

The Pastor's Page

“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here...But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” (Mark 16:6a, 7a)

I have many fond memories of early Easter mornings—living in Woodbury I awakened my children while it was dark, dressed them for early morning outdoor chill, and drove to Upper Grassy Hill Road. There some of us, members of the Woodbury United Methodist Church would gather at a member's home just before sunrise, and remember the experiences of the women who gathered at Jesus' tomb Resurrection Sunday.

I can still vividly see the sun break into the horizon with oranges and reds and yellows extending from one end of the horizon to the other. It was at that moment I could mentally place myself at the tomb with Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. I, too, brought spices to the tomb. For a brief moment I engaged in conversation with the women: “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” And surprise when I discovered the stone already rolled away, and the stranger dressed in white telling us not to be upset. As the sun rose, I was as much a part of the biblical story as the Mary's and Salome.

Many years later I continue to treasure Easter sunrise. Living here on the Green in Prospect gives me the best opportunity to experience breath-taking sunrises without traveling anywhere. I have been blessed to be on the Green for seven Easter sunrises, some of them bitter cold, one with snow still on the ground, and some with chill but with a promise of warm temperatures to come.

I have checked the schedule for sunrise this Easter: 6:15 AM. Once again we have the opportunity to gather on the highest point of the Naugatuck Valley, to greet one another with, “He is risen; He is risen indeed!” Once again our high school fellowship will lead us, this year with Mary Magdalene in the Garden. As the sun rises our hearts will join in the miracle Mary experienced at Jesus' tomb: our resurrected Lord. Once again “we will enter into life with lightness and joy. Let us all join with the miracle that is Easter and enter into life with hope and love” (actinginfaith.com).

I pray for all of you a blessed Easter Day.

In Christ,

Phyllis

Covenant of Generosity

One door closes, another door opens. Our old model of stewardship is giving way to a new model of discipling. Old language such as stewardship and pledge, have been replaced with discipleship and covenant. We are a covenant people; we are here in covenant relationship with God and one another. Towards the end of April you will receive a letter, a covenant letter which will include a picture narrative of our ministry in this church, our community and the wider community, and an opportunity to enter into a covenant of generosity with God and the church. Please watch for this and listen for updates as spring finally explodes with newness of life.

Seder Dinner

Please come to our 8th Annual Seder Dinner on April 5th after the 5pm Service sponsored by Christian Ed. \$10 donation for Adults, \$5 for children under 10.

All are welcome!

Call to Special Congregational Meeting

The Council of the Prospect Congregational Church, U.C.C. has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 5, to approve the By-Law revisions as recommended by Council, and to approve the replacement of the fire safety system with funding from the line of credit as recommended by Council, and any other business to come before the congregation. The meeting will begin 20 minutes after the end of service.

COME! Celebrate New Life at the Prospect Congregational Church, UCC

Worship

April 5, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship and Communion
Contemporary Worship and Communion, 5:00 PM
April 9, 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
April 10, 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship led by the Confirmation Class
April 12, Easter Sunday: 6:00 (Sunrise), 8:00 and 10:00 AM Worship
NO Contemporary Service at 5:00 PM
April 19, 10:00 AM Worship
Contemporary Worship and Communion, 5:00 PM
April 26, 10:00 AM Worship
NO Contemporary Worship at 5:00 PM

Spiritual Enrichment

Morning Prayer Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 AM, St. Anthony's
Evening Prayer Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 PM
Seder Dinner Sunday, April 5, 6:15 PM
Morning Prayer Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 AM, Prospect Cong. Church
Healing Service Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 PM

Church Activities

Sunday April 5 following Worship, Congregational Meeting
Saturday, April 11, 11:00 AM, Easter Egg Hunt & Activities
Sunday, April 12, 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Breakfast
Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 PM, Evening Women's Association Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 5:00 PM, Meat Loaf Dinner
Saturday, April 25, Church Clean-up
Sunday, April 26, 12:30 PM NVA Meeting @ Wolcott, 2-5 CSI Polity

