



Index

Apple picking ..... 3  
 Birthdays ..... 16  
 Bishop's letter ..... 18  
 Book discussion ..... 8  
 Church family notes ..... 22  
 Clergy appreciation ..... 22  
 Confirmation class ..... 4  
 Dates in history ..... 7  
 DVDs ..... 11  
 Editor's Corner ..... 23  
 Hartford Marathon ..... 19  
 Holly Fair ..... 15  
 Kidz Konnection play ..... 19  
 Laity Sunday ..... 5  
 Lodestar ..... 15  
 Make a Difference Day ... 9,17  
 Mission news ..... 16  
 Month of Sundays ..... 4,5,6  
 New member class ..... 7  
 Pancake breakfast ..... 8  
 Pantry needs ..... 16  
 Parking lot ..... 20  
 Pastor Appreciation Day ... 22  
 Pastor's Words ..... 2  
 Social Creed ..... 21  
 Stained glass ..... 7  
 Stewardship ..... 10,22  
 Summer music ..... 6  
 Sunday School kick-off 11,14  
 United Methodist Women .... 7  
 World Communion Sunday .. 3

NON PROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 CLINTON, CT  
 PERMIT NO. 5

The Messenger  
 THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 12 COMMERCE STREET  
 CLINTON, CT 06413-2017  
**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

# The Messenger

## October 2010



The United Methodist Church, Clinton, CT  
 Pastor M. Craig Fitzsimmons

**...SERVE ONE**

**ANOTHER**

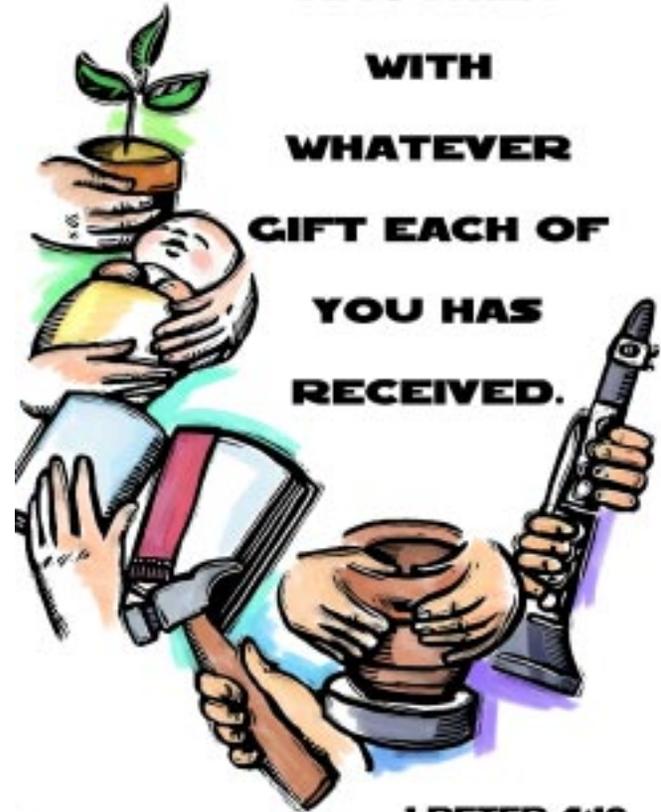
**WITH**

**WHATEVER**

**GIFT EACH OF**

**YOU HAS**

**RECEIVED.**



**1 PETER 4:10**

Though the mid-term elections are more than a month away, we have been inundated by political ads on TV and radio for what seems an eternity. If one is to believe the ads, no one is fit to be elected and serve in office. Candidates are accusing one another of lying and not being the person they purport to be. It seems as though we are to believe that if we elect the wrong person (that being the opponent), the district, state or nation is going to fail and we are going to pay higher taxes, be less safe, or all lose our jobs. Very few candidates take a stand on a particular issue and present a positive message of what they want to accomplish if elected. Negativity sells. The electorate is disgusted, if not angry with the inability of legislature and congress to act other than in a partisan way. There is a sense of “throw the bums out!”

