

# The Meeting House Times

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ  
 Summer 2010



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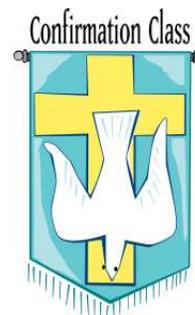
Pamela Wyeth, Editor



## Confirmation - 2010



A gallery of confirmands' pictures is available on the church's website on the "Children & Youth" page.



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~ Stay Plugged In ~



We are heading into the summer, a time when many congregations *take a break* from church. That isn't our plan at SCC, however. I'd like to share some of the things that will be happening and offered during the summer months.

First, we will be continuing our relationship with Silver Lake Camp by joining their worship service at the campgrounds on Sunday, June 27th. A map will be provided with detailed directions to the site and the chapel where worship will take place. For those unable to attend at Silver Lake, an optional service will be provided at the Meeting House led by Rev. Beardslee.

This will spring us into our summer services, which will take on a more casual flavor during July and August, the details of which will be forthcoming in the ensuing weeks.

Next, our mid-week study will continue through the summer with two offerings:

*A Practice of Prayer* (June) – a 5-week series on different methods and approaches to prayer, looking at a different type each week, which will include both historical context, instruction, and finally time to actually practice the type of prayer being discussed; and

*The Shack* written by William Young (July) – a 4-week “book club” type study of this widely read, yet somewhat controversial book about extreme forgiveness and viewing God in entirely new ways.

Finally, following our study of Diana Butler-Bass's book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, the individuals discussing the book have jointly made some determinations about how and in what ways they feel the church might benefit from applying the principals she puts forth. Perhaps the most significant is the idea of creating a *Living Into the Future Together (LIFT)* team, a small but potent group of individuals highly invested in the ongoing success of our church's transition into 21st Century ministry. This team's task will be to meet with various committees and ministry groups to discern the ways mission and ministry can be done in their respective areas that can “live into” our future, as designed by the numerous dialogue sessions offered last year. They will apply the particular expertise each brings to the table, in order to make solid recommendations to the church Council regarding what steps should be taken to make those hopes a reality. How this team will be selected or structured is not yet determined; but the excitement around its possibility is significant. If you have interest in being part of such a team, let me or one of the deacons know.

School will soon be out...the weather will be affording many outdoor recreational activities...and families will soon be taking vacations. Do yourself a favor, and don't let your religious life go on hiatus during this time as well – stay plugged into church, your spiritual journey, and your continued investment in the life of our congregation during these upcoming months.

See you in church...

Pastor Steve

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STUDY  
GROUP

Summer Mid-Week Study

JUNE: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

*Practice of Prayer*, a 5-week series on different methods and approaches to prayer. We'll look at a different type each week, which will include historical context, instruction, and, finally, time actually to practice the type of prayer being discussed.

JULY: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

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# FALL FESTIVAL 2010

(... believe it or not!)



Mark your calendars for the weekend of **October 8th, 9th, and 10th** – the dates for our **Fall Festival 2010**. The committee is already planning another successful weekend event. Many of the crowd-favorite activities will be returning: Treasure Trove, Silent Auction, Country Kitchen, Global Crafts, Street Fair, Magic Show, Hay ride, the Salisbury Band Senior Quickstep HotShots, and the Hot Dog Tent. In addition, one or more new activities will be added to the schedule to attract Festival-goers and generate additional income.

The town-wide Fall Festival includes activities sponsored by most of the area churches, as well as other organizations and businesses. However, our church has always taken a leadership position, thanks to the strong support of our members and friends. We hope this will continue for 2010. So look for future announcements about the Fall Festival. Be generous in your donations of items, time, and/or money. Share your ideas on ways to improve the event with committee members: Jeanette Weber 860-435-4804 (weberjeanette@aol.com), Lee Collins 860-435-0051 (lee@leecollins.com), or Mike Fitting 413-229-2917 (fittimig@hotmail.com).

The annual Fall Festival is a tradition that people look forward to year after year. It involves a lot of work and effort but also generates a strong sense of community. We look forward to your support!

## Fall Festival Treasure Trove

Wondering what to do with the cut-glass pickle dish you received as a wedding gift? What about that handsome set of carbide drill bits that your husband gave you for your birthday? Do you have small appliances, toys, kitchenware, lamps, linens, jewelry, art, small furniture pieces, collectibles, garden items, games, or tools that are just taking up space? If so, why not donate them to the Fall Festival Treasure Trove! Your unwanted or no-longer-needed items may be exactly what someone else has been looking for!



