship.

For the months of July and August, grades K-6 will enjoy Summer Sunday School in the Dining Room following the Children's Moment. Grades 7-12 will remain in worship.

\*\* I am looking for volunteers to assist me with the Summer Sunday School program. I will plan the activities and teach the class but would like "an extra pair of hands" each week. If you would be willing to help out on a Sunday or two, please see Louise. Thank You!

July 4, August 1 and September 5 will be Family Worship times - NO Sunday School.  
 Child Care for children to age 5 is available every Sunday in the rear of the Dining Room.

Sept. 19 **Rally Day Celebration**  
 Sunday School resumes



## Silver Lake

There are still some openings at Silver Lake, the summer camp sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Sharon, CT. One week summer conferences are available for children entering grades 4 through 12. There is a wide variety of themes from which to choose. Scholarships are available. Please see Louise Holmes for a booklet and more information.



**Coffee Hour** - Everyone is invited to Coffee hour following worship. Members of **W.E.B** are serving for the month of June. Each week the Board of Deaconesses provides the refreshments. Please be generous with your donations to the *Coffee Fund* in the basket on the table in the dining room.

The **Board of Christian Education** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be Monday, August 30 at 7:00.

The **Board of Deacons** will have a picnic at Ted's house on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. They will not meet in July or August.

The **Board of Missions** will meet on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet on June 14. No meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m

### **JYF needs plants for October**



We are in need of new plants for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Flea Market. We need all the plant lovers to start rooting pieces of your house plants. Please start now so that the plants will be large enough to sell. The sale of your plants is our only fund-raiser. We sell most of our plants to people outside our church. So please help us by getting started now.

**"Care & Share"** Sunday is the first Sunday of every month when we bring items for Food Bank. All donations (including monetary) are gratefully accepted!! Thank you!!!

### **EHIM**

East Hartford Interfaith Ministries  
Human Needs Fund Office  
Beth Harlow, Coordinator  
(860) 289-4919

### **The Pastor's Corner**

#### Having Time To Think

It seems to me that we are spending more and more time being entertained in some way. I think this first occurred to me in college living in a dormitory. One of my best friends lived down the hall. He plugged his record player (Remember those? If you are under forty, ask someone with grey hair about them.) into an outlet that was wired directly to the wall switch at the door so that instead of turning on a light when he entered his room he immediately turned on music. I would give him a

hard time about it as twenty year old male friends give each other a hard time about everything. His name was L.W. I would ask him, *L, what would happen if you had to spend five minutes alone with yourself without any audio or visual distractions?*

I wonder if such situations are more common now. People are either on the phone, texting, listening to music, watching television, gazing at a computer screen, or Blackberry, or iPhone, or video gaming, watching movies, twittering, or e-mailing. And it's wherever we go! — Driving in the car, trudging through the grocery store, sitting in the dentist chair. A while ago while walking in the woods I encountered a couple on the trail who in order to talk to me had to first remove their ear pieces which were connected to their Ipods. On a trail in the woods! On a hike! With birds singing and wind humming and brooks gurgling and sometimes just even quiet! The couple preferred instead to listen there to human made music! And I don't know that the most important issue in this is being oblivious to what is going on around us. I'm wondering more now what we might be missing that is going on inside us? What if we were alone with our own thoughts and guided them ourselves for a while? Don't we need to do that if we are going to take control of our lives?

I began thinking once more about all this while in Washington DC last month to officiate at my niece's wedding. She held the ceremony in the Reagan Building which is at 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, so the family and wedding party stayed at the J.W. Marriot across the street. And, lo and behold, in the elevator going up to our rooms, at about eye level, on both sides of the door, were television screens tuned to CNN! Can you believe it!?

Now I know that people in Washington are very important people who need to stay up to date. Just ask them. But televisions in the elevator! How long is anyone ever in an elevator?! Debbie quipped that maybe the televisions were there in case the elevators got stuck. In the Washington DC J.W. Marriot, three blocks from the White House, people need not be alone with their thoughts even for the brief time they are in an elevator! Oh my.

If we are always being entertained by someone else or communicating with someone else, when will we think about our own lives— what's good about them and how blessed we are, what's wrong with them and how to improve them, the mistakes we made and how to correct them? And if we lose touch with ourselves can we ever get in touch with God? St. Paul thought it a good idea to, *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

He also wrote, *Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there*

*is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phillipians 4:8)*

We might suppose that he would also recommend that we first turn off all electronic devices.

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### **Library Summer Hours**

There will be no Librarian on duty during July and August. The Library will be open during the usual hours. Please observe the rules for borrowing books or audio/visual resources.

Books taken out in June, July and August, may be returned at anytime but will not be due until September 12.

*Happy summer reading!*

### **Moment for Missions**

Church World Services (CWS) has spent the last 60 years responding to disasters at home and around the world and assisting improvised communities with the basic tools they need to build satisfying sustainable lives.

Our Board of Missions would once again like to embrace the **Blanket & Tool Program** sponsored by CWS. We join over 8,000 other congregations in the U.S. A simple \$5.00 donation can buy a blanket or a fishing net among other necessary items.

Please be generous and help our congregation provide resources to help others in need. Envelopes will be provided during the morning worship service on June 20. Donations can also be sent to the church (checks payable to Church World Service (CWS). Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Dear Friends of Silver Lake Center:**

As you know, *Now for the future: The Campaign of Silver Lake* will end on June 30, 2010. I'm writing to you today to ask you to consider a final gift in support of the campaign and the several projects we still hope to accomplish with the funds on hand and those still to come in.

A generous anonymous donor has offered a challenge gift that will match dollar-for-dollar- up to \$50,000- all new gifts received by June 30, 2010 and new pledges received by the same date, which the donors commit to pay in full within one year.