This leads me to think about how Jesus would fare in an election. Would you vote for him as your savior? If we look to the gospels we find that while he seemed to be popular with the masses, he certainly was no fan of the establishment. For the last few weeks in worship we have been looking at the so-called “hard sayings” of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. There we find all kinds of negative ads, such as “he eats with sinners” or “he breaks the Sabbath.” Certainly someone who does such things is a rebel and should not be trusted, let alone be followed and given an office. We have heard from his own mouth that there will be divisions in families over him. What credentials does he have that qualify him to be a savior?

We all know that Jesus didn’t fit the expectation of Messiah. He was not a military leader. He did not advocate overthrowing the oppressors and the occupiers. He preached a message of love and reconciliation as well as the in-breaking of God’s blessed community. Eventually, even the crowds that hailed him turned against him, and instead of being swept into office, he was put to death on a cross alongside other criminals of the state. Not what you would call the ideal candidate.

I also began to think, what if I were to run for office. What would my opponent say about me? Would my life be distorted in an attempt to paint me as unfit for election? And then there is the issue of my election into God’s kingdom. God knows that I am unworthy, as are we all. None of us could stand up to God’s scurtny; none of us could declare that we are the best and deserve salvation. And so that is

We have sung it at least twenty times on Sunday mornings. The hymn? “What Gift Can We Bring?” It is a song of rejoicing for God’s gifts of the past and future — celebrating a joyful day in the life of the church.

*Editor's Corner*

Six gifts are pictured on this month’s Messenger cover. Which do you have? How many other gifts do you have and how are you using them today?

At least nineteen women shared their creativity in making shells for the Ugly Quilt sleeping bags. These and others will be finishing the product on Make-a-Difference Day, October 23.

Teachers and helpers are helping others to learn about God, our faith and our church in Sunday School each week.

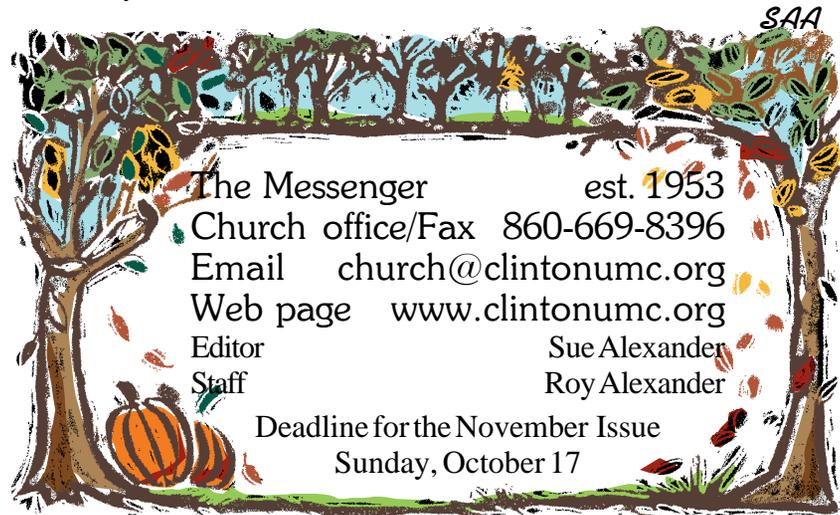
Carol Bell has trained her kitchen staff so well that she could vacation in Nevada and California while they managed the Soup Kitchen for one week!

Choir members rehearse every week for 1½ hours so they can provide beautiful music on Sundays.

Neal Sorensen keeps the church and parsonage lawns trimmed.

Faithful women meet each Monday morning and Tuesday evening to create items to give to others or to sell for the church.

Through the past 180 years this church has survived when other Methodist churches from Guilford to Old Saybrook closed. I am sure this was because the members always gave of themselves through work, worship and sacrificial giving. Everyone has multiple gifts and sharing them with the church is a good way to meet friends and enhance your talents.



