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Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to make Christian

Disciples:

by using our spiritual gifts; by practicing the means of grace; and by living our faith.



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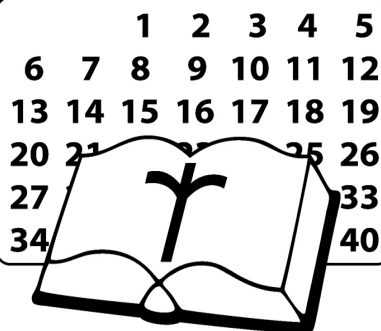
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Worship at HUMC
Sundays at 10 AM
Join us for Sunday School



**New
Sermon Series**

Where do we turn when things go “bump in the night?” What do we do with troublesome passages where Jesus actually refers to a woman as a dog? How should Christians respond to an issue like capital punishment? Will I know my loved ones when I get to heaven? There are indeed situations and/or scripture passages that perplex us. Beginning September 25, Rev. Dave will embark on a four week sermon series that attempts to wrestle with *Questions That Trouble Us*. The sermons during this series will include

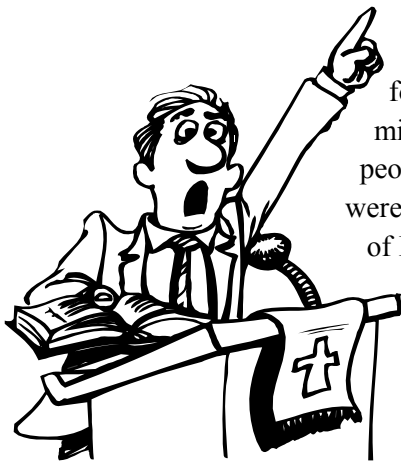
September 25 – Going To the Dogs

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Some Thoughts from Me —Rev. Dave



It was one of those moments that will live forever in the hearts and minds of our nation. Just as people remember where they were when they first got word of Pearl Harbor, or the assassination of President Kennedy, or the first time men landed on the moon, we will always remember where we were and what

we were doing when we first heard about the nightmare that we refer to simply as 9/11. It has been ten years, and I can still remember as clearly as if it were yesterday.

I had just arrived at church. I had just begun my pastorate in Portland that July 1, and we were just moving into the normal routine of the program year. 9/11 was a Tuesday that year, and every Tuesday morning United Methodist clergy from throughout the Portland area gathered at my church for a time of Bible study. It was a custom that had been going on for years, and this was to be the first meeting of year. We had just had our opening prayer and were just starting to crack open our Bibles when our District Superintendent, Don Rudalevige, walked in (the district offices were housed at our church). He told us that the World Trade Center had been hit by two jets; that it didn't seem to be an accident. While he was talking to us my secretary came in to tell us that the Pentagon had been hit. Somehow, in that moment, I think we all began to realize something—the world that we knew had just been changed.

It has been ten years, and that realization has been born out; the world has been changed. For nearly that entire time we have been engaged in a “war on terror,” first in Afghanistan and then in Iraq. This war has taken the lives of thousands of our young men and women serving in the military, and even more lives of innocent civilians caught in the crossfire of battle. We’ve declared that our mission is accomplished with banners on aircraft carriers, and somber presidential news conferences, and yet families still sit by

the phone dreading the call that will tell them that their child, their spouse, their father or mother has been killed or wounded. Vacations have lost some of their innocent fun and enjoyment as traveling has become more grueling; fueled by more exhaustive and intrusive security measures. We have debated the role of religion in both causing and calming the violence that engulfs our planet; wondering if there is any way for us all to coexist.

But in other ways the world is still very much the same place as it was before the attacks. We still rush from place to place trying to get everything done, worrying about tomorrow, and trying to spend time with our family. We still gather to worship and praise the God who held us in our darkest hour and reminded us that “weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” (*Psalms 30:5*) The grace and forgiveness that flowed down from Calvary is still ours to claim, and nothing any terrorist has done, or ever will do, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. (*Rom. 8:38-39*)

I still remember where I was that morning, and I still remember how I felt as I stumbled into the sanctuary in tears and knelt at the altar to pray. I prayed then as I pray now for not only God’s justice to be done, but for God’s love and mercy to fill our world, that there be no need for war, no need for security lines, no need for fear. Indeed, God’s word tells us that perfect love drives out fear. (*1 John 4:18*) I pray for God’s perfect love to enter this world. I pray for peace. I pray for hope. How about you? What is it you pray for as we mark the 10th anniversary of those devastating attacks? See *Thoughts—Page 3*.

