

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC

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THE SPIRE

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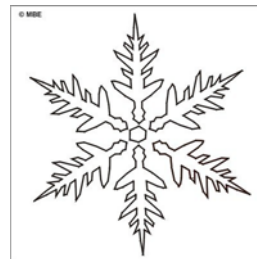
February 2011

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12: 27 NIV

Well, we have certainly had our share of snowfall this year. You can be sure there is more to come. It seems to be human nature to measure things. Will our next storm be a 'dusting' or a 'dump'? What is amazing is that it we also will take the time to look at one flake as it is coming down. (I most often do this with the 'dustings'.) It is amazing to realize that one little flake, measuring next to nothing, can make such a difference, but it does.

As Christians we often think we are just a little flake (or flaky). We tend to think there is not much 'weight' to what we do, or that our efforts do not amount to much. But they do! Joined together we can have a big impact, in our community and in our world. It was true when the small handful of Jesus' disciples began to share the good news, it was true when Dr. Martin Luther King lead a small gathering to march in Selma Alabama, and it was true for the myriad of churches throughout the centuries. It is still true today. Joined together, working together, we can 'add up' to something good and renewing. If you are among the faithful flakes who worship and work at North Canaan Congregational Church God bless you for being a blessing. For you who are 'still floating out there' come down and 'stick with us'. Be God's little blessing in this storm of faith.

Pastor Rosemary



February 2011 CALENDAR

Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry is open every Wednesday of the month 8:00am - 11:00am at PH.

The Children's Clothing Exchange is open every Wednesday of the month 9am - 11:30am at PH.

The Baby Boutique is open every Wednesday of the month 9am - 11:30am at PH.

Faith Without Bounds: Worship service, First Sunday of the month, 4pm, at PH.

Search Committee Meetings: Every Wednesday, 6 pm at PH.

Valentine's Day/President's Day: Monday, February 14.

Committee Night & Potluck Supper: Monday, February 21, 6 pm at PH.

Deadline for Spire articles: Thursday, February 24.

Giv² Event: Sunday, February 27, noon at church.

PILGRIM HOUSE USAGE FOR FEBRUARY

Every Monday 7pm-8pm and Boy Scouts, 6:30pm; Yo-Kids Dance, Feb. 4, 7-9:30 pm; PH Use, Friday, Feb. 18m 10am-4pm.

CHURCH USAGE FOR FEBRUARY

The Canaan Art Guild, (Painting for Fun), Wednesdays at noon; Giv² Event, Sunday, February 27 at noon.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

Please tune in to WFSB, Channel 3, during inclement weather to see if Sunday worship services will be cancelled.

STORM CLOSINGS

The Church Office, The Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, The Children's Clothing Exchange and The Baby Boutique all follow the direction of the Region One School District regarding closing due to inclement weather. If the Region One School District has a delayed opening of school, or cancels school, the Pilgrim House will also be closed.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustees met January 17th following the pot-luck supper. After reading the By Laws of the church we decided that a member of the Board will serve as its secretary. Glenn Rogers offered to fill that position for 2011. There was a review of the church's annual income and expenses. We are very thankful that the investment account has performed quite well this year since we had to sell shares to cover monthly costs. There will be a detailed report given at the Annual Meeting January 30th. There have been no offers on the Pilgrim House. The property is listed on the realtor's web page. There is also a sign in front of the building. Michele Bosworth reported that items from the Baby Boutique were taken without permission. An additional lock will be placed on the door. The combination or keys will be provided only to the persons running the mission. We discussed the sidewalk on the east side of the church. The bottom of the sidewalk has become eroded. It was decided to buy some fill to temporarily fix the area. A more permanent fix will be discussed at the conclusion of plowing season. The annual manual was reviewed. The new furnaces at Pilgrim House will be cleaned in June instead of February since they were installed less than a year ago.

Submitted by Ruth Adotte, Board member

DEACONS REPORT AND SEARCH COMMITTEE

As of this date, the office has not received a report from the deacons or the Search Committee.



YOUTH FOR CHRIST

On Sunday, January 23rd, at 4pm, Josh and Jessie MacDonald and Sierra Grossman attended the kick-off party at the Goshen Congregational Church for the Northwest Connecticut Giv2 Chapter. Pastor Rosemary Dawson and Tammy MacDonald joined us. I don't know what the headcount actually was but it seemed that more than 50 kids came along with approximately 20 adults. Rev. Day McCallister, Conference Youth Minister, came to inform and engage the youth and the adults: as she put it, she brought the FUN!

