

The Prospectus

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Pastor's Page

Dearest Friends,

Summer is here! When we gathered in worship on June 21st, it marked the longest day of the year. (Hopefully that thought didn't cross your mind during the sermon.) So now it is official, school is out and vacation plans abound. We have more daylight hours in which to cram more things to do and places to go.

Summer is supposed to provide us with warm, sunny weather. As I write this we're are in the fourth week of a stretch of rainy skies. The ground beneath our feet is mushy, and even my usually happy pugs are looking droopy and bored.

Yes, I think we are all a bit tired for the wait for the sunny skies of summer. But, my friends. . . . sometimes life is about waiting for the storm clouds to pass
and . . . sometimes it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Let's Dance!

Doreen

"Called to Care" Chronicles

Health Concerns

Gloria Benson
Louise Beach
Carmen Cavallaro
Jane Chatfield
Ruby DeCosta
Helen Donovan
Shoshe Drapin
Brad Fischer
Gwenn Fischer
Gayle Gourley
Ruth Hansen
Ann Raven
Tina Sierra
Joan Slapikas
Elaine Steeves
Dave Stewart
Linda Stewart
Andrew Vilardo
Kim Wadhams
Mark Wilson
ter
Sherie Wilson
Bernice Wilson
Margaret Worden

Prayers for our Military, including

Gerard Boulay, England
Thomas Brunetti, Jr., Iraq
Christopher Chucta, Biloxi, Mississippi
Zac Favocia, Ft. Leonardwood, MO
Darren Hale, Jr., Korea
Edward Hall, Iraq
Robert Holley, Iran
Adam Horosky, Iraq
Jim Jackson, Marines
A1C Johnny Dee, Iraq
PFC James Kabusk, Cherry Point, NC
James Mumma, Iraq
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO
Robert Tuohy, Bagdad

The Village at East Farms

Roy Schellhardt
Myrtle Hintz

Highlands Healthcare Cen-

Nancy Robinson

Glendale

Jo Collins

Elim Park

Arrol Drew

Condolences to

The Stewart Family on the recent death of Nancy Stewart.

Congratulations to

Duane Latozas and Leslie Chatfield on the baptism of their son Zachary on June 6, 2009.

Brian Grom and Sandra Esteves on the baptism of their daughter Megan on June 7, 2009.

Matthew and Jaclyn Grom on the baptism of their daughter Alexina on June 7, 2009.

Jim and Matilde Hubbard on the baptism of their daughter Clarie Marie on June 21, 2009.

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Kevin (Donna Dzubak's son)
Leah Soliel Abildgaard (Sue Ostuno's granddaughter)
Yves Allard (Erik Soderberg's Uncle)
Norman Anderson (Babette Strumpf's brother)
Edna Beach (Tim Beach's mother)
Harriet Blakeslee (Charlie Blakeslee's sister-in-law)
Susan Boyle (Peter Creasey's Sister)
Alyssa Casson (young girl in town)
Joe Cavallaro (father of Carmen Cavallaro)
Arthur Compton (Alice Palen's brother)
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)
Dean Charles Drapin (Shoshe Drapin's brother-in-law)
Harry Gamradt (Arlene Hughes' brother-in-law)
Lloyd Hannula (Diana Trumbley's father)
Sean Healy (Ruby DeCosta's step-grandson)
Ellie Held (Barbara Rowe's sister)
Karl Herbort (Laurie Herbort's brother-in-law)
Betty Hotaling (Linda Theriault's Mom)
Paul Hudson (John and Susan Hudson's Dad)
Conall Hurley (Howie Steeves' nephew)
Earl Iffland (Kathy Vander Eyk's brother)
Irene Kamila (Diana Trumbley's grandmother)
Robert Kathan (son of Joyce and Barney Kathan)
Benjamin LeBlanc (Edna Talmadge's grandson/Gwenn & Brad Fischer's nephew)
Lois Lukeski (Taylor, Nicole and Alyssa Lukeski's Grandma)
Jeff Malm (Sue Wilson's brother)
Benny Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's dad)
Carmel Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's aunt)
Beth Osborne (Peter Creasey's sister)
Hank Pavlowski (Sandy Pavlowski's dad)
Dorothy Plankey (mother of Paul Plankey)
Jared Price (Peter and Chris Creasey's nephew)
Marion Raven (Ann and John Raven's daughter-in-law, Kim Palmerie's Sister-in-law)
Hulda Risdon (mother of Marge Biercevicz)
Sally Dunnigan Scott (Joan Slapikas' sister-in-law)
Grace Sederquest (mother of Barbara Rowe)
Yvon Theriault (Linda Theriault's father-in-law)
Nancy West (dear friend of Joan Slapikas)
Arthur Wood (Christine Creasey's father)
Betsey Wypychuski (Mary Ellen Pearce's cousin)