Throughout the summer, we will be accepting all types of items, as long as they are clean, in good condition, and have all their parts. (Please – no clothing, books, records, exercise equipment, or large furniture items.) So look through your closets, cupboards, basement, attic, and garage for items to donate. Treasures can be left in the church basement or call Barbara Collins (860-435-0051) to arrange for pick-up.

Thanks to Our Church School Crew!



**“Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.” Proverbs 22:6**

If I were a child at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, on Sunday mornings I would climb the stairs to the Sunday School and find a special place where I would be greeted warmly, treated lovingly, and taught effectively. I would hear and read and learn the stories of our faith, I would draw, color, glue, paint, sing, sculpt, build, act, write, play, pray. Besides making friends my own age, I would get to know some older people who give their time, their talents, their energy, and their patience to help me learn about being a Christian, people like:

Theresa Carroll, Eric Chin, Lee Collins, Suzy Colpitts, Maggie Crain, Christine Curry, Mary Davidson, Mike Fitting, Lyndel Giffenig, Caitlin, Lauren, and Missy Hanlon, Cynthia and Jim LaPier, Lucia Mulder, Kate and Sam Pastore, Clare and Rebecca Rashkoff, David Rich, Erik and Sarah Rydingsword, Judy and Tom Stewart, Holly and Stephanie Tierney, Carol Visnapuu, and Jennifer Weigel.

And I would say “Thank you!”

*Barbara Collins, Coordinator of Christian Education*



Dear Friends:

How can I thank you for the outpouring of affection showered on me on the weekend of May 15th-16th? It was a humbling but welcome experience, and I am eternally grateful to all who participated.

*Al Shy*

*An album of photos of the evening is available on the “Recent Events” page of the church’s website:  
[http://www.salisburycongregational.org/recent\\_events.html](http://www.salisburycongregational.org/recent_events.html)*



## Search Committee News

The Search Committee is delighted to report that another phase of its work is complete. The Local Church Profile describing our church and congregation is ready, and a copy will be available for anyone who would like to read it. Thank you all, including Rev. Steve, for your contributions.

Our church's want ad was posted May 10th through our regional UCC conference, and is now available to qualified ministers nationwide. Replies began coming in the following week, and we expect more during the next few months.

Each résumé (called a profile) will be given a thorough reading, and thoughtful and prayerful consideration before deciding on a short list for interviews.

We ask that you continue to hold our as yet unknown settled pastor and your Search Committee in your prayers.

*Theresa Carroll for the Search Committee*

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"Kind hearts are the gardens; kind thoughts are the roots; kind words are the flowers; kind deeds are the fruits." - English Proverb

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### WORSHIP AT SILVER LAKE



#### Worship Service at Silver Lake Camp Sunday, June 27th - 10:00 a.m.

We will join Silver Lake Camp in their worship service at the campgrounds on **Sunday, June 27**. A map will be provided with detailed directions to the site and the chapel where worship will take place.

For those unable to attend at Silver Lake, an optional service will be provided at the Meeting House led by Rev. Beardslee.

## Thanks from the Deacons

The first meeting of the new Board of Deacons was held on Monday, April 26th. Elected to serve as Co-chairpersons were Sarah Rydingsword and Michael Fitting. Janet Kaufman will fill in as secretary for the time being.



As we start a new year, the board will prepare to welcome a new settled pastor when the search committee completes the enormous task they have undertaken. Our prayers and cheerful spirits are with them.

We are preparing for the new confirmands, and, by the time you read this, we will have welcomed them in as new members of the Salisbury Congregational Church.

We wish to thank the whole congregation for their support as we begin our new year of anticipated change and uplifting spirits for the year before us. Everybody is encouraged to contact either of us, or any of the other Deacons, if you feel there is a concern in regards to the spiritual well being of the church. Together, we can all help the Salisbury Congregational Church strengthen and grow for the future.

*Sarah Rydingsword and Michael Fitting for the Board of Deacons*

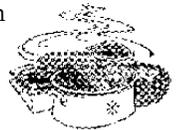
### DON'T FORGET OUR COMMUNITY SUPPERS!

Come and enjoy a delicious dinner with family and friends and neighbors on

**Friday June 11th and  
Friday July 9**

at

**6:00 in the church parish hall.**



**It's FREE! Invite your neighbors!**

P.S.: we have been trying to call these the "First Friday Suppers," but so far the first Fridays have not worked out, so we may have to rename our project. Stay tuned! And please come, **INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS**, and call us if you can help. We need cleaner-uppers for after the dinner.