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Where do you turn for hope and comfort and strength? May God continue to bless us, and our country, as we seek to serve Him; praying and working earnestly for the day when His will “is done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Dave



Lay Communion Volunteers

For many people, the act of receiving Communion is one of the most powerful moments of worship they ever know. Truly, it is a life changing experience. Now you have an opportunity to help those who are shut-in to experience that life changing power. Beginning in October we will be sending out teams of Lay Visitors to administer Communion to the sick, hospitalized and home-bound. Taking elements that were consecrated during the service, teams of two will visit those who could not attend the service and offer them the gift of grace that the sacrament provides. There will be a short training session right after church on September 25, and we will begin taking Communion out to those in need the following Sunday. The more people we have in the program, the more people we can reach each month. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. Dave.

Lay Visitation. Have you been looking for a way to make a difference in someone’s life, but just couldn’t figure out how? Have you been hearing the Holy Spirit whisper in your ear that you need to reach out, but didn’t know exactly how to go about it? Well, coming in September is an exciting new opportunity for every person and family in this congregation. It is the Lay Visitation Program, and we need you to be a part of it. What is it? Well, simply put, it is members of the church visiting other members of the church. That’s it, really. We have a large number of shut-ins, people recovering from illnesses or hospital stays, or people who are simply alone who would love to have someone visit them. You can be that person. We will have a file in the office listing those who need or would like a visit.

Once a week, once a month, or however often you are able, simply check the list, select one or more names, and visit. That’s all there is to it. It is a great opportunity for individuals and families to really impact someone’s life. It helps our isolated members stay connected to the body, and it gives you an opportunity to minister *to* and *in the name of* Jesus Christ.

This may well be one of the most vital ministries we undertake this year. If you are interested or curious about being a part of this ministry, please speak with Rev. Dave.

*Don’t miss out!
We need you—those at home need you—
and our Lord needs you.*



9/11 REMEMBRANCE



September 11 marks the 10th year anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks that changed our world. Since that day we have been engaged in a “war on terror.” Our world has changed. We have changed. And even after ten years there remains pain and fear.

In recognition of this anniversary milestone there will be two special opportunities for worship. The first will take place at our normal 10:00 Sunday worship service, where Rev. Dave will wrestle with the question, “Are We Safer?” The second will take place as we join with our brothers and sisters from the **United Methodist Church of Enfield at 7 PM** for a joint worship service of hope and healing.

Harvest Fair. . . October 21 and 22

It’s hard to believe that **October 21 and 22** is right around the corner. Please continue to work on projects you have begun and start looking for items to donate to Grandma’s Attic. Remember, our Crafters meet every Wednesday at 9 AM. . . all are welcome.

Donations of the following items are always welcome:

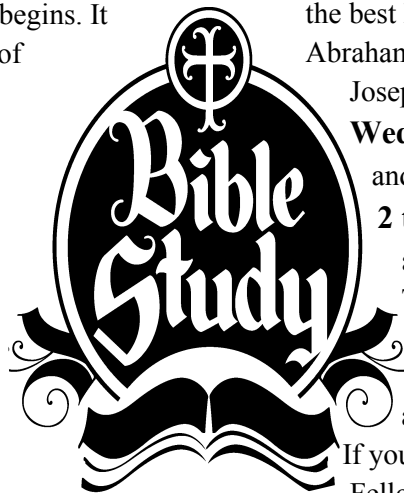
- Fall colored silk flowers and leaves*
- Scrapbook paper*
- Narrow fabric ribbon*
- Monetary donations*



Most of all we ask that you continue to hold the Harvest Fair in your prayers. We pray that God uses this event to bring us together as a church and as an outreach to our community.

It is the book where everything begins. It is the book that contains some of the best known stories of our faith. It is The book that people still argue about. It is the Book of Genesis.

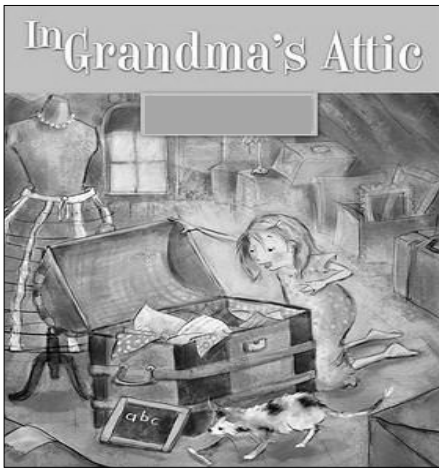
Join Rev. Dave for a 10 week study entitled *Invitation to Genesis*. This video-based study will take us into the rich tapestry of Genesis; exploring the interaction between God and very human people - pride, family relationships, conflict and journey all showcase



the best known stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah and Joseph. The classes will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:15,** and on **Thursday afternoons from 2 to 3:15** beginning **September 7 and 8.**

There is a nominal cost of \$10 to help defray the cost of the work books, and financial assistance is available.

