

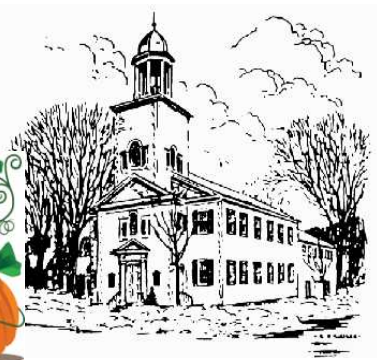
# The Meeting House Times

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A welcome back from Pastor Steve

## OFF TO A GOOD START

The new Church School year began on Sunday, September 12th, with a homecoming breakfast of delicious goodies provided by the Board of Deacons.

This was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our families back after the summer vacation and to greet newcomers. How the children have grown!

Teachers for the first term were introduced: Jennifer Good and Suzy Colpitts in the Beginner Class, Janet Kaufman in the Primary Class, and Barbara Collins teaching the Juniors. Parents, grandparents, and friends were invited to actively participate in the spiritual formation of our children by volunteering as nursery caregivers, classroom teachers, substitutes, or aides throughout the year.

Sue Ritchie enlisted the assistance of five children to help demonstrate the sharp contrast between the richest people in the world and the poorest. She encouraged us all to become involved in the CROP WALK on September 26th, either as walkers or sponsors.

*Barbara Collins, Coordinator of Christian Education*

See Lee Collins' photos of the homecoming breakfast on the church's website:  
[www.salisburycongregational.org/children\\_youth.htm](http://www.salisburycongregational.org/children_youth.htm)

## FALL FESTIVAL 2010

### BEHIND THE SCENES

Just as the Salisbury Congregational Church (SCC) has a central location on Main Street in Salisbury, our church has long provided a leadership role in the town-wide Fall Festival. Did you know:

- SCC gathers all the information, writes, and prints the Fall Festival Brochure distributed throughout the NW Corner.
- SCC prepares the full-page Fall Festival ad in the Lakeville Journal.
- SCC writes the many press releases for the local and state newspapers.
- SCC maintains a website for the Fall Festival activities.  
[www.salisburycongregational.org/fall\\_festival.htm](http://www.salisburycongregational.org/fall_festival.htm)
- SCC gets the permits and updates the large street banner and signs at the White Hart and Hotchkiss.
- SCC writes the PSA announcements and ads on the local radio stations.
- SCC sponsors the Salisbury Band Senior Quickstep HotShots music on Saturday.
- SCC sponsors the two free magic shows on Saturday.
- SCC secures the traffic-control personnel on Main Street.

Our members have gladly assumed these extra responsibilities as a way to contribute to the success of this extraordinary event enjoyed by so many people.

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## A NEW DAY AND A SOJOURNER'S TASK



A funny/interesting realization came to me recently, specifically while preparing this very article. I've been thinking about the word *Sojourner* – for several reasons, one being that we in the UCC and in Congregational life just love the term *faith journey*.

What occurred to me, in reflection on the various events of the last year at S.C.C., was that our journey together over the last two years has, in many ways, been one of a sojourner.

For definition's sake, to “*sojourn*” is to stay briefly or temporarily in one place; a *sojourner* is one who takes up residence somewhere for a brief period of time. The operative word here, however, is *brief*; and while the immediate focus of both terms is on the “staying,” the implication in the word's root meaning seems to be that it is a momentary stop on a much longer trip – shifting the more overarching emphasis of the word to the *journey*, not the stay.

For over 250 years Salisbury Congregational Church has *set up camp* here in this beautiful corner of CT, building up yourselves in love and marking your place in this community in many ways – as the cloud of God landed here and remained, just as it did in the days of Israel's departure from Egypt on their journey to the promised land. You have not been travelers during that time; you have been settlers, as God was calling you to be, and invested yourselves in each other and in growing in God together. It has been a time to *stay put*, metaphorically.