SAA

The Messenger est. 1953  
 Church office/Fax 860-669-8396  
 Email church@clintonumc.org  
 Web page www.clintonumc.org  
 Editor Sue Alexander  
 Staff Roy Alexander  
 Deadline for the November Issue  
 Sunday, October 17

## Church family notes

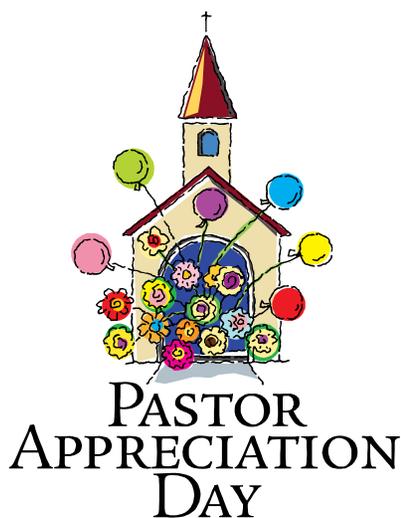
Dear Clinton Methodists,

Thank you so much for all your wonderful support and donations! The Board of Directors of the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries gratefully acknowledges the 524 pounds\* of food given to the SSK&P from January to September this year.

We thank you for your continued support.

*Lin Smith*

\* This doesn't include some of your contributions which are kept here for use on Wednesday nights!



### Clergy appreciation day

We receive quite a bit of clip art for this day, but since it doesn't seem to be a United Methodist holiday, it doesn't show up on our calendars. So pick a day in October, any day, and tell your pastor how much his ministry means to you.



The Stewardship Committee has provided a huge jar and invited people to add money to it in appreciation for the years given them on their birthdays.

Over \$280 has been given by those "on the right side of the grass" and the jar is still there for your birthday.

The Committee will determine a use for the funds at a future date.

where the un-fit Jesus and the sinning masses find their commonality. Only Jesus is truly worthy and he gives his life for all of us, whether we elected him or not!

God's love is so extensive for the world that God was willing to come in Jesus to offer us the gift of salvation and eternal life. Not through a political platform, nor some social program, or the lowering of taxes, but through his life, death and resurrection—a highly unusual way to get his message across.

As we continue to worship our God and struggle to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we know that we are not perfect, nor do we deserve to be voted in to God's people, but the good news is that even though we don't serve it, we can't earn it, we can't buy our way in, Christ offers it to us through his sacrifice, love and grace. That's who I'm voting for!

Shalom,  
*Craig*



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Your support of the special offering on World Communion Sunday, October 3, provides scholarships for racial and ethnic minorities so they may attend college and benefit people all over the world. At least one-half of the funds supplied are used in ministries beyond the United States.



### Apple picking time

Join your church family on a fun afternoon picking apples! We will be picking our own apples on Sunday, October 3. We will carpool from the church at 2 pm and travel to Bishop's Orchard in Guilford. Please let Lisa Sutherland know if you are attending.

## Month of Sundays

<b>October 3</b>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b>
Greeter	Beverly Jones
Ushers	Evelyn Scaglione, Sharon Minick, Gay McPhee, Allison McKinnon, Lynda Larson
Infant/toddler care	Linda Symmes
Acolytes	Alexandra Marsella, Eliot Yang
Sound coordinator	Tammy Drena
Camera operator	Lisa Sutherland
Worship leader	Mickey Brown
Lectionary scriptures	Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
Sermon	Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons
Communion steward	Gay McPhee
Fellowship host	

### Confirmation classes

Confirmation class will resume on October 3 at 5 pm in the Pastor's office. We will be going over the schedule and picking our regular meeting time. Those who have completed the first year of the class are encouraged to attend this meeting or let the pastor know if you are unable to be there.