If you are interested please sign up in Fellowship Hall.



Grandma's Attic at the Harvest Fair, October 21 and 22

We are looking for items to replenish/fill our **Grandma's Attic** room for the Harvest Fair.

Please check your jewelry boxes, storage boxes, desk drawers, closets, etc. for suitable things to donate for this **Always-A-Draw** space.

Donations are welcome and appreciated.

See Doris Mack for more information!

United Methodist Women — Linda Borio



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
POTLUCK SUPPER—6:30 PM
HUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Fall is almost here, and so is our UMW Pot Luck Supper meeting! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, September 13, 2011**, at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall.

Sue Frost, Pastor of Lay Ministry at Trinity UMC, Springfield, MA, will be with us speaking about **"AUTISM."** Sue's son is autistic, and she has overseen an intensive 40 hours/week special education for 13 years for her son. For everyone who has heard about "autism" and for those who are familiar with "autism," be sure to come and have some of your questions answered/clarified.

As with all our pot luck suppers, **all men and women** of the church are invited. Please bring a **dish to share, as well as your own plate and silverware.** Drinks, cups and napkins will be provided.

Also be sure to pick up your individual "World Thank Offering" container this evening. The containers will then be turned in at our November meeting.

Chair: Janette Young

Hostesses: Elda Bertrand, Lois Osier and Elsie Locke

If you have any questions, contact Linda Borio 860-749-6727 or email at ldb505@aol.com.

Tapes for Shut-ins. Did you know that we tape each service? We do! That means if you or a loved one can't make it to church on a given Sunday, you can borrow a cassette tape of the service to enjoy at your leisure. Simply see Rev. Dave, and he will be happy to get you the tape. Take your time. Listen to it as many times as you like and simply return it when you are finished.



Here Wee Grow!— Phyllis Phelan



It's back to school time! **Here Wee Grow!** begins with two Open Houses for its students and their families Sept 1 and 7. These provide times for children and their parents to meet the teacher, see the classroom and meet classmates. Our sixteenth year official begins on September 8. The enrollment continues to grow and more information on the number will be presented at a later date.

This year we will introduce the Responsive Classroom approach. A class meeting begins the

day with greetings, sharing time and activities to enjoy. We'll continue our regular curriculum for most of the day until closing time. Closing activities (story time, songs and such) end the day, along with a look at what to expect the next day.

As the new school year begins we ask for your contained support and your prayers. The challenges for young children and their families continue to grow. Challenges for teachers are also more prominent than in the past years. Life for all children should be light, carefree, fun and full of discovery. This is our hope and dream for the children of **Here Wee Grow!** We will strive to make this hope and dream a reality.

Until next time.....

Here Wee Grow! Attends Responsive Classroom Workshop

Three members of the HWG staff attended a week long workshop in Avon, CT. Mrs. Glaspie, Mrs. Barrett and I spent the week engaged with other educators and administrators learning about Responsive Classroom principals and objectives.

The Responsive Classroom approach to teaching and learning fosters safe, challenging and joyful classrooms and school. It was developed by classroom teachers and consists of teaching practices for bringing together social and academic learning throughout the day.

The Responsive Classroom teaching principals are based upon:

- ◆ Our best knowledge of how children learn developmentally, culturally, and individually
- ◆ Awareness that social and academic learning go hand-in-hand.
- ◆ The belief that all children want to learn and can learn

The outcomes of the Responsive Classroom are numerable:

- ◆ Increases social skills and academic engagement
- ◆ Establishes positive classroom climate
- ◆ Increases learner investment and independence
- ◆ Decreases disruptive behavior

All aspects are what we as teachers and parents want for all children.

It was a fantastic week, which literally flew by. Teachers from NJ, NY, Washington, DC, and CT were represented in our group. Twenty-five teachers, ranging from first year to seasoned teachers, attended and all with the same enthusiastic drive to learn and take home as much knowledge as we could. Our presenter, "Grace," was vivacious, entertaining, thought-provoking and knowledgeable about children. It was a fantastic week for all.

