

The Meeting House Times

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ

October, 2008

Our Annual Fall Festival - Columbus Day Weekend

Friday - October 10th, 10:00 to 4:00

Saturday - the 11th, 10:00 to 4:00

Sunday - the 12th, noon to 3:00

By the time you read this, the Fall Festival will be almost upon us. As always, your participation is crucial to making this weekend a success. Are you already signed up to be part of a particular activity? Please don't wait to be asked; contact **Jenn Good (435-4710)** and she'll be happy to suggest where you can help. Or call the following activity organizers directly:



Country Kitchen: Linda Estabrook 824-5896 (see separate article elsewhere in this issue).

Dining Room: Sarah Polhemus 435-2158,
Ann Cuddy 435-0070

Treasure Trove: Barbara Collins 435-0051

Lunch Kitchen: Janet Kaufman 435-1350

Hot Dog Tent: Roseanne Lamson 435-0053

Silent Auction: Sara Wardell 435-4902

Street Fair/Children's Activities: Dick Taber and
the Youth Fellowship 435-2442

Global Crafts: Kathy Mera 435-0389

Decorations: Debbie Mark 435-0468,
Sarah Rydingsword 435-9479

Greeters: Jane Capecelatro 435-2359

Yes, the Treasure Trove is back more plentiful than ever! And to take advantage of the increasing number of Sunday activities and people in town, we are opening two of our activities for the first time on Sunday - from noon to 3:00; the Treasure Trove and the Global Crafts room will

be open for sales. And as in years past, the Global Crafts will remain open on Sundays in the church parlor through the first weekend in December.

Mike Fitting (435-2039) is in charge of setting up on Sunday afternoon, October 5th. There will be two takedown sessions: Saturday afternoon, the 11th, at 4:00, and Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Strong backs and arms are needed both times.

And for those who can't be with us that weekend but who want to help, we always welcome financial contributions to help underwrite the many costs involved. Every dollar that we don't spend is another dollar that goes toward the good works our proceeds make happen. You may send a check to the Congregational Church Fall Festival, PO Box 392, Salisbury, CT 06068. Many thanks!

Remember to invite family and friends to all that's going on this weekend. It's a special time to celebrate the wonderful talents of our church neighbors, plus many of the businesses in the village.

Questions? Please contact any of the Fall Festival Committee. It's time to get involved!

Chairman: Lee Collins 435-0051

Coordinator: Mike Fitting 435-2039

Secretary: Janet Kaufman 435-1350

Recruitment: Jennifer Good 435-4710

Publicity: Deborah Pastore 596-4090

Treasurer: John Estabrook 824-5986

The Annual Meeting, Part I, will be held directly after everyone gets a chance to go to get their coffee on **Sunday morning, October 26th**. It is important that you all attend so that you can consider and vote on the proposed budget. There will also be an important conversation regarding the meaning and implications of Mr. Taber's retirement.



Thula Sizwe Concert

Friday, October 3rd at 7:30
In Our Meeting House

Thula Sizwe (pronounced Too-lah Seez-weh), meaning "Hush and Listen," is an international singing group based on ancient Zulu cultural traditions. Established in 1986 in the midst of political struggles, Thula Sizwe hails from a township just outside of Pretoria, South Africa.



The tradition of competitions between different singing groups became very popular in the apartheid era, when many men lived far from their families in order to find work. The men would form groups to sing and dance to entertain themselves in these times of isolation. Group leader, Abel Diamini, while working in a vanadium mine, discovered and encouraged a number of talented young Christian men and groomed them to help preserve their traditional culture in the form of music and dance.

This event will raise our cultural awareness and is great entertainment for all ages. Come and bring your friends and neighbors!!

Join Us for Supper

Our monthly potluck supper will be on **Friday, October 24th at 5:30** for anyone and everyone who would like a casual evening out. Bring a large main dish or salad (either homemade or take-out) to share. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Bring the family! Bring a friend!

Folks usually sit around and talk after supper - lots of good conversation. Want to bring a board game? Feel free. Have to eat and run? That's okay, too!