<b>October 10</b>	<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
-------------------	------------------------------------

Greeters	
Ushers	Sally Cotter, Ginny Burr, David Moore, Lyle Cubberly, Drew Dupre
Infant/toddler care	Linda Symmes
Acolytes	Alaina Attanasio, Raegen Riley
Sound coordinator	Ally Gates
Camera operator	Mickey Brown
Worship leader	
Lectionary scriptures	Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
Sermon	Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons
Fellowship hosts	Heidi and Aleia Hayes

## The Social Creed of the United Methodist Church

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

*This social creed was approved by the 2008 General Conference for use by all United Methodists. The original creed was written 102 years ago and has been revised through the years, most recently by a task force led by Bishops Susan Morrison and Jane Middleton. Bishop Middleton stated, "We know that in the principles there are issues that we still struggle with, but the Creed is an attempt to say, 'Yes, here we can all stand, as people of the Word, people of piety and people of justice.'"*

*The creed has been put into a responsive reading, a gospel hymn tune and a praise band arrangement.*

## OnSite has us coming and going

OnSite Services, Inc. decorated the Stevens-constructed parking lot with car lines, cross-hatched areas for walking and our dumpster, handicap parking spaces and directional traffic arrows. Our parking lot has never looked better or safer!



During the week remember that Country Nursery School is in session now so watch for short people.

During the winter Sundays especially it would be nice if some of us could park in back, leaving all the side spaces for those hosting Friendship Time and our older parishioners.



**To celebrate the talents of the laity as their lives are empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit, we have a special Sunday worship on October 17.**

Greeters	The Rileys
Ushers	Dennis Scaglione, Bob McLeod, John Pope, Gerald Cotter, David Wahl
Infant/toddler care	Linda Symmes
Acolytes	Caroline Yang, Jessie Ryan
Sound coordinator	Jonas Thelin
Camera operator	Dan Attanasio
Worship leader	Tammy Drena
Lectionary scriptures	Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
Sermon	???
Fellowship hosts	Beverly Jones

### October 24

### 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters	Chase and Drew Pendleton, Drew Dupre
Ushers	Rachel Benisvy, Haley Parent, Justin Hauser, Alex Attanasio, Alexandra Marsella
Infant/toddler care	Linda Symmes
Acolytes	Alex Attanasio, Eliot Yang
Sound coordinator	Tammy Drena
Camera operator	Lisa Sutherland
Worship leader	????
Lectionary scriptures	Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
Sermon	Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons
Fellowship hosts	The Shogrens

**October 31**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Greeters	United Methodist Youth Group
Ushers	Evelyn Scaglione, Sharon Minick, Gay McPhee, Allison McKinnon, Lynda Larson
Infant/toddler care	Linda Symmes
Acolytes	Raegen Riley, Nicholas Dollahite
Sound coordinator	Lisa Sutherland
Camera operator	Mickey Brown
Worship leader	Carolyn Hale
Lectionary scriptures	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10
Sermon	Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons
Fellowship hosts	United Methodist Youth Group



Am I the only one thinking summer went too quickly? I know it's over because the choir has rejoined me up front; that always makes me happy.

We rejoice again over the talent in our congregation, all of whom are willing and eager to share their music with us. Bob Ezold is always ready to play and brings his

friends with him. He leaves me notes and phone calls telling of the fun he has at the organ.

Please remember to thank our soloists: Dennis Dollahite and his guitar, Alaina Attanasio and her harp, Bob Hale and his sax, Don Shogren, Joel Fairfax and the Hale Family singers.

One extra treat this summer was to have Vi Allen worship with us one Sunday. As Methodist Melodies (a barbershop-style women's double quartet) director for many years, she developed many music programs during our worship services and also on the shoreline. Thanks, Vi.

Thank you, Dear Lord, for music.

*Nan Hawes*

America believes in and be willing to pay whatever price to protect and preserve freedom and equality for all. Our resolve to do it must grow stronger for such a time as this. It is my prayer that someday peoples of all religious communities and faith traditions will embrace the vision of liberty, peace and justice in reconciliation, harmony and mutual respect and it is incumbent upon us to do whatever we can today to hasten that day. I ask you to continue to pray that our conversation will be a positive force that reflects who we are as responsible citizens, as well as faithful Christians.