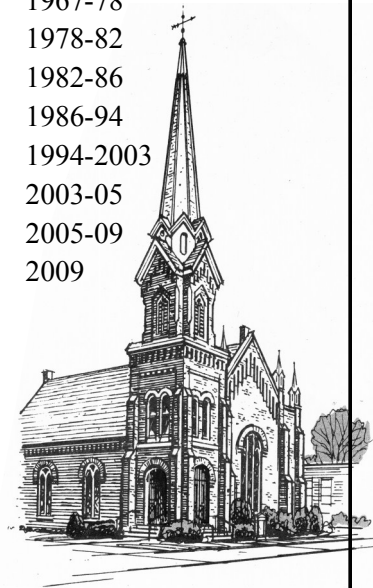
A special thanks to the HWG Board for giving us this opportunity!

Heritage Notes—A Page from our History — Alice Allen

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED HAZARDVILLE METHODIST CHUCH

Windsor Ward	1836-37	Warren A. Luce	1887-89
Walter Wilkie	1838	William J. Smith	1890-91
Benjamin M. Walker	1839	Thomas J. Everett	1892-94
John Howson	1840	Porter M. Vinton	1895-97
Warren Emerson	1841	Walter S. McIntire	1898-99
Lyman Leffingwell	1842-43	Walter J. Yates	1900-02
Sewell Lambertin	1844	Robert E. Smith	1903
Chester W. Turner	1845	George A. Grant	1904-08
William S. Simmons	1846-47	Thomas Tyrie	1909-18
Abel Gardiner	1848	A. H. Withie	2 weeks
Charles Morse	1849-50	Paul D. Minnick	1919-20
Lorenzo W. Blood	1851-52	Willis E. Plaxton	1921-25
Caleb S. Sanford	1853-54	Marion J. Creeger	1926-28
Anthony Palmer	1855-56	Oliver W. Bell	1929-32
George W. Rogers	1857-58	Otis L. Monson	1933-37
William E. Sheldon	1859	C. Homer Ginns	1937-47
John F. Sheffield	1860-61	J. Bernard Gates	1947
James Mather	1862-63	Burt L. Hilton	1947-50
Elisha B. Bradford	1864	Harvey F. Morrison	1951-59
Charles Merrill	1865-66	J. Kenneth Pearson	1959-67
Robert Parsons	1867-69	J. Arthur Dahlstrand	1967-78
James Mather	1870-71	Lawrence Almond	1978-82
Edward H. Hatfield	1872-73	P. Dale Neuffer	1982-86
Robert Clark	1874	Charles Whitford	1986-94
Nathan G. Axtell	1875-77	Henry Scherer	1994-2003
George W. Miller	1878	Michele Ewers	2003-05
Samuel McBurney	1879-80	Carol Stine	2005-09
Walter Ela	1881-83	David Williams	2009
Charles W. Gallagher	1884-86		

Submitted by Alice Godard Allen
Church Historian



Outreach—Holly Fisher

The Communion offering for September will go to **JFON (Justice for Our Neighbors)**. This fund is part of UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). JFON provides free, professional legal services to immigrants in monthly clinics. In this way the United Methodist Church and its local congregations can respond to the needs of immigrants who seek to reunify their families, secure immigration status, and enjoy the right to work as well as implementing the United Methodist Church's resettlement assistance to refugees. In the words of the 1986 United Methodist Bishops' Statement on Refugees and Immigration, "God comes to us in the form of the vulnerable person who lacks the benefit of status and protection in an alien land. In the flesh of Jesus Christ of Nazareth God chose to sojourn in a particular way for the sake of all humankind...and restored the possibility of authentic community in which love and justice reign and peace prevails."



Kids-4-Mission Club



Youth-4-Mission

In remembrance of the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, our Mission groups would like to honor our brave local police and fire departments with plates of homemade cookies and thank you cards.