But now, after over a year and a half of intentional interim time, intense transitional work, and discernment about your identity and your future, it burns in the hearts of many of the members here that the cloud is lifting, moving, and perhaps setting itself in a new direction with a new destination for you to pursue, a new journey to embark upon. And the residence you have taken up regarding how we “do church” has become the place we are gradually beginning to sojourn from,

to discover where God will lead you next. It seems to be the collective conviction of those invested in the church's future, and in the care for your spiritual growth and awakening, that we are not called to be settlers any longer ... but sojourners, marked by a new destination, and fulfilling the next chapter of your destiny.

King David, in his prayer in I Chronicles 29 consecrating the permanent Temple his son Solomon was to build, wrapped up his prayer by saying this: “*For we are strangers and sojourners in your sight, oh Lord...and our days on earth are but a shadow.*” (vs. 15)

I find it doubly interesting that this reference seems to be the culminating dedication of what turns out to be the second “offering of the masses” in the Hebrew Scriptures – where the entire nation of Israel is presented the challenge to either provide or become the resources necessary to raise a new Temple for the worship of God. Moses was the first to do this (with a remarkable response), and David the second (with one equally remarkable). In fact, the words around the “sojourner” reference here give clear mention of this: “*But who are we, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. We are but sojourners in Your sight, and our days on earth are but a shadow. O Lord, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building You a temple for Your holy Name, it comes from Your hand, not ours – and all of it belongs to You.*” (I Chron. 29: 14-16)

At a time such as this, with the beginning of the Fall season and all its inherent changes (expected and unexpected), when you as a congregation are taking up the challenges to walk in new ideas and explore new expressions of “living church,” as well as discern and call your next pastor – you are presented the charge to follow the cloud of God's presence as it moves in new directions. It is a time for gearing ourselves up for what will surely be an exhilarating but intense last leg of this transitional time for you as a congregation.

Let us gird ourselves with courage and strength, praying for the wisdom of God, as we move forward in both of these endeavors. For God would so have us live and act – as God's people ... and as sojourners.



## SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Search Committee is working diligently on the congregation's behalf. As we continue to review candidate profiles and hear sermons, we are now pleased to report that we are beginning to interview some of our candidates. Mike Ciba, who as you may know, is our regional minister of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC, met with the Search Committee recently to review our progress, help guide us, and reassure us that we're on track.

We ask you that you please understand the need for confidentiality during our work and that the journey to calling our pastor may not always be a straight line. It also may not be completed as soon as we all may like. But with your patience and God's grace and guidance, we will ultimately find the right person.

*Sarah Zarbock for the Search Committee*



## BOOK STUDY

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis  
October 18th – November 11th

C. S. Lewis is no stranger to those familiar with both sacred and secular literature. While his "Narnia" series brought him worldwide fame for the last two generations in both religious and non-religious circles, his works on faith and the

Christian life have assisted countless followers of Christ in understanding and committing to their faith, even in the most difficult of times. This book is perhaps the most well-known among his religious writings, and captures pragmatically the essence of many aspects of our faith, challenging his readers to live them out in practical ways in their spiritual journeys.

The class will be offered on Mondays at 9:00am *and* 7:00pm, beginning on October 18th. Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase the book on their own and read at least the first 5 chapters prior to the first class. - Pastor Steve

## 266<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, PART I SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - 11:15

The 266th Annual Meeting, Part I, will take place in the Meeting House following the worship service on **Sunday, October 24th**.

As the congregation looks ahead to a new year, the first matter on the agenda will be the proposed 2011 budget. Over the past several months, the Trustees and Treasurer John Arnold have refined budget figures – examining potential income and necessary expenses – with austerity in mind as befits the times. It will be important to cut back in places, but hold onto our basic strengths and support innovation.

The proposed 2011 budget will be mailed to the entire congregation two weeks prior to the October 24th Annual Meeting. Please review it and come to discuss and to vote.

