

The Prospectus

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Pastor's Page

The last few months have flown by in what seems like but a brief moment. Filling in for Rev. Phyllis while she has been on sabbatical has been an amazing journey and I have been blessed many times over for having experienced it. How busy our little church is and how wondrous to see the inner workings of our congregation. As many of you know it was in this church that I was baptized and raised. Returning to the Prospect Congregational Church as interim pastor is, for me, a spiritual homecoming. It must be interesting for the long-time members of our church to see a former child, of so long ago, now in the pulpit.

Many of the church committees have continued to meet over the summer and this has proved to be very helpful to me. My thanks to them for their patience as I have plied them with questions. Stewart Crouse and various members of the choir have continued to provide sacred music and gifts of song for our summer services. The Deacons of our church have been pillars of strength and guidance. For those individuals who gave of their time and muscle for various projects, some yet to be completed, my deepest gratitude and appreciation. Special thanks to Raven and Emily for your assistance on projects this summer. As for Tina Soderberg – there simply aren't enough words to express my gratitude and appreciation. How blessed is this church to have her running our busy office.

It is my sincerest hope that I have served you well as your interim pastor, you have made me feel very supported and welcomed. For me, it has been a privilege. It has provided me with a priceless experience and many treasured memories. I hold each and every one of you in my heart.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doreen

Reminders from the Pastor

September is a whirlwind of activities. The 10 a.m. service begins on September 6, 2009. The following Sunday is September 13th and Sundae Sunday, so be sure to bring your children to sign up for Sunday School. Sunday School begins September 20th.

In addition, those people wishing to join our church will meet with our deacons following the 10 a.m. service on September 13th for orientation and information about the Prospect Congregational Church. They will be inducted into the church on September 27 at the 10 a.m. service.

The blessing of the Animals will be held on September 27 during the 5 p.m. worship service. However, those needing or wishing to bring their pets for an individual blessing before the service can bring them to the church between 4 and 5 p.m.

The Labyrinth Walk will take place during the 5 p.m. service, which will be held at the home of John and Rev. Doreen on the 11th of October. Those wishing further information may call the office. Join us for a truly spiritual experience.

The September Healing Service will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. Starting in October the Healing Services will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Healing takes place in many forms. Come and experience, with us, the presence of God.

September Birthdays

1	Jo Collins	13	Derek Brown
	Elizabeth Palmerie	19	Jennifer Mann
6	Sharon Mattice		Nicholas Mann
	Lois Van Wagner	24	Jonathan Saxton
7	Judy Kennelly	25	Sheryl Mann
8	Brian Doody	26	Mark Wilson
	Barbara Walsh	27	Andrea Einhorn
11	Liz Normand		
12	Debbie Smegielski		
	Krystal Hale		

September Anniversaries

10th Doug & Liz Patrick
26th Carmen & Diane Cavallaro

"Called to Care" Chronicles

Health Concerns

Louise Beach	Helen Donovan	Ruth Hansen	Roy Schellardt	Andrew Vilardo
Gloria Benson	Shoshe Drapin	Myrtle Hintz	Tina Sierra	Bernice Wilson
Carmen Cavallaro	Jake Dzubak	Lisa Holley	Joan Slapikas	Sherie Wilson
Jane Chatfield	Brad Fischer	Althea Hubbell	Elaine Steeves	Margaret Worden
Ruby DeCosta	Gayle Gourley	Ann Raven	Dave Stewart	Kim Wadhams

Prayers for our Military, including

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

The Village at East Farms

Myrtle Hintz

Glendale

Jo Collins
Roy Schellhardt

Cheshire/Highland Av

Nancy Robinson

Elim Park

Arrol Drew

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Kevin (Donna Dzubak's son)
Leah Soliel Abildgaard (Sue Ostuno's granddaughter)
Kevin Ackerman (nephew of Judy and Martin Niatopsky)
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)
Brandon Cavallaro (Carmen and Diane Cavallaro's grandson)
Joe Cavallaro (father of Carmen Cavallaro)
Arthur Compton (Alice Palen's brother)
John Curtis (Dave Curtis' brother)
Judy Czarkowsky (neighbor of Charles Peach)
Kevin Delaney (Bev Allen's Son-in-law)
Dean Charles Drapin (Shoshe Drapin's brother-in-law)
Gary Esposito (Friend of Rick and Liz Normand)
Justin Fortin (grandson of Alan (Carl) and Charlotte Geary)

Lloyd Hannula (Diana Trumbley's father)
Dane Hassan, Sr. (dear friend of the Slapikas Family)
Sean Healy (Ruby DeCosta's step-grandson)
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)

Condolences to

Dave Stewart and Family for the loss of their wife, mother, grandmother, Linda.