On September 8, the evening group will be baking cookies to be packaged and distributed after Worship on Sunday, September 11. If you are able, please bake a batch of cookies for us to distribute and leave them in the kitchen before Worship on the 11th. All donations will be added to the plates for distribution. The children will gather in fellowship Hall after worship and Sunday School classes to create cookie platters and cards to be delivered to local police and fire departments. We sincerely appreciate your support of our Mission projects. *Thank you.*



OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Please join us for the Harvest Festival at Heifer Learning Center, Overlook Farm, 216 Wachusett Street, Rutland, MA, on October 2, 2011, 11 AM – 4 PM. Bring a bag lunch for a quick bite to eat after worship and then join us as we explore the homes in the Heifer Global Village to learn about traditional harvest celebrations in Peru, Poland, Kenya and more. Purchase local pumpkins and browse Shop@Heifer that features fair trade and unique hand-crafted items from around the world. Throughout the day, learn about Heifer International as you meet many of Heifer's animals including a pair of water buffalo, a yak, llamas and traditional farm animals such as pigs and goats.

Purchase a home-cooked lunch prepared from our farm products or bring your own picnic. The event will continue in the event of light rain. **Admission:** Children twelve and under are admitted *free*; all other attendees are \$5.00 per person.

Wish you could have been on "Glee" or "America's Got Talent"? Well, here's your chance to show off your voice. Enfield Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for their **35th annual Christmas Concert** on Monday, September 12 from 7 - 9 PM in Fellowship Hall. Rehearsals continue every Monday until the concerts on December 3 and 4. No special training is necessary--singing hymns is enough practice. Everyone pays for their own music--generally in the \$20 range. If you would like to join this 50-member group (all of whom are friendly and loads of fun), please join us on September 12. Any questions, call Joyce Young at 860-668-6220.



**Sing with the
Enfield Community Chorus**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, SOMERSVILLE, CT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011
10 AM—5 PM—Rain or Shine**

**Begin the day in Worship at the Pavilion
with Rev. Dave followed by
*Great Food, Great Friends, Great Games for adults and children***

***We are looking for volunteers to assist
with the preparation, cooking and clean-up.***

Please contact Sue Fracasso at 860-749-4261 or sbiker@msn.com.



E-Bay Opportunity. As the song says, “the times, they are a changing.” From cell phones to iPods, from laptops to kindles, technology has changed the way in which we do just about everything. In the process, these changes have created new opportunities and new ways to accomplish needed tasks. Some of those changes are about to enter into the life of HUMC.

Beginning this fall we are going to start an “E-Bay Brigade,” and we need your help. The concept is very simple. People who have things that they no longer want can bring them in to the church and our E-Bay Brigade will dispose of them by selling them on E-Bay. You get rid of the clutter, the folks who enjoy working and playing with computers get to indulge their passions, and the church reaps a financial benefit which will help balance our budget.

You can get involved in one of two ways. **First**, we need people to staff the brigade. These folks will be responsible for listing and monitoring the items we list for sale. **Second**, we need people to donate items. It is that simple. Experience is not necessary. Tom Phelan will conduct a brief overview and training session on how to use E-Bay some time later this month. Check the church bulletin insert for the date.

If you’d like to get involved, if you’ve been wondering about sites like E-Bay but have never had the chance to learn about selling things on-line, if you’re just curious, we want you. Come and be part of the technical revolution! Come and be part of the fun.

**Day of Exploring and Celebrating Our Ministries and Gifts
Connecticut/Western Massachusetts District**

September 17, 2011

Rockville United Methodist Church, Rockville, CT

10:00am – noon – Exploring a call to ministry: District Committee on Ministry will host an informal gathering time to meet with everyone who is exploring or inquiring about a call to serve as a pastor (local or ordained), Deacon, or Certified Lay Minister. This gather time is also for those currently in the candidacy process (but not yet certified) to meet DCOM members, ask questions and meet other candidates also on the journey to answer a call to ministry.

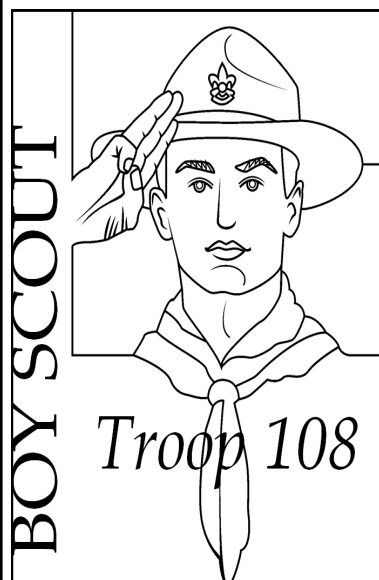
Noon – 1:30pm – District Lay Speakers: Lunch/Gathering. A time for lay speakers to get together and talk about our ministry in the district. We can explore ways to keep communication open and ways to use our ministries. Also, think about joining the district committee on Lay Speakers.