Even more important to the future of our church is the work of the Pastoral Search Committee. This hard-working team has given many hours of thought to the characteristics, needs, and aspirations of our congregation. They have prepared a church profile, reviewed fifty resumes, listened to tapes, and traveled to hear candidates preach. Search committee co-chairs, Sarah Zarbock and Cynthia LaPier, will report on current status at the Annual Meeting.

Please mark your calendar for **October 24th** and join this discussion about our future.

*Roderick Lankler, Moderator  
Sue Morrill, For Board of Trustees*

## OUR NEXT FREE COMMUNITY DINNER FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND ~ 6:00

Our second Community Dinner will take place on **Friday October 22nd at 6:00** in the parish hall at the church.



The doors will open at 5:45, and we will be able to seat 100 people - but no more. As before, we are planning a mouth-watering menu and friendly conversation with your neighbors and friends - and you! Please be aware that the line may be long, and we are firm in seating only the first 100 people who show up. That's simply all that we can do. We know that you will understand. See you then, and don't be late!

*Sara, Carol, Janet, Sheryl, Peg and Jane*

*For a description and pictures of the June 11th  
Community Dinner, visit the website:  
[www.salisburycongregational.org/life\\_of\\_church.htm](http://www.salisburycongregational.org/life_of_church.htm)*



# FALL FESTIVAL 2010

## COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

By the time you read this, the Fall Festival will be almost here. As always, your participation is very important to making this weekend a success. Are you already signed up to be part of an activity? Please don't wait to be asked. Contact Lee Collins (860-435-0051) who will be happy to suggest where you can help. Or sign up in the Parish Hall after church on Sunday. Or call any of the following activity chairs directly:

**Set-Up and Take-Down:** Mike Fitting (413-229-2917). He needs strong backs and arms to help with set-up on Sunday, October 3. Plus two take-down sessions: Saturday, October 9 at 4:00 and Sunday, October 10 at 3:00.

**Country Kitchen:** Linda Estabrook (860-824-5806). She needs all types of home-made goodies for fairgoers to buy and enjoy.

**Treasure Trove:** Barbara Collins (860-435-0051). Last minute donations are still welcome.

**Global Crafts:** Susie Belcher (860-435-3049) and Peggy Heck (860-435-2977). They will also be open on Sundays in the Parish Hall through the first weekend in December.

**Café:** Jeanette Weber (860-435-4804). In addition to servers on Saturday, she needs cooks to help make butternut squash soup for the café and fudge for the Country Kitchen.

**Hot Dog Tent:** Roseanne Lamson (860-435-0053). Look for the new hot dog costumes!

**Children's Street Fair:** Jeanette Weber (860-435-4804). Both teens and adults are needed to help with the games, face painting, popcorn, and balloons on Saturday.

**Greeters:** Jane Capecelatro (860-435-2359). Friendly faces are needed to welcome fair goers to our church and describe the various activities.

Don't forget to bring your children and grandchildren to the free Magic Show, rain or shine, on Saturday at 11 am and 2 pm. Children of all ages will enjoy a fun hayride, courtesy of Ward Belcher and Dave Heck, throughout the day. Be sure to stop and enjoy the music of the Salisbury Band Quick-step Hotshots from noon to 1:30 pm. All of these fun events are sponsored by the Salisbury Congregational Church for the enjoyment of our visitors.

**We also welcome your financial contributions** to help defray the many visible and behind-the-scenes expenses, as noted on the front page. You may send a check to the **Congregational Church Fall Festival**, PO Box 392, Salisbury, CT 06068 or drop a check into the collection box. This year the Council voted to donate the majority of the Fall Festival proceeds to outreach, especially local organizations in the Northeast Corner. Many thanks!

Remember to invite family and friends to all the exciting events going on during the Fall Festival weekend. It's a special time to celebrate the wonderful talents of our church and our community.

*Fall Festival Committee: Jeanette Weber, Lee Collins, Mike Fitting, John Estabrook*





## GLOBAL CRAFT BOUTIQUE

### “TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES”

will once again be represented at the Fall Festival



This popular boutique not only supports third world artisans, but also the outreach programs of the church's Christian Action Committee. Please plan on visiting the boutique and take care of some of your early Christmas shopping while knowing you are supporting people near and far.