You don't have to RSVP but you can if you want to: **Barbara Collins (435-0051)** or **Sarah Rydingsword (435-9479)**. Need a ride? Give us a call.



Come Walk with Us - Hope Starts with You!

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" is a noncompetitive three-mile walk to help fight breast cancer and provide hope to people facing the disease. Your participation will support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving research, prevention, early detection, and support programs for thousands of patients and their families. **The walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2008, at The White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, CT.** Registration opens at 11 a.m., survivor luncheon at noon, and the walk begins at 1 p.m. For more information on the walk or to register, go to:

www.cancer.org/stridesonline

click on Connecticut

click on Litchfield

If you would like to walk or form a team, please contact Theresa Mullin at 860-294-2431 or theresamullin@cancer.org.

More Zen Wisdom

Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

Duct tape is like "The Force." It has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.

Upcoming Sundays

Mike Ciba to Preach October 19th

We will welcome the Rev. Michael Ciba, our Regional Conference Minister, to our pulpit. He has been and will continue to be heavily involved in helping us in our time of transition and especially in guiding our excellent Search Committee.

Reformation Sunday, October 26th

We will celebrate the many contributions of Martin Luther to our Protestant faith including, of course, lusty congregational hymn singing.

Taber Talk

“We Would Be Building”

It has been a joy to welcome so many new and returning families to our worship and Church School. The Open House breakfast sponsored by the Deacons was a wonderful occasion and offered us an opportunity to greet people who were interested in our church life. Barbara Collins reports that our church school rooms are delightfully full.

If you are new to our church, we want to say, “Whoever you are and wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.” I hope that you will discover that our community of faith is lively, diverse and friendly. We are fortunate to have many people who share their talents in the desire to build up the body of Christ in this place. Please feel free to be in touch with us if you have questions or concerns or if you just want to get better acquainted.

And respecting the fact that there are many demands on your time, our Fall Festival is an occasion where you can get to know our church members better as you work side by side with them. If you are able to give a little of your time, call Jenn Good (435- 4710).

If you are a more well-seasoned member, I hope that you will reach out and welcome our newcomers and share with them some of the positive reasons you have chosen to belong here. Especially in this time of transition, I hope it will be abundantly clear that we have uplifting worship, strong and dedicated lay leadership, an excellent church school program, and great music. We are blessed!

Warm wishes to all, Dick Taber

After a worship service, a pastor was greeting people at the front door. A woman shook his hand vigorously and said, “That was a very helpful sermon. You know, you ought to have your sermons put in a book.”

“Thank you!” answered the pastor. “Maybe my wife will have some of them published after I’m dead and gone.”

“Well, all right” responded the elderly saint, “but the sooner the better. ”

Calling All Bakers and Makers

The Fall Festival’s “Country Kitchen” needs your help. We need pies, cakes, cookies, breads, or any other type of baked goods, jams, jellies, and fudge. We will be open to sell items on **Saturday, October 11th**, and if there are leftovers, on Sunday afternoon, October 12th.



Items can be left at the Church on Friday evening between 5 and 8 pm, or Saturday, before 9:30 am. They should be tagged with “Congregational Church,” since other churches and groups will also be bringing goodies for sale.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 824-5896. Early mornings between 7 and 8 am, or evenings between 6 and 10 pm are the best times to reach me.

Linda Estabrook Chairperson, Country Kitchen
Fall Festival 2008

Natalie Michaux Crain

8:34 pm on September 23rd

19 inches, 7 lbs. 12 oz.



“Hello, Al’s Office Supply? While I admire your gumption, I’m afraid these offering envelopes are too big.”