1:30 – 3:30 Ken Sloane from UM Communications: Ken will be celebrating our great United Methodist connectional ministries. “I have traveled extensively sharing the stories of the things we United Methodists are able to do together; things which no single church could do alone. The presentation will be a celebration, a thank you, for the ministry our folds have empowered through their giving.” Ken Sloane is director of Communications Ministry and helped in the design of ReThink Church.

RSVP for lunch would be appreciated.

Call (860) 871-7149, (860) 871-7149 or email cwmumc@neumc.org the district office by September 7th.

Scouting Challenges— *Bill Munsell*



First let me thank you all for your support of the Annual Mother's Day Flower Plant Sale. This year we had to find a new chairman for this event and a new grower who would work with the Troop. The flowers were very nice and the Troop is happy with the sales. Thanks again for your interest in this very special fund raiser and its honor to mothers.

When attending higher education, college, many adult scouts find great learning, down-to-earth teachers and professors, who speak with authority of age and their experience. Professor Michael Dukakis is a perfect example as he sees his students for the first time, telling them to think beyond the simple challenges of the day's assignments by taking in the comments of everyone as the professor gave examples by calling each student (35 in class) by his or her first name as they left the class. Naturally the professor is an Eagle Scout and very proficient in his challenges and assignments. My feeling is he knows how exciting the minds and expectations of this new group that may be tomorrow's leaders. There are many scouts that have and are making

great strides in the many opportunities available in this great country.

Summer camp went very well as usual with good leaders (adults and scouts) who worked with the 42 scouts attending camp. The guiding and scout eagerness produced 110 merit badges; along with the troop and camp providing many activities, they brought home 156 camp segments that they add to the uniform. Two scouts completed the 2 mile swim and also completed the BSA snorkeling requirements. Also three scouts earned the St. John Bosco Religious Award by attending church every morning while in camp. I believe this is another first for 108. Top most congratulations to three new adult leaders who completed Scoutmaster requirements and outdoor leader training and are now fully qualified Assistant Scoutmasters. Congratulations and thanks for stepping forward to keep Troop 108 fully trained. The scouts will benefit from your hard work and enthusiasm.

Andrew Stone, who is on summer staff at Yawgoog, was presented his Eagle Badge at a Sandy Beach campfire by Sandy Beach staff and Andrew's mother which was a surprise for Andrew. There were 75 to 100 staff, leaders, scouts and other adults who witnessed the pinning. Super idea for this award at scout camp. I know for a fact this is a first for Troop 108. Way to go Andrew!

Tyler Gorman was also on staff at Yawgoog for the summer; he earned three more merit badges to total 38 badges on his Sash. His Eagle project needs his attention. . .the paper work, get the necessary signatures and do the project. Lets go, Tyler, and get this wrapped up this fall. There are several other scouts in the process of working on their projects this past summer. This can be a big push as a Scout must complete the Eagle requirements before his 18th birthday.

I need to give credit to Scott Vujs, troop chairman and the book "Legacy of Honor" at the Enfield Library for some of this information.

Eagles show perseverance, leadership qualities and the ability to get things done

His Banner Over Us Is Love—Sandy Butcher

Where does one begin? Our lunches that were made with so much love by Linda Borio, Alice Allen and Doris Mack kept us pretty full the entire trip. Evening supper was at the Harvest House in Farmington, ME, with arrival just before dark. Our week at Salem Economic Ministry was full of firsts, full of wonder, and full of surprises.

The team cannot say enough about the exciting time we had and how we came together as a team. We had a couple of new team members this year: Holly Fisher and Erika Bourque. We ate well, although we terribly missed our cooks from last year, Colleen and Dave.

Holly was a great help in taking pictures for VBS, printing them and had beautiful apple frames in which to place them. . . a great contribution to the VBS program!! Erika was her usual self, very strong and was a tremendous help in holding and hanging sheetrock and did her fair share of painting on the mobile home we worked on. Our other team members, John Fisher and Steve Weisel, along with Nick Craven, worked hand in hand on the skirting of the mobile home (they were “experienced” in this task as they handled a similar project last year). Tyler did a lot of the cutting of the wood for this job. He is well versed in power tools and did a fantastic job.

Ed Butcher and his grandson Tyler Craven did a superb job of opening up a floor at another location and pulling up the subfloor. They replaced this soft floor with new foundation so it was not spongy but really strong and firm and needed to lay the floor again on top of the new sub floor. Barb and Jim Montstream worked on a sheetrock project, which turned out to be working over their heads installing furring strips and the installation of the sheetrock. Arms can only hold up for so long before all the blood has gone out of them causing them to ache. What a heavy and marvelous job they did. Jim Bourque taped and mudded the sheetrock on the cottage. He also installed new plumbing at the mobile home.