Christian Education

Confirmation April 2 and 30, 3:00 PM

"Called to Care" Chronicles

Health Concerns

Gloria Benson
Louise Beach
Carmen Cavallaro
Jane Chatfield
Ruby DeCosta
Helen Donovan
Shoshe Drapin
Gayle Gourley
Ruth Hansen
Rev. Doreen Horstman
Philip Jeannin
Joyce Kathan
Bill Luschenat
Alfred Peach, Jr.
Ann Raven
Tina Sierra
Joan Slapikas
Linda Stewart
Andrew Vilardo
Kim Wadhams
Bernice Wilson
Margaret Worden

Prayers for our Military, including

Gerard Boulay, England
A1C Joshua Campbell, Nebraska
Christopher Chucta, Biloxi, Mississippi
A1C Johnny De, Germany
Darren Hale, Jr., Korea
Edward Hall, Iraq
Robert Holley, Iran
Jim Jackson, Marines
PFC James Kabusk, Cherry Point, NC
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO
Robert Tuohy, Bagdad

The Village at East Farms

Roy Schellhardt
Myrtle Hintz

Highlands Healthcare Center

Nancy Robinson

Glendale

Jo Collins

Elim Park

Arrol Drew

Condolences to

Tom, Janet, Heather and Dayna Chucta on the death of Tom's mother June, February 27th.

Congratulations to

Luke Yankowski on the occasion of his baptism March 8th. Luke is the son of Paul and Cathy Yankowski and brother to John.

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Kevin (Donna Dzubak's son)
Yves Allard (Erik Soderberg's Uncle)
Frank Anderson (Babette Strumpf's brother)
Norman Anderson (Babette Strumpf's brother)

Edna Beach (Tim Beach's mother)
The Bielek family (friends of the Vitkos)
Harriet Blakeslee (Charlie Blakeslee's sister-in-law)
Susan Boyle (Pete Creasey's sister)
Joe Cavallaro (father of Carmen Cavallaro)
Alyssa Casson (young Prospect girl)
June Chucta (Tom Chucta's Mom)
Arthur Compton (Alice Palen's brother)
Beth Creasey (Peter Creasey's sister)
John Curtis (Dave Curtis' brother)
Judy Czarkowsky (neighbor of Charles Peach)
Arlene DeCosta (Ruby DeCosta's daughter-in-law)
Kevin Delaney (Bev Allen's son-in-law)
Lloyd Hannula (Diana Trumbley's father)
Betty Hotaling (Linda Theriault's mother)
Sean Healy (Ruby DeCosta's step-grandson)
Robert Kathan (son of Joyce and Barney Kathan)
Irene Kamila (Diana Trumbley's grandmother)
Benjamin LeBlanc (Edna Talmadge's grandson and Gwenn Fischer's nephew)
Jeff Malm (Sue Wilson's brother)
Benny Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's dad)
Hank Pavlowski (Sandi Pavolwski's Dad)
Dorothy Plankey (mother of Paul Plankey)
Jared Price (Pete and Chris Creasey's nephew)
Hulda Risdon (mother of Marge Biercevicz)
Sally Dunnigan Scott (Joan Slapikas' sister-in-law)
Grace Sederquest (mother of Barbara Rowe)
Kathy Sigetti (friend of Ron Peach)
Yvonne Theriault (Linda Theriault's father-in-law)
Arthur Wood (Christine Creasey's Dad)
Betsey Wypychuski (Mary Ellen Pearce's cousin)

What's Going on at GWIM?

(Greater Waterbury Interfaith Ministries)

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2009

4,776 meals were provided for an average of 200 people per day for the 24 days the soup kitchen was open. 79% of the food provided came from sources other than a food bank. (Barbara Dublin, Executive Director)

From the Activity Report detailing GWIM activity from October 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009, 1,030 households were assisted with food. 982 of these households are considered "extremely low income, 40 with low income, and 8 with moderate income."

At the March Board of Directors meeting we learned Monday March 9 the food pantry provided groceries for 325 people, the largest single distribution ever.