Ruby DeCosta and Family for the loss of Arlene DeCosta (Ruby's daughter-in-law).

Gary Arndt and Family for the loss of Gary's mom.

Congratulations

To Carmen and Diane Cavallaro and family on the birth of their new grandson Mark, Jr.

To Rob, Callie and little Rob Holley for the birth of Noah on August 31st, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.



INTRODUCING OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

May 31, 2009

ALIZA JANE CATERINO - Aliza is an 8th Grader at Long River Middle School and will be attending Woodland Regional High School in the fall. Her interests include singing, dancing and cheerleading. She thinks that, "Confirmation is so cool." Aliza is the daughter of Mark and Alaine Caterino. She has a sister Andie. Aliza's mentor is Raven Palmerie.


JULIE ANNA GREATOREX - Julie is in the 8th Grade at Long River Middle School. She has worked at an Art Studio and Woodhaven Country Club. Some of her interests are dance, singing and writing poems/songs. She has moved up in every class in dance and has all advanced classes now. Julie is the daughter of Tina and Rick Sierra. She has a sister Katie Lynn Greatorex. Julie's mentor is Tim Beach.

JOSEPH GABRIEL MASULLI - Joe is an 8th Grade student at Long River Middle School and will be entering Woodland in the Fall. He likes long walks on the beach, girls, lucky charms, Lance Bass and shoes? He loves apples and Steve Bruhl for President!! Joe is the son of Joe and Denise Masulli. He has a brother Michael. Joe's mentor is Tina Soderberg.

SARAH RUTH PARKER - Sarah is an 8th Grader at Long River Middle School and will go to Woodland Regional High School in the Fall. She likes cheerleading and singing. "Confirmation is Cool!" Sarah is the daughter of Andrew and Ruth Parker. She has three older brothers, Andy, Jr., Michael and Dave. Sarah's mentor is Cathy Yankowski.

EMILY DIANA TRUMBLEY - Emily is a student at Long River Middle School, in the 8th Grade. She will be going to Woodland Regional High School next school year. Her interests include soccer, swimming and running. On the Swim Team, she received the Coach's Award and for Cross Country she received the Teamship Award. Emily is the daughter of Bill and Diana Trumbley. She has an older brother Adam. Emily's mentor is Deb Colaci.

ERIN NICOLE WESTER - Erin is an 8th Grader at Long River Middle School and will be entering into Woodland Regional High School. She worked at Rivers Edge Farm as a stall cleaner. Her interests are horseback riding, cheerleading, waterboarding, friends, Live, Laugh, Love. Erin wants to thank everyone who has helped out this year's Confirmation Class. Erin is the daughter of Chris and Doriene Wester. She has a sister Megan. Erin's mentor is Sheryl Mann.





**3rd Annual
CARNIVAL
&
FALL
FESTIVAL
IN
PROSPECT**

CARNIVAL RUNS SEPTEMBER 17, 18 & 19
Thursday & Friday 6-10pm
Saturday 12-10pm

FALL FESTIVAL RUNS SEPTEMBER. 19
Saturday 11-7pm

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Summer vacation bible school was very successful this year. Our program of Crocodile Dock was enjoyed by all. We had visits everyday from Chatter the Chipmunk, learned bible stories, had crafts, games, snacks and songs. There was tremendous help from all who attended. We had as many adults as we did children for the program. I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped. Without each of you this would not be as successful as it is. Thank you again to everyone.

Our new season of Sunday School is coming up soon. We will start up again with our Sundae Sunday on September 13th. We will have registration for our classes and ice cream for all. Sunday School will start the following week on September 20th.

We still are in need of teachers for our classes. If you could find the time to help us out with our youth, please see Mark anytime after church, or you can call me at 203-758-3867. I am hoping to have classes for Pre-K and Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2, Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, and finally for our High School Class. The High School class will be held during the weekday on a day to be announced.