*Sara, Peg, Carol, Jane*

## The Christian Action Project for Confirmation



### Confirmation Service Project

I was hungry and you gave me food.

The Christian Action Project challenged confirmands to go beyond the boundaries of their daily lives to brighten the lives of others. They were asked to seek out four opportunities to personally relate to someone who is hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, a stranger, in prison (lonely? unhappy?) or who has some other need. This, indeed, is how Jesus asks his followers to act. Each of the four encounters was to last at least one hour. The confirmands then wrote a brief explanation of each activity which was signed by an adult.

Their completed projects include working at OWL's kitchen; helping serve meals at Noble Horizons; helping serve ice cream to residents at Geer Nursing Home; establishing and maintaining a relationship with an elderly resident at Sharon Health Care Center or Noble Horizons; preparing and serving at the Fellowship hour; working at the Housatonic Day Care Center; befriending, tutoring, or helping coach younger students, and more.

*Barbara Collins*

## JUNE

1st Rebecca Rashkoff  
 2nd Mark Capecelatro  
 4th Caitlin Hanlon  
 6th Monica Chin  
 6th Ann Cuddy  
 6th Nathaniel O'Niel  
 7th Kit Kellogg  
 7th Debbie Mark  
 7th William Tedder  
 8th Charlotte Reid  
 9th Joseph Habacker  
 10th Elliot Bok  
 10th Jill Westsmith  
 11th Max Babigian  
 12th Phoebe Mulder  
 14th Reginald Lamson  
 15th Marian Ferguson  
 16th Elise Babigian  
 16th David Offensend  
 17th Millard Hayner  
 18th Megan Noyes  
 18th Valerie Rout  
 19th Malcolm Brown  
 19th Chris Janelli  
 21st Robert Kuhbach  
 26th Josh Allyn  
 27th Peggy Sands  
 27th Nancy Hegy Martin  
 29th Norm Sills

## Blessings on your Summer Birthday



## JULY

2nd Roger Elwood  
 4th Brodie Craig  
 4th Katya Nweeia  
 5th Matthew Rogers  
 7th Janet Accardo  
 7th Elise LaFosse  
 7th Nick Noyes  
 15th Dick Dwelley  
 15th Peggy Heck  
 16th John Estabrook  
 16th April Tierney  
 18th Jane Elwood  
 19th Jane Bok  
 24th Christopher Offensend  
 25th Marge Cluff  
 27th Marilyn Ritchie  
 29th Joan Turnure  
 30th Nancy Smith

## AUGUST

1st Noelle Fitting  
 3rd Sarah Polhemus  
 3rd Christine Curry  
 4th Tony Good  
 7th Amanda Palmer  
 8th Carla Brown  
 10th Larry Blades  
 14th Chance O'Niel  
 14th 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 Tyrrol

### Is There Life after Confirmation Classes?



I cannot honestly say that it has been my lifelong dream to be a Confirmation teacher. What I can say is that I have had an extraordinary year working with some truly exceptional youth: Courtney Bliss, Will Bliss, Eric Chin, Colin May, Kate Pastore, Sam Pastore,

and Christina Rogers. Their wit, their insights, their intelligence, their silliness, their questions have all made the time fly by. If you were fortunate enough to be present at their Confirmation service on May 23rd, if you saw them lead worship with dignity and maturity, if you heard their reflections on what they have learned, if you heard their prayers and their interpretation of scripture, if you heard them tell of their Christian Action projects, then you might, just might, begin to understand how very proud I am to know them.

The Confirmation process did not just happen.

Throughout the year, Pastor Steve and I spent a lot of time and thought deciding on our course of study and our course of action. A dream team of parents was already in place, ready to support us in getting the kids to meetings and ready to prepare delicious suppers for us. Then we added a dream team of confirmand sponsors to the mix – Jane Capecelatro, Lee Collins, Roger Crain, Mike Fitting, Pat Palmer, David Rich, and Sara Wardell. In addition, the Deacons were an ever-present source of encouragement and they hosted a beautiful dinner on the 22nd in celebration of our confirmands.

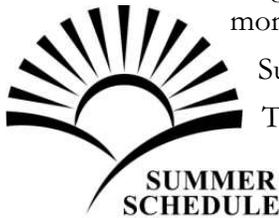
Such a cloud of witnesses assembled for our newest members! And that is, perhaps, the most important lesson they will have learned through this whole process: they have become a part of a community of faith which is far greater than the sum of its parts. This community is filled with people with whom they can share their beliefs and questions and prayers, people who have their best interests at heart, who will rejoice with them, grow with them, grieve with them, and sustain them all their lives. Amen.