Call to the Semi-Annual Meeting
Of the Prospect Congregational Church

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Prospect Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2009 in the Sanctuary. The meeting will begin 20 minutes after the end of the worship service or at 11:30 a.m. (whichever is later). The purpose of this meeting is to present the 2009/2010 Budget and to vote on it and to conduct any other business that comes before the congregation.

2009/2010 Budget

The Church's Annual Meeting has been scheduled for June 28 following the worship service to present the Budget for the fiscal year 2009/2010. To date we have received 68 Covenants of Generosity totaling \$84,023.00 this is \$50,000.00 short of what we need to balance our budget. Therefore if you have not returned your covenant card to Inez as of yet, we would ask that you do so within the next week so that we can hopefully submit a balanced budget to the congregation. Thank you.

Church Repair Fund

The church repair fund was established in 2006 to pay for repairs and improvements to our church building. The repair fund draws from a line of credit from the Naugatuck Savings Bank. On a monthly basis, the church is billed an interest charge for the outstanding balance. Donations are made by various groups and church members and applied to the principal of the loan. As of 6/16/09, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$19,511.50.

At the last congregational meeting, a vote was taken to upgrade the fire alarm system in the church. The cost for this work is approximately \$12,000 and it was agreed that the money would come from the repair fund. This action will result in a future loan balance of approximately \$20,000.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ken Mann, Asst. Treasurer

Birthdays for July

3 Marge Biercevicz
Charlotte Van Kirk
Tiffany Worden
8 Bruce Barker
Mary Dapkins
12 Jonathan Normand
14 Allison Biercevicz
Kathy Brown
Geoffrey Gillott
15 Fred Barber
17 Peter Creasey
20 Bob Wellington
21 Chris Wester
22 Jackie Sicard
Ben Vitko
25 Christina Cerrato
26 Arlene Hughes
27 Ruth Edwards
31 Tim Beach, Sandi Stewart

Birthdays for August

1 Luke Sicard
5 Leslie Chatfield
Kristina Jacobson
6 Tina Sierra
7 Eric Holt
Alice Palen
9 Jason Wilson
10 Arnie Koehler
Jennifer Jones
12 Babette Strumpf
13 Nancy Marcella
Lisa Mancinone
14 Cheryl Palen
17 Tim Langschultz
18 Judy Fiengo
19 Joan Milton
Ken Mann
20 Rod Dapkins
21 Robert Chatfield
22 Betty Guevin
Mark Doody
23 Judy Koehler
Fred Strumpf
Edna Talmadge
25 Christine Creasey
26 Mark Cavallaro
30 Cory Tebbutt
Amanda Normand
Jayson Cavallaro





Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury is Building in Waterbury!

We'd like to invite the Prospect Congregational Church UCC - Our first covenant church to be our first "build" group. Our first official build day will be Saturday July 11. The day usually begins at 7:30 and ends around 3:30. We are looking for 12 volunteers to work with our building crew. We also need a "hospitality volunteer" to work with a representative of our hospitality committee at the site. Refreshments are an important element of the build day as well. We are looking of individuals or groups who would like to provide lunch for our "build" volunteers. In the AM, donuts/ muffins are always appreciated. To sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities



Christian Education Committee Announcements

The Nursery room will be cleaned by the CE and all unsafe and broken toys will be discarded. We would appreciate donations of toys, games, puzzles, crayons and coloring books for children under 5 years old. Please bring these donations to Mark Wilson, the office, or any of the CE members.