Our new curriculum for the Fall Session 2009 is in. For all prospective teachers I will be having session in Spellman hall for the teachers to collect their new curriculum and familiarize themselves with the lessons. I will be there on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm on September 10th and September 11th.

Our Foster Grandparent program will restart up again the first Sunday in October. On October 4th we will again visit the Convalescent Home leaving the Church around 10:15 and returning around 11:15. Everyone who goes always has a good time and provides needed companionship for those who need it. Become a part of the giving. Join Christian Education as a part of our solution to educating our children.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Wilson
Christian Education Coordinator

NURSERY CARE SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

13TH - KELLY SHAFFER AND TAYLOR SHAFFER

20TH - BOB SHAFFER AND ROBIN MOORE

27TH - JAN SNYDER AND MARYELLEN PEARCE

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OCTOBER

4TH - KELLY SHAFFER AND TAYLOR SHAFFER

11TH - PEGGY HAZEN AND SUE WHITE

18TH - BOB SHAFFER AND ROBIN MOORE

25TH - JAN SNYDER AND MARYELLEN PEARCE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR NURSERY CARE, PLEASE SEE JAN SNYDER OR KELLY SHAFFER.

ATTENTION!!

As many of you have heard, we had an anonymous donation of an Autonomic External Defibrillator (AED). This is in response to a news story in May (article in coat room) about a man in the Fairfield Congregational Church that had a cardiac arrest during the church service and was saved by an AED.

We will be mounting it near the Parlor back staircase so that it accessible on both levels of the church. Selected nurses, EMTs, fire and police personnel will be initially trained to use the AED followed by more members of the congregation as needed. This is an easy machine to operate but training is still required for safety.

Thank-you and more information will be available in upcoming issues.

NURSERY CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in need of volunteers for our newly remodeled nursery. Please see any member of Christian Education or the minister if you can help us out 1 or 2 Sundays. We will also be working on the installation of speakers in the room so that the service can be heard. Thank you, the CE Committee



Senior Choir Rehearsals

Summer is coming to an end: it's time to think Choir!!!!


We will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. and will meet weekly. We will start singing during the service on September 13th. Looking forward to working on new pieces as well as some favorites for Thanksgiving and the Advent/Christmas season.

Anyone who wishes to sing in the choir is welcome to join us.

See you on the 9th.

Sincerely,

Stewart Crouse
Minister of Music



Hello to all members & Friends!

It's hard to imagine that it has been 1 year since the Prospectus has been on line! How are we doing? We are again asking all of you that still wish to receive the Prospectus by mail to please pay \$10 to the church office to cover postage for the year. If you are receiving this on line and need to edit or add an e-mail please let us know using the church website.

Thank-you,

Newsletter staff

MONTHLY DINNERS

Wow! That's the only way I can describe the Chicken Barbecue we held on Saturday August 22nd. Thank you for all the donations of food, desserts, flowers and cash to get things going again. It was so heartwarming on Friday night before the dinner. So many folks came up to help prepare the food and to arrange and set the tables. It was truly a time of good fellowship. We arrived at 6 p.m. and were home by 8:30 p.m. The attendance at the dinner was fantastic. We even (sadly) had to turn folks away at the door. It was nice to have folks from Bethany, Cheshire, Wolcott, Naugatuck and Waterbury in attendance. My thanks go out to those of you who grilled the chicken, prepared the food, set the tables, served the food, sold the tickets and cleaned up. Many hands really do lighten the load.

The next monthly dinner is scheduled for Saturday October 17th at 5 p.m. No dinner will take place in September due to a busy schedule. Please come out and support the Carnival. A German dinner will be served in October. Mark your calendars now and start telling your friends. I will be contacting folks to donate food or cash for the dinner. Volunteers will also be needed with food preparation, serving and clean up. I am also looking for raffle items. Please contact me if you can help me in any of these areas. On a personal note, it was bittersweet organizing the dinner without my mom but she sure would have been happy with the results.

Thank you,
Sherie Wilson

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.

At the last congregational meeting, a discussion was held on the need 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. As of 8/16/09, the outstanding balance of the loan was \$16,143.99.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Ken Mann, Asst. Treasurer

PROSPECT CEMETERY TELLS THE STORY OF THE CHURCH

(This is the fifth 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*.)