In Christ,  
*Jeremiah J. Park*

### **Bishop Park runs again**

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park will be running in the ING Hartford Marathon and Half Marathon on October 9 at 8:00 AM in Bushnell Park, Hartford, to benefit the Bishop's Partners in Mission. To join him in the race, please go to [www.hartfordmarathon.com](http://www.hartfordmarathon.com).

To support Bishop Park in his run, please send a check made payable to "New York Annual Conference" with "Race for Mission" in the memo line.

### ***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* kicks off Kidz Konnection's 2010/2011 Production Schedule**

Get in the mood for October by joining Kidz Konnection's Junior Blackbox Troupe for a spooky storytelling tradition. . . Come see *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our young performers will take you back in time to relive the mysterious tale of Ichabod Crane and his misfortunes with The Headless Horseman. What really happened when the strange, lanky man came to town? Refreshments provided after this one hour simple set performance. We'd love to see you there!

Our Senior Blackbox Production this Fall is J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. November 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Andrews Memorial Town Hall Auditorium. Retold in a family-style genre, it will be fun for all ages. This production has been directed to excite every member of your entire family. Tickets just \$5.00. Call 860-227-2363 or email [llwa@yahoo.com](mailto:llwa@yahoo.com) for more information or to reserve your tickets.

## A letter from our Bishop

September 1, 2010

Dear United Methodists of the New York Annual Conference,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, the Prince of shalom, Healer of our brokenness and Hope of the world!

The controversy over constructing the 51 Park Islamic Community Center and mosque near the Ground Zero has generated a heated dispute. Understandably emotions run high as it touches the nerves of both the sacredness of the ground and one of our most fundamental national principles. Among the diverse voices expressed are those that reflect racism, religious discrimination and hate: these must be rejected, for they cause harm and undermine the very foundation upon which this nation is built.

I resonate with the voices that express sensitivity toward the families and friends of the victims of 9/11 by questioning the appropriateness and wisdom of the choice of location of the building. I believe that some of these voices come out of a sincere desire to preserve the sanctity of Ground Zero, to seek justice with regard to those who are responsible for the atrocity, and to build a bridge among the Muslims and the Islamic community with the large community. Other voices have expressed fear and resentment and opinion that the diabolic extremists who brought death and destruction on 9/11 could claim the building as their trophy. Arguments can be made that granted the right intentions, building an Islamic center and mosque near Ground Zero can have the opposite effects.

However, denying the fundamental right of a religious community, as long as it fulfills the same legal requirements applied to all other religious communities, by singling it out for the wrong reasons, compromises the integrity of who we are at our core. If allowed, a serious crack opens in the foundation of our nation. Once opened in one place, soon more will be opened in other places. It makes us less as Americans and weaker as a nation. America cannot afford it.

Based upon what is known at this time, I support the building of the 51 Park Islamic Community Center and mosque. Our hearts break over the sacrifice of the dead from 9/11 and the pains and sufferings of their loved ones and our country. However, to truly honor them, to truly preserve the historic significance of Ground Zero, and to truly triumph over the evil force of 9/11, it is necessary to stand firm on what

## Stained glass

When I first worked around the church buildings, we had a box of stained glass left from previous repairs. Some people used it to make jewelry and suncatchers, which the church then sold as mementos.

If you did this and have glass pieces left would you please return them to the church office this month. Thank you very much.

## District United Methodist Women Fall Gathering

“Giving to Survive” is the theme of the Fall Gathering to be held at First United Methodist Church, 159 East Main Street, Meriden from 9:30 to 3:00 on Saturday, October 16. Child care is available. The cost for the luncheon is \$8.50; checks payable to UMW and registration forms are to be returned by Tuesday, October 12. The forms are in the Church Office.