1st	Lester Hoysradt
2nd	Jim LaPier
3rd	Charlie Noyes, Ken Craig
4th	Helen Leahy, Jack Leahy
6th	Clare Rashkoff, Al Sly
9th	Mark Alexander, Alfred Richardson
10th	Michele Hanlon
12th	John Hoffman, Jano Fairservis
13th	Vince Hanlon
15th	Patricia Palmer, Carolyn Ronayne
16th	Colin May
20th	Duane Estes
22nd	Belle Reel
23rd	Trudy Allyn
24th	Judi Gott, Jennifer Kronholm
25th	Anne Williams
26th	Chico Aller
27th	Nancy Sills

Special dates

- o World Communion Sunday - October 5th
- o Columbus Day Observance -
Monday, October 13th
- o Reformation Sunday - October 26th
- o Reformation Day - Friday, October 31st

Stephanie Tierney's family news

Sarah (DeProdocini) moved to Seattle in 2004. She is a play-room coordinator at Children's Hospital and a resource room manager at University of Washington Hospital. She wants to start her graduate work in health education in September of 2009. She is also planning to be married in Seattle on August 30, 2009 to a very nice fellow!

Holly will be volunteering in Karnataka, India for six months starting January 9th, through the United Planet organization. She's raised some funds to accomplish this but plans to do a dinner/entertainment fund-raiser on November 22nd through the help of our church. Stay tuned!

Our October Calendar

Wednesday, the 1st: Prayer Group - 10:15

Friday, the 3rd: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00
Thula Sizwe concert - 7:30

Sunday, the 5th:
Worship with Communion
and Church School - 10:00
Board of Trustees - 11:15
Youth Fellowship - 5:00

Friday, the 10th: NO Bible study groups
Fall Festival - 10:00 to 4:00

Saturday, the 11th: Fall Festival - 10:00 to 4:00

Sunday, the 12th:
Worship and Church School - 10:00
Board of Christian Action - 11:15
Treasure Trove and
Global Crafts sales - 12:00 to 3:00

Wednesday, the 15th: Prayer Group - 10:15

Friday, the 17th: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00

Sunday, the 19th: The Rev. Mike Ciba preaching
Worship and Church School - 10:00
Church Council - 11:15

Friday, the 24th: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00

Sunday, the 26th: Reformation Sunday
Worship and Church School - 10:00
Annual Meeting, Part I - 11:15

Monday, the 27th: Board of Deacons - 4:30

Wednesday, the 29th: Prayer Group - 10:15

My youngest, April, juggled three part-time jobs this summer, doing food prep, actual cooking, and making goat cheese and fudge. She moved into her dorm at the Connecticut Culinary Institute in Hartford on September 14th and is slated to graduate in December of 2009 in pastry and baking.

Make a



This is a fun art project you can do on a rainy day.

You will need:

- ▷ rain
- ▷ paper
- ▷ water-soluble markers
- ▷ old newspapers

How to make the picture:

- ▷ In the house, use the markers to draw shapes, lines and designs on the paper.
- ▷ Go outside and put your picture in the rain for about 20 seconds.
- ▷ Take it back into the house and lay it on some newspapers to dry.

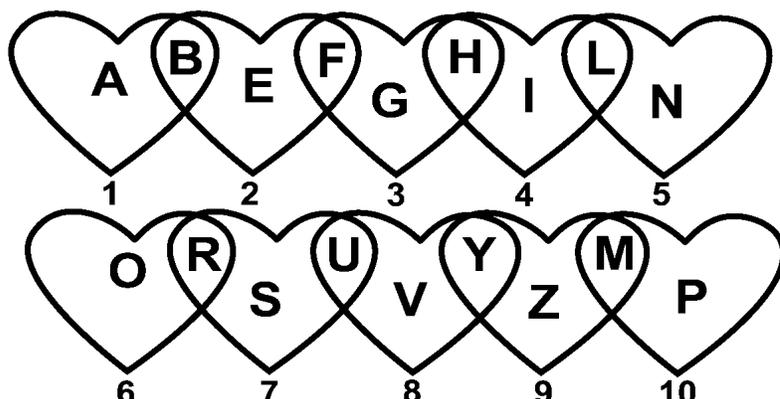
The rain helped you create a masterpiece!





THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV).
Do you remember what the second great commandment is?
Use the code below to discover it.



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”

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Why God made moms: Answers given by second grade school children

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power, 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.