*Barbara Collins*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 - Practice of Prayer <i>Flag Day</i>	2	3	4	5 The Bell Choir is playing at the wedding of Sue Spring & Tom Evans at St. John's.
6 10:00 - Worship & Communion - Crib/Nursery care available 11:15 - Board of Trustees	7	8 9:30 - Practice of Prayer	9	10	11 6:00 - Community Supper	12
13 10:00 - Worship - Crib/Nursery care available 11:15 - Board of Christian Action	14	15 9:30 - Practice of Prayer	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 - Worship - Crib/Nursery care available 11:15 - Church Council <i>Father's Day</i>	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>	22 9:30 - Practice of Prayer	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 - Worship at Silver Lake Camp. Optional service also in Meeting House - Crib/Nursery care available 11:15 - Board of Deacons	28	29 9:30 - Practice of Prayer	30			

**Deadline for September's Newsletter: Friday, August 20th**



During June, July and August the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday morning Crib/Nursery care is provided throughout the summer for age 6 and under.

The Prayer Group will continue to meet every other week. For dates, call Heather (860-435-0439) or Laura (860-435-9204)

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

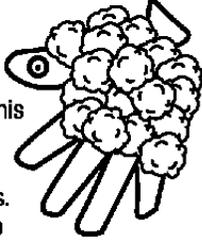
**JULIET KINDLUDD ALLER**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 1914 ~ MAY 11, 2010**

"Julie was one of the most gracious people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She served this congregation faithfully and touched the lives of countless people often behind the scenes. Though she was "acquainted with sorrow," she exuded appreciation of beauty and a positive outlook on life, which was communicated through an understated but almost constant smile."  
*Dick Taber*

"I have great memories of her arriving always a little late for Upkeep meetings, beautifully dressed, unfailingly cheerful, with a story about some exotic place she had lived or a person she recalled."  
*Sue Morrill*

# Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



## What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

## What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.



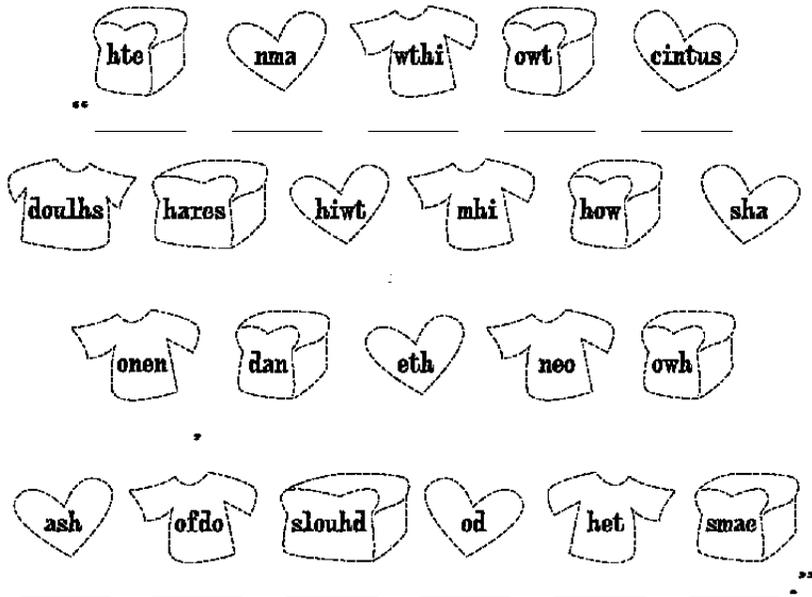
# Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

## ★ WORD BANK ★

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two tunics has the who none and one the same has



Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)

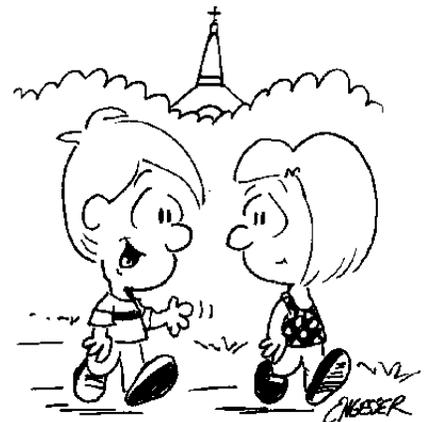
Knock Knock, who's there?

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old David's comment.

Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. 'Listen', she said. 'What do you suppose that is?'

He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap - tap - tapping deep in his chest. Then his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked,

'Is that Jesus knocking?'



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."