The New York Conference United Methodist Women are also meeting in our district this year – at Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport on October 23. The cost is \$15 for registration and continental breakfast.



New members will be received into our congregation on Commitment Sunday, November 21. If you would like to become a member through a profession of faith, transfer from another United Methodist Church or another denomination, please speak to Pastor Craig. We want to have an introductory meeting of those joining to answer any questions and have the opportunity to get to know one another.

## Historic October dates for Methodists

- Oct. 9 Thomas Coke was born in Brecon, Wales, 1747.
- Oct. 25 The United Brethren in Christ organized in Maryland, 1800.
- Oct. 30 John Street Church dedicated in New York City, 1768.

# Pancake Breakfast September 12



Chef Bob Hale was very creative with the pancakes this year. In addition to his usual music notes there were church steeples and #1s as you may see pictured on the grill. About thirty persons attended.

## The MBR Group

The Methodist Book Readers will be discussing *Parrot and Olivier in America* on Monday, October 25 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. This novel by Peter Carey describes the adventures of Parrot and Olivier (Oscar and Felix types) as they travel America with Alexis de Tocqueville in the mid-19th century.

Anyone who has read the book is welcome to attend; refreshments are served.

## Making shells for Ugly Quilts



Our thanks to those women, including Jackie pictured, who brought sewing machines to speed the work!



Piece by piece a quilt shell is made

Lots of space is needed to lay out a shell.



A bountiful free lunch provided by Subway.

## October Birthdays

Nathaniel Brown	3	Karen Martino	15
Linda Dwyer	4	Barbara Archer	16
Marylin Johnson	5	Skylar Riley	17
Sharon Minick	5	Helen Tsai-Boey	18
Mary Cave	6	Dennis Scaglione	19
Beth Gilcher	6	Nancy Cassiey	21
Diane Remetta	7	Ruth Benner	23
Beth Hughes	9	Kyle Patten	24
Patricia Wilson	10	Christopher Howe	27
Sue Alexander	12	Charles Martens	31
Naomi Menke	15	Jane-Ellen Demers	31

## Mission news

The Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey was elected deputy general secretary for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). She succeeds the late Rev. Sam Dixon, who died as the result of the earthquake in Port au Prince last January.

Rev. Harvey is a pastor from Texas with a background in the local church, international health ministries, domestic disaster relief and organizational management. Rev. Harvey is married and has a daughter who is a freshman in college.

## Pantry needs

Pear and peach halves, or canned fruit of any kind, are needed to restock our pantry. But please donate whatever you wish as it will be used either in a Soup Kitchen or distributed to individuals and families in need. Thank you!



**Canned-Food**  
*Drive*

## Making ugly quilt shells

With Carol Bell, Jackie Blomberg, Evelyn Scaglione and Nan Hawes at their sewing machines, we were able to make six shells for the “Make a Difference Day” workshop.

Many thanks to the following women who helped to make the shells:

Ellen Hoyt	Marilyn Gerard
Corrie Kersten	Jackie Blomberg
Barbara Archer	Arline Johnson
Carol Bell	Fern Pope
Evelyn Scaglione	Betty Andrew
Nan Hawes	Priscilla Valvano
Elaine Bascom	Ruth Benner
Dottie Sprague	Naomi Menke
GINNY BURR	Carolyn Berlepsch

Subway of Madison provided a generous lunch for all the helping hands. The workshop was a great success.

Join us Saturday, October 23, to assemble the Ugly Quilts.

*Carol Martens*

## Make A Difference Day 2010

Make A Difference Day is a national event. Each fall our church has taken part in this opportunity to help others and to have a fun time in the process.

Our Clinton interdenominational program assembles and provides sleeping bags called “Crazy Quilts for homeless people in the Middletown area. They are made up of different colors.

Please join us in assembling the sleeping bags in Fellowship Hall on Saturday October 23 from 9 to 4. Stay as little or as long as you wish. A light lunch will be provided. Simple assembly skills will be cheerfully explained and demonstrated.