The Nursery will need lots of volunteers for childcare starting the 1st week in September if we are to be able to provide care for toddlers during church service. Please talk to Kelly Shaffer or Liz Normand if you are interested.

Reminders: Vacation Bible School is August 10-14 at 7 p.m. for ALL ages

Sundae Sunday is on September 13 to register your children for Sunday School and enjoy a free sundae

Sunday School starts on September 20 at 10:15.

Yours in Christ, Louise Beach

Heart-to-Heart Raffle for Kim Wadhams

Congratulations to the winners of the Heart-to-Heart Raffle that was drawn on Sunday, June 21.

The winners are:

1st Prize – Deacons Bench handmade by our own Carl Norman – Michael Palmerie

2nd Prize – Sewing Machine donated by The Vilardo Family – Victor Visockis

3rd Prize – Queen-size Bed Set Hand Crocheted by Liz Normand with help from the Happy Hookers – Carl Norman

Thank you to all who participated.

July's Dinner will be a chicken BBQ. Watch for more information in the weekly announcements, our church's website or the sign in front of the church.

See you all there!

Historian's Page

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN CALVIN THIS JULY

(This is the fourth 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*.)

The March 23rd issue of TIME magazine had a special feature, "10 Ideas Changing the World," written by David Van Bienen. Surprisingly, #3 was called "The New Calvinism," and it reminded us that the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth is this July. An account of Calvin's life and contributions is told on pages 2-5 in the history of the Prospect church. He was, indeed, born on July 10, 1509 in Noyon of Picardy, France, and was the most important leader of the Protestant Reformation after Martin Luther. He founded the Reformed movement, out of which grew both bodies that created the United Church of Christ, Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed, as well as Presbyterians, Baptists and others.

The article claims that Calvin's teaching about the sovereignty and predestination of God lies at the heart of the success of Evangelical preachers and leaders today and is the answer to modern moral and spiritual rootlessness. The article had to be written by someone of Dutch background with knowledge of Dutch history, for only such a one could remember the obscure Synod of Dort (Dordrecht) in 1618-19 in the Netherlands, which attempted to silence the followers of James Arminius, who restored the balance of human response in faith to the grace of God, or free will. (It just so happens that this was the subject of my honors thesis in college.) These followers of Arminius influenced the Anglican Church, the Wesleys, and the great English writers such as John Milton, Jon Bunyan, John Locke, who inspired the founders of this country.

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Deacon On Call:</i></p> <p><i>Carmen Cavallaro</i></p>			<p>1 10:30 a Memorial Service— Marathon Health Cntr</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p><i>Have a Safe & Happy 4th Of July</i></p>
<p>5 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>6 7p Deacons' Mtg @ the Normands</p>	7	8	9	10	11
<p>12 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr/ Casseroles 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>13 7p Committee Night 7p Finance Com. Mtg</p>	<p>14 7p Healing Service 7p BOT Mtg</p>	15	<p>16 10:30a Wor-ship - Marathon Health Cntr</p>	17	18
<p>19 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p>20 11a Worship – Village@ E Farms 7p CE Mtg</p>	21	22	23	24	25
<p>26 9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Deacon On Call:</i></p> <p><i>Deb Smegielski</i></p>						<i>1</i>
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<p>9</p> <p>9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr 5p Contemporary Service</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>7p Vacation Bible School</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7p Vacation Bible School</p> <p>7p Healing Service 7p BOT Mtg</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>7p Vacation Bible School</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>7p Vacation Bible School</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>7p Vacation Bible School</p>	<i>15</i>
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<p><i>30</i></p> <p>9a Worship 10a Coffee Hr Car Show No Contemporary Service</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>7p CE Mtg @ the Wilsons</p>					