Sandra Butcher, Holly, Ed, and Melissa all worked on scrubbing down the mobile home so that fresh paint could be applied. Erika, Tracy, Tammy, Tyler, Sandra, Holly, and Nick also had a hand in this painting. Tammy Bourque, Tracy Weisel, and Melissa Bourque again handled the VBS. What a great program (Fruits of the Spirit) and the small circle of children really enjoyed themselves and had great craft projects to do: painting of flower pots and planting seeds in them, tie-dyed t-shirts (which turned out so colorful and bright which were displayed on the clothesline to dry), putting together and painting birdhouses and filling with birdseed...and so much more. Sandra and Barbara (sewing sisters) made some beautiful curtains for the cottage: living room windows and doors, bathroom, and one of the bedrooms. All in all, our week was full, we ate well, had fun, and the week flew by before we knew it.

Thanks to Steve, we had great looks at the moon, even seeing the craters on the moon thanks to a most powerful telescope. Most of us had never seen that before. The sky was full of beautiful stars that we don't usually see in Enfield as there are too many lights. Everyone should have a few days at the mission to really take in the beauty of nature there. We all saw so much need in the area, so many coming to the mission for food and clothing, and for fellowship. Our community supper on Wednesday evening gave us the opportunity to share with the neighbors. Our mission team members, Jim, Tammy, Melissa, Steve, and Tracy led contemporary singing in the sanctuary following our supper. The people who attended had a great time. We also had a group of RVers join with us at the mission, they were part of NOMADS, which is a United Methodist group who travel in RVs to help UMC projects across the country.

For those of you at home who supported us with our potato luncheon, contributed through communion offering and other donations, we are humbled by your generosity. Though we don't know each contributor, we know that our God is aware of all that have help. We are truly thankful for all the prayers that were sent our way. We know that made a huge difference while we were working...a week that kept us safe. For our church and work team to have completed so much and to personally make a difference in the lives of so many...We know that God was with us and that His banner protected us as we lifted our brothers and sisters to more comforting living conditions. Thank you all for your help...we could not have done it without each and every one of you.

~On the Personal Side~



Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers I have received since my accident. Your loving concern has made my recovery much easier.

Thank you all again very much

Peggy Steinert

To My Church Family,

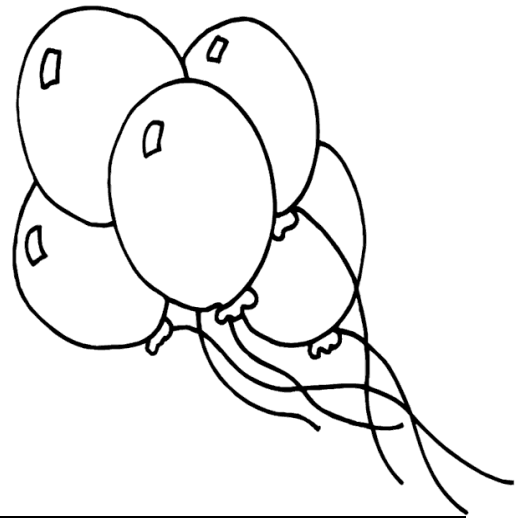
Thanks to all for many sympathy cards we received on the death of my mother Christine Riley. Mom lived 91 years in Philadelphia, PA. Linda and I spent a lot of time with her during the years and your expressions of sympathy greatly helped us during this time.