On Sunday, June 12 the Church Historian led a guided tour of the Prospect Cemetery, with a small but very engaged group of people. It was suggested that such a tour should be an annual event because there is so much to cover. It was pointed out that a cemetery serves five functions: 1) First and foremost, as the final resting place of our loved ones, family, friends, neighbors, fellow church members, co-workers; 2) as an important genealogical resource, helping with names and dates on one's family tree; 3) as a place of great historical interest, since a cemetery can tell the story of a church and a town; 4) as an outdoor museum, with examples of the stonecutters' art in the 18th and 19th centuries and of different architectural styles, materials, symbols; 5) in past generations as a park with peace and solitude, where families or individuals might go after church or at other times.

The Prospect Cemetery tells the story of the Prospect Congregational Church and its predecessor, the Church of Christ in Columbia. In the original 1805 part of the cemetery a prominent monument is for Capt. Gideon Hotchkiss (1716-1807), the first Deacon of the church. Capt. Hotchkiss was involved in both the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. The highest ranking officer from that period was Col. Jesse Ford (1742-1821), who used to live where Trotters Drive is today, north of Cheshire Road. There are at least eight charter members of the church when it was organized in 1798: Abraham Hotchkiss (1743-1806), who deeded the land that is now the Green; Hannah Hotchkiss (1767-1824); Jerusha Hotchkiss (1759-1824); Damaris Tuttle (1758-1835); Deacon Ira Smith (1758-1835); Ephraim Smith (1732-1806); Thankful Smith (1723-1808); and Eben Hotchkiss (1757-1853).

Other leaders in the town and church were: David Miles Hotchkiss (1797-1878) who came up with the name of Prospect; Jared Burr (1759-1829), the original First Selectman; Asahel Chittenden (1763-1813), who ran the first store and post office; and Samuel Castle (1777-1826) and his wife Hannah Castle (1782-1839), who ran the first Inn or tavern north of the Green. Important benefactor families include Nancy Mariah Hotchkiss (1826-1899) who left her house and all her possessions to the church; and abed Tuttle (1776-1856) and his wife Lucretia Tuttle (1776-1862), parents of Bronson Tuttle who gave the money for the original library on the Green as well as large donations to the church.

Later 19th century and early 20th century leaders, who are buried in the oldest part of the cemetery are: David Plumb (1864-1948) who was Town Clerk for 37 years; Deacon Benjamin Brown (1815-1900); Mabel Hotchkiss (1882-1966); Ruth Hotchkiss (1885-1978); Merritt Clark (1819-1894) and his wife Mary Skilton Clark (1824-1901). Another long-serving Deacon, Gilbert B. Hotchkiss, is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Waterbury. There are also at least 25 Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery, with an additional monument erected by the Prospect Historical Society in memory of those who may lie in unmarked graves.

Among those in the newer 1898 part of the cemetery are: Jim Bramhall, Nellie and Ruth Cowdell, Lavergne and Katherine Clark, Halsey and Fannie Clark, Clifford and Claribel Clark, Edgar and Clifford Wallace, Carl and Edith Canfeld, Theodore and Albert Allen, Ray and Ruth Chandler, Lou, William and Bessie Morison, Richard Varis, Dorothy Harlow, Carl and Sherman Benson, Roy and Margaret Merriman, John Chatfield, W. Ronald Morse, William Davis, Charles Hodges, Frank and Annie Plumb.

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Deacon On Call:</i></p> <p><i>Peter Creasey</i></p>		1	2 10:30a Memorial Service Marathon Health Center	3	4	5
6 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour No Contemporary Service	7 Office Closed! Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day	8 7p BOT Mtg	9 7p Healing Ser- vice	10 7:30p Sr. Choir	11	12
13 Sundae Sunday 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 5p Contemporary Service	14 7p Deacon's Mtg 7p Finance Com 7p Committee Night	15	16 6:30p Evening Women's Assoc	17 10:30a Worship @ Marathon Health Cntr 6-10p Carnival 7:30p Sr. Choir	18 6-10p Carnival	19 11-7 Fall Festival Noon-10p Carnival
20 10a Worship 1st Day of Sunday School 11a Coffee Hour 5p Contemporary Service	21 11a Worship - Vil- lage at E. Farms 7p Council Mtg	22	23	24 7:30p Sr. Choir	25	26
27 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 4p Blessing of the Animals- Green 5p Contemporary Service	28	29	30			