**Your gift will immediately be doubled in its purchasing power for Silver Lake facilities improvements!** In the near-term we plan to build a new basketball court, replace the heating system in the Pines, upgrade the summer restroom facilities, and take care of a number of key safety, code compliance and efficiency projects.

#### **But you need to act soon!**

There are two ways to give. You can write a check to Missionary Society of Connecticut noting it for the "Now for the future Campaign, or you can give online, by going to the Connecticut Conference's website, [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org), and clicking on the Donate Here button on our homepage.

Our Silver Lake Conference Center changes lives, and your gift makes you a partner in this important, transformative ministry!

Sincerely,  
Patricia R. Bjorling, M.Div.  
Assoc. Conference Minister

### ***All Women of First Congregational Church***

are cordially invited to the annual Women's Lunch  
at

*Savvi's Restaurant* 1555 Main St East Hartford

**Sunday, June 13**

**12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

#### **Your menu choices:**

Broiled Scallops with Salad, Potato & Vegetable  
\$22.00

Chicken Parmesan with Salad & Penne Pasta  
\$21.00

Baked Meatloaf with Salad, Potato & Vegetable  
\$18.00

Chicken Caesar Salad  
\$15.00

Dinner includes: beverage,  
bread, dessert, tax and tip

**Checks payable to First Congregational Church**  
noting "*Women's Lunch*" in memo.

Please return with payment to *Louise Holmes*  
by **June 7.**

## **Stewardship Moment**

Having Fun Giving Back – June 2010

It's time for another golf tournament – a miniature golf tournament. The date is set for Sunday, September 26, 2:00 PM at Fairway Golf in South Windsor. The approximate price will be \$10.00 per person and will include your round of golf and an ice cream confection. Time in the batting cages will also be available to those not interested in golf.

On Saturday January 15, 2011, we'll be celebrating at church with a Wii Bowling Tournament. We're still in the early planning stages for this event, but we know there will be lots of snack food for sale. For those of you unfamiliar with Wii Bowling, be on the lookout for demonstrations and try it for yourself during coffee hour in the fall.

Don't forget to keep working on craft projects for the fair! Homemade jams and jellies and pickles are always a good way to share God's bounty with others and help support the church financially. We have so many talented, creative people within our congregation; it's not hard to see why our fair is constantly growing in reputation.

## **Recycling for the Church**

First Church is now collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. We will receive between \$.10 and \$4.00 per cartridge depending on the type. Simply place your old cartridge in a plastic sandwich bag and deposit it in our collection box under the stairs by the mailboxes. Most businesses throw their empty cartridges away. Please check at work to see if they would donate also. A complete list can be found next to the box.

## **Share Your Opinion**

We are in the process of creating goals for our Sunday School program and are interested in your thoughts. Please take a moment to answer these questions. You may then place your suggestions in the offering plate, in the basket by the prayer wall or mail them back to the church. ***Thank You!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

What did you find memorable at church while growing up?

What stories and other things should our children know about the Bible by High School?

What should they learn in the High School class?

Should they memorize the books of the Bible? Did you?

Should they memorize verses? If so, which ones?

Do you have any suggestions that would help us achieve an even better Christian Education program for our children?

Please indicate if you are interested in serving on this focus group.

*Thank you for your time*

# ***CHURCH FAIR NEWS***

**Mark your calendars!!**

**November 20th 9am - 3pm  
Dinner: 5pm**

Workshops - 1st Monday of the month –

## **The ABC's of your summer contribution to your Church Fair**

**A**sk a friend to join us on fair work nights, for fun & fellowship.

**B**askets are our best seller, think gourmet and / or follow a theme.

**C**lear cellophane bags needed to cover baskets for the Basket Booth.

**D**o shopping at sales for items to go into the gift baskets.

**E**xtra jewelry?? Donate to the Jewelry Booth.

**F**air work nights are the first Monday every month from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

**G**o strawberry or blueberry picking for the jam and jelly makers.

**H**andy with tools, woodworking or painting, we can use you!!!

**I**nvoke friends over for an evening to make things for the fair.

**J**ams and jellies needed for the Country Store.

**K**nit, crochet, embroider, or sew items for the handicraft booth.

**L**ook through your recipes for crisps & cobblers to bake later.

**M**ark your calendar now for fair & Dinner Nov 20.

**N**ew items for Gift Baskets. Pick up idea cards before summer.

**O**ld or slightly used items?? Donate to Gramma's Attic.

**P**ass the word – Getting involved is fun and builds friendships.

**Q**uiet time during summer, make craft items for the boutique.

**R**elishes, pickles and beets make the Country Store a hit.

**S**ave small Smucker's or large baby food jars for the jelly makers.

**T**each your special talent to the workshop gang on Monday nights.

**U**se the 40% off coupons for ribbons, gift bags, card stock etc.

**V**ictorian Tea Room – make a date early with a friend for lunch.

**W**ired edge ribbon needed to make bows, fall and Christmas colors.

**X**-tra things in your cabinet?? Clean & wash up for Gramma's Attic.

**Y**arn can be donated for others to knit or crochet

**Z**ip around to other fairs & craft Stores. Bring us the ideas!

**The Fair is only 5 months away!**

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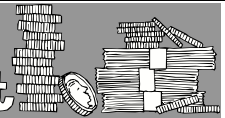
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## Church Budget



The Church's expenses continue year-round, so please keep your pledge up-to-date during the summer months.

Just a reminder...if you have moved, have a new phone number, or your college student would like to receive news from their church in the Columns..... we want to know!!!

**Also a reminder, information for September Columns must be in the church office no later than August 15th!**