

The Meeting House Times

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ
Summer, 2008

Summer Preaching Schedule

Once again we are very fortunate to have the services of the Rev. Duane Estes and the Rev. Alvord Beardslee who will preach and conduct worship during our Pastor's vacation.

Duane Estes will be in the pulpit June 22nd and June 29th



Alvord Beardslee on July 6th and 13th

We are blessed to have such two capable and inspiring preachers in our own congregation.

Children's Worship Bulletins Available



Beginning with the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend, children's worship bulletins will be available in the narthex of the church. One is suitable for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12. The bulletins are based on scripture and include words puzzles, follow-the-dots and illustrations to be colored. We hope that children and their parents will appreciate this new resource. There's no reason to stop attending church just because there is no church school until September!

Summer Sunday Crop Table

When you plant your garden this summer or as you are adding frost-tender crops, add a row of extra vegetables you don't really need. Bring some to church on Sunday mornings to add to our CROP table in the parish hall corridor. Your neighbors will leave a grateful donation for real locally-grown produce, and the funds will go toward the CROP Walk to feed the world's hungry.



Summertime, and the livin' is easy - fish are jumpin', and . . . the attic needs clearing out! As you start your summer cleaning, remember the Fall Festival, because this year !!BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND !! is the Treasure Trove!

Please put items aside or ask about bringing them to the church basement. Help us make the 2008 Treasure Trove a trove of treasures to remember!

Silver Lake - Now and For the Future

All of the churches in the Connecticut Conference have been invited to participate in a major capital campaign to maintain and upgrade the facilities at the Silver Lake Conference Center. The Center has been an invaluable resource, not only for the hundreds of youth who attend each summer, but also for adults and intergenerational groups who come to Silver Lake throughout the year to experience fellowship and to deepen their faith. Many men and women who arrive at our seminaries to prepare for ordination first heard the beckoning of the Holy Spirit while at Silver Lake.



Kathy Mera has agreed to serve as chairperson for our committee, so be prepared to learn more about this opportunity to support the wider church.

A Father's Influence

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16% chance that the rest of the family will also attend. Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93% chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

Yes, it's that time of year again! As the Fall Festival Committee knows, October will be here before we know it. The Festival will be held on Columbus Day weekend, as usual - Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, the 11th.



Changes - always changes! And this year is no exception. Over the past years the Silent Auction has grown to contribute the largest part of the Festival proceeds by far, but as it has grown, so have its organization and execution problems. Sara Wardell did a first-rate job and carried it off beautifully last year, but it took much too much time. We also found that the proceeds continue to dwindle each year; people just aren't bidding like they used to. So we have decided to scale back the Silent Auction to a few selected choices, and to resurrect the Treasure Trove. Each year Festival-goers have asked for it, and we have now found people to run it, so it's on for 2008!

Begin saving your clean, usable, salable items for the Treasure Trove! We are planning a major cleanout of the church basement, and there will be some storage space available. Please note: no books or magazines and no linen or clothing.

We are also considering another first - running only the Treasure Trove on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, from noon until 4:00. At this point it's in the talking stage, but we are considering this change that will not disrupt our Sunday worship or church school.

As in years past, we encourage you to be a part of this major effort. Believe us when we say that there's a way for everyone to be involved! Our Recruitment person Jenn Good will coordinate connecting volunteers with activities and people who need help. Her phone number is below, and it's never too early to volunteer!

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact one of us.

- Chair - Lee Collins 435-0051
- Coordinator - Mike Fitting 435-2039
- Secretary - Janet Kaufman 435-1350
- Recruitment - Jennifer Good 435-4710
- Publicity - Debbie Pastore 596-4090
(yes, it's a Lakeville number)
- Treasurer - John Estabrook 824-5896

Summer Maintenance Projects

Work will soon begin on two very visible and important Meeting House maintenance projects:

- Unmoved but much worn after two hundred years, the heavy granite steps at the front doors will be repaired and replaced. Stonemasons will retain what they can, including the carved date "1800," but will replace most of the massive stones with matching granite slabs. As we enter the Meeting House, many of us enjoy the reminder of the continuity of worship here and the thousands of feet that have worn these steps. With this project, we also look to the future and another 200 years of welcoming our members and guests.

- Scaffolding and protective shielding have already gone up on the Library Street side of the Meeting House to allow the removal of all remnants of lead paint. Jeff Fox's crew will paint the south-facing walls of both the Meeting House and parish hall. At the same time, new efficient entry doors will also be installed on that side of the parish hall.

We know we will be inconvenienced for a time, but only as part of our continuing tradition of care for these beautiful buildings.

Sue Morrill, for the Trustees

The Youth Group will spend a day at Six Flags in Springfield - Saturday, June 14th - leaving at 8:00.



Search Committee Update

For the past three months the committee has been gathering information and compiling a profile of our church; this information will be used to acquaint Associate Pastor candidates with our congregation, our thoughts and needs, and what we can offer the new person. The text has been edited, polished, and coupled with photographs in a very attractive brochure designed and produced by Pamela Wyeth. Some of us knew Pamela only as a financial assistant to our Treasurer John Arnold. We now know that she is a very talented and experienced graphic designer who has also recently redone our church web site.