The first event of our newly organized chapter will take place right here in Canaan. We are the host church for an event planned on the Geer Campus for February 27th, from 12:30pm--4:30pm. We will be hosting a light luncheon at our church and during that time we will be letting the youth and adult volunteers know a little bit about the campus and the residents who live there. We are hoping to have our Giv2 T-shirts then as well. From there we will be breaking up into 2, possibly 3 groups. One group will go to Geer Village at Gardenside for a Bingo event, one group will go to Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation to help put on a similar event, and there is a possibility that some youth will help at the Adult Day Center with early spring cleanup/closet organizing activities. Between 3:30 pm and 4pm we will finish up at Geer and come back to the church for a follow-up gathering to talk about what we think we brought to the residents at Geer, and what we received in return.

The expenses for the actual luncheon will be reimbursed to us by the Connecticut UCC., but YFC will be looking for help with setup and cleanup for the luncheon, and will let you know if we need food donations. Ashley DeMazza of the Falls Village Congregational Church was at the kick-off with us and has volunteered her help and participation as well, so we are very excited that our "sister" church will be part of this wonderful initiative.

Within our own group, we are hoping to go to the Torrington Area Soup Kitchen on President's Day, if plans work out, and we are looking ahead to spring when we can be outside!!

Gert Anderson
Leader, YFC

Bible Quiz Answer: D

FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting donations for Fishes and Loaves on Sunday, February 6. **Donations for the food pantry are collected on the first Sunday of every month.**

Please note: The Food Pantry will no longer be open on Wednesday afternoons. New hours are Wednesdays, 8am-11am.

The Food Pantry will follow the direction of the Region One School District regarding closing due to inclement weather. If the Region One School District has a delayed opening of school, or cancels school, the Food Pantry will be closed.

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned fruit, cereal, soup, canned tomatoes and juice. Single serve sizes are also needed. Smaller sizes are helpful for singles or elderly. All donations of non-perishable foods are appreciated.



THE CANAAN ART GUILD

Wednesdays at noon at the church; open to anyone that enjoys painting; bring your own painting supplies. NOTE: This is not a painting class.

The Canaan Art Guild meets at the church to paint on Wednesdays at noon. Call Ned Gow 824-0195, or Lynne Martin 860 824-0124, if the weather is questionable, to confirm if the group will meet.



THE BABY BOUTIQUE

The Baby Boutique is in need of diapers and wipes. Please consider buying a package of diapers on your next shopping trip. Any size diaper, any sized package, all donations are greatly appreciated! If you would like to donate any baby items or diapers, please contact the church office at 860-824-7232.

The Baby Boutique will follow the direction of the Region One School District regarding closing due to inclement weather. If the Region One School District has a delayed opening of school, or cancels school, The Baby Boutique will be closed.

Michele Bosworth and Gloria Topping



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The Children's Clothing Exchange has received many donations this month. We will currently not be accepting winter donations, except for children's coats and winter wear. Thank you to everyone who donated!

The Children's Clothing Exchange will follow the direction of the Region One School District regarding closing due to inclement weather. If the Region One School District has a delayed opening of school, or cancels school, the Children's Clothing Exchange will be closed.

Michele Bosworth



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

13	Sharon Milukas
14	Abigail Adam
16	Samantha Ghi
20	Virginia Sterpka
21	Haley Gulotta
23	Katherine Funkhouser
27	Joseph Gulotta

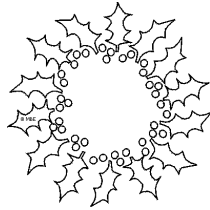


THANK YOU!

Thank you for your donations, in lieu of Christmas cards, to our Giving Tree:

Catherine Giulian
Judy Cash
Toby & Shirley MacCallum
Bob & True Anderson
Bob & Harriet Gomez
Gert Anderson
Julia Segalla
Ned & Toby Gow

The Milukas Family
Annie Shealy
Rev. Rosemary Dawson
Fred Ruggles
Sally Greco
Evan & Gage Presson
Marion Pratt
Sally Pollard



Bible Quiz



First Corinthians 13 is a popular Scripture reading at wedding ceremonies. The so-called "love chapter" provides an extended definition of what Paul calls "the greatest" gift (verse 13).

Which of the following characteristics of love isn't found in 1 Corinthians 13?

- A. Love is patient.
- B. Love rejoices in the truth.
- C. Love believes all things.
- D. Love is childlike.

Answer: (You will find the answer in the pages of this edition of *The Spire*!)



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