LECTIONARY READING FOR APRIL, 2009

April 5	Psalm 118 Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11 Theme: Into Jerusalem	April 19	Psalm 133 Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31 Theme: Marks of Faith
April 12	Psalm 118 Isaiah 25:6-9 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8 Theme: Now What?	April 26	Psalm 4 Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48 Theme: Christ Among Us

Silver Lake Auction Update

The Board of Christian Education would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the Men's Club for doing all the cooking and providing the food for our 8th Annual Silver Lake Auction. As usual, it was plentiful and delicious. We'd also like to thank all of you who donated items to be auctioned, those who helped with organizing, setting up/cleaning up and taking part in the auction. Most of all thank you all for coming and supporting the kids. This year we were able to raise \$2,548 from the auction sales and another \$277 from the donations for dinner (\$2,825 total). This will help many of our church families send their children to Silver Lake Summer Camp this year.

The Board of Christian Education will "scholarship" \$300 for each child/youth attending Silver Lake this summer.

Watch future Prospectus for Vacation Bible School news.

EASTER BUNNY LUNCHEON

Hospitality and Fellowship Committee and the Evening Women's Association will be working together on the Easter Bunny Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday April 11th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance. Children will color eggs, make a craft, hunt for eggs, break a piñata and have lunch. All children and grandchildren are invited to attend. There is no charge for this event. Please bring your basket to put your eggs into. It's going to be a fun time!





CHURCH VITALITY DONATIONS

**Debra D'Aniello
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Mr. & Mrs. Gary Arndt

Scott Arndt

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Barnes

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Beach

Norman

Cynthia Begley

Charles Blakeslee Family

Inez Bramhall

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Debra Colaci

Mr. & Mrs. Rod Dapkins

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Ruth Hansen

Althea Hubbell

Joan Slapikas

Mr. & Mrs. Barney Kathan

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Family Reverend Phyllis & Carl

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Sandra Schaff

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Rick & Tina Sierra Family

Mr. & Mrs. Erik Soderberg

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Strumpf

Edna Talmadge

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Wilson

Sue Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Vander Eyk

Lois Van Wagner

Clem Vilardo Family





Mark your calendar - our next dinner will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 5pm. An Old-Fashioned Meatloaf dinner with scalloped potatoes, veggies, salad and homemade desserts will be served. Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12, children under 5 are free. For tickets or information call Linda Stewart at 758-4613. Come and join us.



BUCKET LIST

The Board of Missions is planning a new mission project for this spring. We will be preparing Clean Up Kits for Church World Service. In the past, we have assembled Health Kits and School Kits. The Clean Up Kits are sent around the world to disaster areas. Since it is our first attempt, our goal will be to assemble 6 Clean Up Kits. The congregation and the Sunday School children will be involved. We plan to kick off the project on April 19th and complete it on May 17th. It should be a lot of fun! The Sunday School classes will be assigned specific items for the buckets. Other items needed will be hanging on a clothesline in Fellowship Hall. We invite everyone to choose an item from the clothesline and return it to the buckets in Fellowship Hall. Some of the items needed include: hand-wipes, clothespins, dust masks, work gloves, trash bags and lotion insect repellent.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

Birthdays:

1	Karen Hale	16	Fred Harkins
	Sean Krofssik	17	Todd Bednarek
	William Edwards, Jr.		Bea Difelice
2	Inez Bramhall	18	Dee Tait
5	Barbara Goodrich	19	Amanda Smegielski
6	Carmen Cavallaro, Jr.	23	Deb Colaci
7	Lindy Jacobson		Jonathan Krofssik
9	Kelly Young	25	Sarah Pyshna
	Amber Hazen	30	William Trumbley
10	Concetta Beach		
11	Adam Trumbley		
12	Debra D'Aniello		
15	Philip Jeannin		

Anniversaries:

25 Rick and Liz Normand



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March 7, 2009

To the Prospect Renaissance Group,

I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$200 dollars to the Prospect Public Library. We will use this money to buy Large Print Books which are more expensive than regular hardcover books.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara C. Smith Director

“CSI: UCC”

(Church Structure Investigation, United Church of Christ)

Sunday, April 26

2 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Wolcott Congregational Church, U.C.C.
185 Center Street, Wolcott, CT

**The Rev. Susan Townsley, Fairfield Regional Minister,
will offer this program on U.C.C. polity: what is our
structure, and how we work as a denomination.**

**CSI:UCC will be held after the Naugatuck Valley
Association Spring Meeting.**

All folks from all our churches are invited!!

Sponsored by the Naugatuck Valley Association





From the Scholarship Committee:

Applications for the scholarship awards will be available in the Narthex as of April 5, 2009.