Be sure to look over our new web site -
<http://www.salisburycongregational.org>
It's impressive!

And so is the brochure. We do not have enough of them to lend out, but there will be several on the Bible bookcase in the parish hall. Please peruse them there; they're not to be taken away.

We have met again with the Rev. Mike Ciba from the UCC CT Conference Office, and we are now preparing to receive resumes and interview prospective candidates. As we were advised three months ago, the process will now enter the stage that will be less open - not done in secrecy, but in confidence. Nevertheless, we will try our best to keep members and friends aware of what we are doing, and we continue to depend on your prayers and good wishes.

For the Search Committee, Lee Collins

Betsy Beck, Lee Collins (Chair), Jane Elwood,
John Estabrook, Mike Fitting, Kathy Mera,
David Rich, Sarah Rydingsword, Sara Wardell

Pamela Wyeth (jr., not her mother) is looking for a small, affordable cottage or apartment (preferably the former) in the northwest corner or southern Berkshire County. If you know of one, please call her (413)229-8213.

After the Korean War had ended, an American journalist was searching for human-interest stories. Inside a clinic run by Christians, he found a nun who was treating a Korean peasant's gangrenous wound.

The sight of the ugly infection turned the reporter's stomach. He said to the nun, "I wouldn't do what you're doing for all the money in the world!"

The nurse calmly kept at her task and simply replied, "Neither would I."

Healthy Spirituality

While studying elderly people and their immune systems, Duke University scientists discovered that senior adults who attend worship regularly have healthier immune systems than those who don't attend regularly.

And at the University of California, Los Angeles, a study showed that college students who participate in religious activities have better emotional and mental health than those with no religious involvement. A high degree of spirituality correlated with high self-esteem.

Participating in worship and other church activities appears to boost not only your spiritual health but also your physical and mental health. Make a commitment to stay involved - even in the busy summer months ahead.

*Will you not revive
us again,
that your people
may rejoice
in you?*





JUNE Birthdays

1st	Rebecca Rashkoff
2nd	Mark Capecelatro
4th	Caitlin Hanlon
6th	Monica Chin, Ann Cuddy, Nathaniel O'Niel
7th	Kit Kellogg, Debbie Mark, William Tedder
8th	Charlotte Reid
9th	Joseph Habacker
10th	Elliot Bok, Jill Westsmith
11th	Max Babigian
14th	Reginald Lamson
15th	Marian Ferguson
16th	Elise Babigian, David Offensend
17th	Millard Hayner
18th	Megan Noyes, Valerie Rout
19th	Malcolm Brown, Chris Janelli
21st	Robert Kuhbach
24th	Alexandra Deprodcini
26th	Josh Allyn, Danielle Wilkinson, Wyeth Billinger
27th	Peggy Sands, Nancy Hegy Martin
29th	Norm Sills

JULY Birthdays

1st	Nick Branchina
2nd	Roger Elwood
4th	Brodie Craig
5th	Matthew Rogers
7th	Janet Accardo, Elise LaFosse, Nick Noyes, Isabella Flemma
15th	Dick Dwelley, Peggy Heck
16th	John Estabrook, April Tierney
17th	Doris Richardson
18th	Jane Elwood
19th	Jane Bok
20th	Ben Gott
24th	Christopher Offensend
25th	Marge Cluff
27th	Marilyn Ritchie
29th	Joan Turnure
30th	Nancy Smith

Our June Calendar

Board of Trustees - Sunday, the 1st - 11:15

Board of Deacons - no meeting in June.

Meetings on July 28th and August 25th - 4:30

Board of Christian Action - Sunday, the 8th - 11:15

Church Council - Sunday, the 15th - 11:15

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, the 11th & 25th -10:15;
July 9th & 23rd; August 6th & 20th**

During June, July and August, Sunday services will be held at 10:00, as usual, and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday morning Crib/Nursery care is provided throughout the summer.

Church boards and committees may not meet on their usual schedule. If in doubt about a meeting, contact the chairman.

AUGUST Birthdays

1st	Noelle Fitting
3rd	Sarah Polhemus, Christine Curry
4th	Tony Good
7th	Amanda Palmer
8th	Carla Brown
10th	Zachary Chandler, Larry Blades
13th	Amelia Bell
14th	Chance O'Niel, Kenneth Weir
19th	Haili Elwood
22nd	Matthew Chin
24th	Rose Genito
25th	Mary Davidson
26th	Gloria Buckley
28th	Louise Brown
29th	Orrin Rydingsword
31st	Ruth Tyrol

Special dates in June

- Flag Day, Saturday, June 14th
- Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th
- First day of summer, Friday, June 20th

Taber Talk

Dear Friends,

I look forward to a time of re-creation. One of our many blessings is our family summer place near the water in Mystic, CT. We enjoy sailing - an activity which demands that one work in concert with the forces of nature. You can't control what the wind will do, but you can do what you can, to see that you are prepared with enough and not too much canvas - sort of a metaphor for life.