Fondly,

Ted Riley

September Birthdays

- 7 Suzanne Scherer
- 9 Jessica Duga
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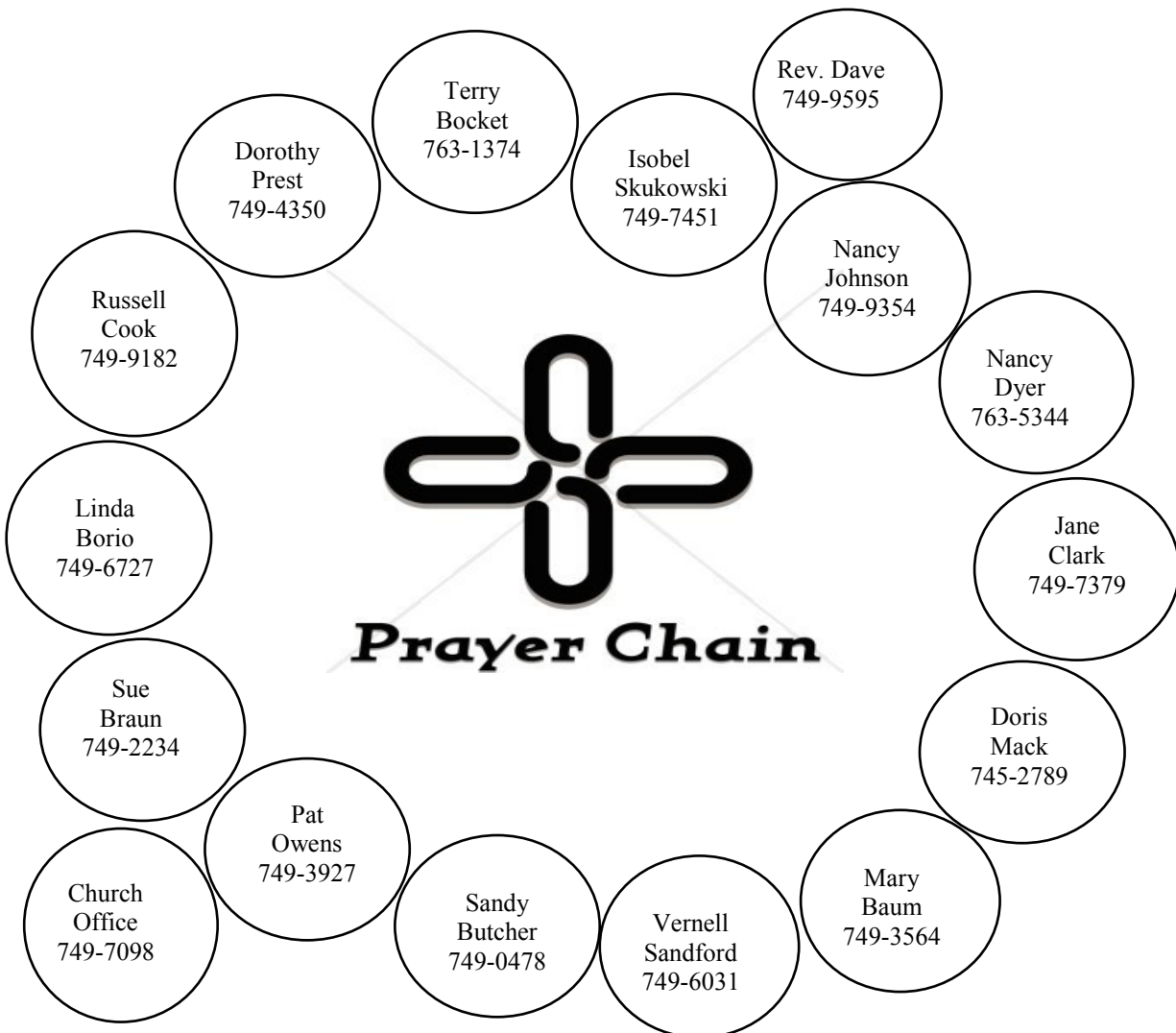
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To that wonderful volunteer production staff...

Heartfelt thanks to the gracious, considerate production staff whose nimble fingers made short work of our August issue of Steeple Tidings . . .

Pat Owens, Nancy Dyer . . . with special thanks to **Don Niemann** for all his support and help.



Please keep the following in your prayers

John Allen, L. Col. Conor Beck, Gerald Benard, Jane Clark,
Esta Clarke, Berta Clawson, Molly Johnson, Nancy Johnson,
Betty Mientus, Rev. Dale Neuffer, Mary Nickerson,
Barry Sackett, Peg Smith, Peg Steintert, Janet Wyatt

Pray also for these Members

Babs Baker, Redstone Rehab Facility, 135 Benton Dr, E.Longmeadow, MA
Asa and Hildegarde Waller, Suffield House, 1 Canal Road, Suffield, CT
Bertha Somero, Parkway Healthcare, 1157 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT

In Christian Sympathy

Ted Riley and family on the death of his mother, Christine Riley.
The family of Mildred Doreski on her recent passing.

*If you have a name to add or notice a name that is missing,
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Please list the name, grade and age of all children in your family, or their friends, who will be attending Sunday School. Return this form to HUMC, 330 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, CT 06082.

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