All church members who are attending college in September are eligible to receive an award. Each year a new form must be filled to receive the scholarship. The completed form should be returned by June 5, 2009.

Return to committee members: Marilyn Krofssik, Debbie Steeves, Sandi Stewart

Form can also be mailed to:

Marilyn Krofssik
33 Coer Rd.
Prospect, CT 06712

Historian's Corner

1981 EASTER CANTATA A MUSICAL HIGHLIGHT

(This is the first in a series of articles by the Church Historian in order to expand on or, in some cases, to correct narratives told in the 200-year history of the Prospect Congregational Church, *A Church Set Upon a Hill.*)

Among outstanding musical events in the history of the Prospect Church, one stands out for its continuing ability to inspire; that was the Easter Cantata, "He's Alive," presented for the first time on April 12, 1981. The Junior and Senior Choirs combined under the direction of Judy Fiengo, organist and choir director, with Jane Capo of Cheshire as pianist and Douglas Merriman on the violin. Presenting an Introduction was the Rev. Boardman Kathan, who was serving as Church School director. The entire cantata was recorded by John Raven and is now available in the form of an attractive CD produced by Bob Staneslow. Many have already been sold or distributed for a donation of \$10, and all proceeds go into the general fund of the church. The cantata was repeated on April 19, 1998 in the midst of the church's bicentennial with Dr. Richard Sanders as the director and Judy Fiengo as the pianist. Visitors from the Palmers Green Church in England were in attendance for this event.

"He's alive ... he's alive ... as he said he would he did arise! "These words speak of the climax of the most significant, most important, most exciting week in history. These were the words of John F. Wilson, who composed the Easter cantata in 1972. It was published by Hope Publishing Co. and was released on a fully orchestrated stereo album performed by the John Wilson Singers and the London Orchestra. Wilson was a composer, conductor and lecturer, who has taught at the Moody Bible Institute and Marion College and has served for many years on the staff of the Hope Publishing Co.

The 1981 cantata in Prospect began with the Junior and Senior Choirs singing "Early in the Morning" and "Is He the Son of God?" The soloist in "Somehow I Know" is Kim (Raven) Palmerie. "There are Twelve Men" was sung by the men's chorus, followed by "This is my Body," with Lou Vander Eyk as soloist and "I will not deny you," with Bob Foster as soloist. The entire ensemble sang "Gethsemane," "Judas," "Bold Peter," "The crucifixion," and "Who is this man?" Beverly Allen and Eleanor Vescera were soloists in the song, "To think I walked with him," and the ensemble sang the closing number, "Early in the Morning," and "He's Alive."

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>Deacon On Call:</i></p> <p><i>Jason Wilson</i></p>		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>7a Morning Prayer- St. Anthony's</p> <p>10:30a Memorial Service – Marathon Health Cntr</p> <p>7p Evening Prayer - here</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>3p Confirmation Class</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday</p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>11a Coffee Hr</p> <p>11:30a Special Congregational Mtg</p> <p>5p Contemporary Service</p> <p>6:15p Seder Dinner</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7p Deacons' Mtg</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>7a Morning Prayer- here</p> <p>7p Evening Prayer - here</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7p Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7p Good Friday Service</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>11a Easter Bunny Lunch</p>
<p>12 Easter Sunday</p> <p>6a Sunrise Service</p> <p>8a Easter Service</p> <p>9a Breakfast</p> <p>10a Easter Service</p> <p>NO CONTEMPORARY SERVICE</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>7p Committee Night</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>7p Healing Service</p> <p>7p BOT Mtg</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:30 Evening Women's Assoc</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>10:30a Worship- Marathon Health Cntr</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>1p Confirmation Class to Mosque</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>5p Monthly Dinner Meatloaf</p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>11a Coffee Hr/ Casseroles</p> <p>1p Confirmation Class to Morris</p> <p>5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>11a Worship at Village at E Farms</p> <p>7p Council Mtg</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>30 HOUR FAMINE</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9a Annual Work Day</p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>10a Worship</p> <p>11a Coffee Hr</p> <p>2p NVA Mtg - Wolcott</p> <p>NO CONTEMPORARY SERVICE</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>3p Confirmation Class</p>		

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