And the tide rises and falls without any help from me. There is a humbling and a refreshing rhythm of life on this amazing planet.

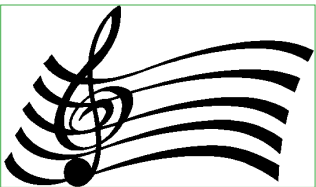
I wish to congratulate again the young people who were confirmed on May 4th and to thank those who conducted the Youth Sunday Service on May 18th. You have truly taken "the road less traveled." I appreciate the support and assistance of the parents and the hard work of the Board of Deacons who provided a memorable dinner and a moving service of confirmation.

I wish you peace and refreshment this summer. "May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

Dick Taber

LOCOS Expresses Appreciation

The Light Opera Company of Salisbury (LOCOS) once again extends its profound gratitude to the church for allowing us Monday evening use of rehearsal space this summer, the eleventh season since its founding by Georgia McEver. The Labor Day weekend performances on behalf of a local charity will be different in at least two exciting respects this year:



First of all, the Al Sly Music Fund has been selected as the designated beneficiary of the net proceeds of both of this year's performances.

And secondly, in response to the escalating costs of staging a full scale production at Hotchkiss' Walker Auditorium, Trial By Jury - to be followed by highlights from Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado, Pirates of Penzance, H.M.S. Pinafore and other favorites - will be staged right here in our church's parish hall. Performances will be Friday evening, August 29th, at 8:00, followed by a 2:00 Saturday matinee on August 30th.

Anyone within earshot of the church and wondering why the shingles appear to be shivering between the hours of 7 and 9 on Monday evenings (beginning in June) is welcome to quietly observe divas doing their thing.

Chico Aller, for LOCOS

Every Member Canvass Update

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge toward our 2008 Every Member Canvass campaign goal of \$193,018. We are very close to meeting the pledge goal and would appreciate the help of any who may have missed out on returning a pledge card back in November.



Members sometimes ask us about the status of their pledge giving. Have I sent in half? Am I closer to three-quarters there on the pledged total?

So this year the Trustees and I decided it would be helpful to send everyone a midyear status update on his or her individual contributions toward the 2008 pledge campaign. Later this month, everyone who pledged will receive a letter summarizing their contributions as of May 31st. This will help members know the amount they have contributed so far and will assist the Trustees as they anticipate expenses for the second half of the year.

Many thanks again, for all that you have given (and will give) this year. We are very grateful.

Sara Wardell, Every Member Canvass chair

What I've Learned

I've learned . . .

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

That when you're in love, it shows.

That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

That being kind is more important than being right.

That you should never say "no" to a gift from a child.

That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him or her in some other way.

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart that understands.

That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

That I wish I could have told my Dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.

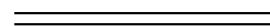
That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

That I should keep my words both soft and tender, because tomorrow I may have to eat them.



A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race come about?"

The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so all humankind followed."

The girl then asked her father the same question. He replied, "Many years ago there were big monkeys, and we evolved from them."

The confused girl returns to her mother: "Mom, how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God and Papa says we evolved from monkeys?"

She replied, "Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about the origin of my side of the family, and your father told you about his side."

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Give this unusual message to a family member or friend to announce summer's arrival — and invite them to join you in some summertime fun!

What you need:

- Summer treasures and trinkets (see ideas below)
- Empty plastic bottle with cap
- Paper and pencil
- Ribbon or tape

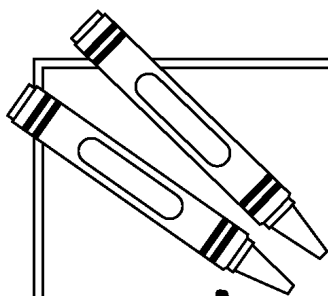
What you do:

1. With your parents, think of summertime activities and destinations. Then find, make or buy related items that will fit inside the bottle. (Note that you can also use stickers, magazine pictures or your own drawings.)

Examples include:

- Beach day: sand or shells
- Camping: ingredients for s'mores
- Vacation Bible School: biblical bookmark or VBS trinket
- Making Popsicles: wooden craft stick
- Going to a movie: popcorn

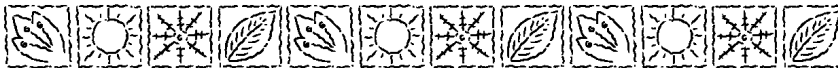
2. Place all your objects in the bottle.
3. Write a letter asking someone to guess your summer plans — and inviting them to join you.
4. Roll up your letter tightly with ribbon or tape it closed. Then place the letter inside the bottle and close with cap.
5. Deliver your message.












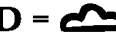
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









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


Warmer weather means summer has arrived! God's beautiful creation is always changing, and we can praise God for every season.























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







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



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Genesis 8:22, NIV

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

A church school teacher was explaining how God created Eve out of Adam's rib. Suddenly, a student who enjoyed showing off started groaning and grabbing his side.

When the teacher asked what the boy's problem was, he said with a grin, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."