#### BOUTIQUE HOURS

Friday, October 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10 am – 4 pm

Saturday, October 9<sup>H</sup> - 10 am – 4 pm

Sunday, October 10<sup>TH</sup> Noon – 3 pm

The Boutique will also be open again on **December 4th** for *the Hometown Holidays*.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE THAT THE BOUTIQUE WILL NOT BE OPEN SUNDAYS  
AFTER WORSHIP, AS IN THE PAST\*\*\*\*\***

*Susan Belcher for the Christian Action Committee*



#### GUEST SPEAKER: ISABELLA BICK

**Sunday, October 10th at 10:00**

**2nd-Hour Workshop at 11:15**

On Sunday October 10th, Isabella Bick will be speaking in the worship service, followed by an after-hour discussion immediately following fellowship time in the Parish Hall.

Isabella is a licensed therapist and an expert in gerontology. She comes to us to both encourage and challenge us on the issues of caring for each other. She began her professional life as the director of the first senior citizens center in Columbus, Ohio. A student at Harvard, she has contin-

ued through the years to study and do therapy in the philosophy, science, and art of aging. Herself a refugee from Europe in the 1940s, Isabella has been a college professor, director of a non-profit organization working with new immigrants in Connecticut, and a worker in the civil rights movement sharing projects with the National Urban League.

In her own words, “I have been pondering the relationship between

aging and wisdom, and our ability to build a life of creativity, altruism, and the desire to increase happiness and decrease suffering for all – and I want to share what I’ve been learning with the congregation. My hope is that after my talk on Sunday, we can form a discussion and support group to explore what aging means to us, using our discussions to explore how we can live fully as we age, and together we can delight in our conversations.”

*~ Pastor Steve*

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#### NEW MEMBERS

On **Sunday, October 17th**, we will be bringing new members into our church family. If you have an interest in joining the church, please see Pastor Steve for more information.

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# OCTOBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH						1	2
3 10:00 - Worship & Communion Crib/Nursery care available 11:15 - Board of Trustees <b>World Communion Sunday</b>	4	5	6 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal	7	8 <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b>	9 <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b>	
10 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:15 - Christian Action <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b>	11 <i>Columbus Day obs.</i>	12	13 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16	
17 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:15 - Church Council	18 9:00am or 7:00pm Book Study <b>Mere Christianity</b>	19	20 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal	21	22 6:00 - Community Dinner	23	
24 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:15 - ANNUAL MEETING	25 9:00am or 7:00pm Book Study <b>Mere Christianity</b>	26	27 7:30 - Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30	
31 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:15 - Board of Deacons <b>Halloween &amp; Reformation Day</b>							

**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER'S NEWSLETTER: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

## October Birthdays



- 1st Lester Hoysradt
- 2nd Jim LaPier
- 3rd Charlie Noyes
- 3rd Ken Craig
- 6th Clare Rashkoff
- 6th Al Sly
- 9th Mark Alexander
- 10th Michele Hanlon
- 12th John Hoffman
- 12th Jano Fairservis
- 13th Vince Hanlon

- 15th Patricia Palmer
- 16th Colin May
- 20th Duane Estes
- 22nd Belle Reel
- 23rd Trudy Allyn
- 24th Judi Gott
- 24th Jennifer Kronholm
- 25th Anne Williams
- 26th Chico Aller
- 27th Nancy Sills



### **HALLOWEEN SUNDAY... BE A HERO!**

Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year, we've decided to take advantage of the "spirit" of the holiday by coming dressed up! The theme of the day will be Superheroes, and everyone (kids, teens, and most certainly adults) are invited and encouraged to come dressed as your favorite superhero. For those really daring, we'll even give you a chance to briefly tell why that character is a hero to you during our "March of the Saints." Join the fun and come dressed up!

*- Pastor Steve*