A Make A Difference Day collection box has been placed in Fellowship Hall to collect clean used blankets and articles of new or like new clothing. There is a need for medium weight jackets (men’s XL), flannel shirts (men’s XL), assembled adult sleeping bags and shower curtains. Any additional needed items and a sign up sheet will be posted in fellowship hall. Thank You!

For additional information contact Bev Jones, 860-552-4275 or Dennis Scaglione, 860-669-7970.

*Dennis Scaglione*

## The World Giving Index

Much has been said about the virtues of charity. The bible is replete with passages that exhort us to give and support the needy. For instance, in Proverbs we read that “One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” We are told that the rewards of giving are considerable. However, I’ve come to believe that we are “refreshed” in ways that are more than material.

Last week the results of a fascinating survey were made public by the Charities Aid Foundation and the Gallup organization. They studied the charitable habits of people in 153 countries and correlated these habits with numerous factors including wealth and happiness. They defined charity to include acts such as giving money to charity, giving time to those in need and helping a stranger in need. They came up with a ranking of countries which they called the World Giving Index. The U.S. was ranked fifth while Australia and New Zealand were tied for first.

One interesting finding was that the most charitable countries were not necessarily the wealthiest. Among the top 20 countries were Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Turkmenistan, Guinea, and Guyana - certainly not economic powerhouses. Some very wealthy nations were near the bottom of the list such as Saudia Arabia (86), Singapore and France (91-tie), and Japan (119). Of concern, was that some of the most populous countries were even farther down the list including India (134), Russia (138), and China (147).

The most interesting finding, however, was that there was a strong correlation between giving of money and happiness. The link between the giving of money and happiness is stronger (a coefficient of 0.69) than the link between the giving of money and the Gross Domestic Product of a nation (0.58). Happier people are more likely to give than wealthy people as satisfaction proves a stronger influence than wealth. It would be reasonable to conclude that giving is more an emotional act than a rational one. The authors of the study conclude that the level of satisfaction or happiness of the population is a key driver for increasing the giving of money. Furthermore, they suggest that there could be a positive cycle of giving. Those who donate are likely to help improve the happiness of others, who in turn may be more likely to give to charity and so on.

## Lodestar

Shabby old book, in leather all clad,  
Tattered and mended and ragged and sad,  
Once you were sturdy, spotless and new,  
The prize of a young man who owned but a few.

Filled with the magic of letters and words,  
A whole world within you – shepherds and herds,  
Camels and tigers and lark, dove and crow,  
An Eden, an ark, a flood, a rainbow;  
Sinners and saints and angels on wing,  
Lessons for living, a baby, a King,  
Blessings and promise, a death to atone,  
A cross and a tomb and a rolled-away stone.

Shabby old book, my lodestar, my friend,  
My life’s companion until journey’s end;  
You are – though tattered and mended, it’s true –  
The prize of an old man who needs only you.

*T. D. Oberman*

## Holly Fair

With the church fair less than two months away, please let Laurie Bell, 860399-8942, know what you have made or are making in the way of crafts, preserves and jellies, woodworking, etc.

If you need inspiration, please come to the Clever Crafters on Monday mornings at 11:00 or the Holly Crafters at 7:00 on Tuesday nights. Watch the bulletin and November Messenger for other times to help create foods in the church kitchen.

There will be a SERRV table at this year’s Holly Fair! SERRV is a non-profit organization that works to eradicate poverty by marketing crafts made by the poor.

You also have the opportunity during October to select items you want from the SERRV catalog and they will be ordered for you.

The fair will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010.



The Junior and Senior High class started with reading about Genesis and talking about the world as it was at the time this book was written. We will be meeting Sundays at 9 AM in Room 201 and

every couple of months we'll go to Malone's for breakfast.



Mrs. Bishop and a Sunday School Class in Room 205  
Watch for other class pictures in the November Messenger!

I wonder whether it's the other way around. Perhaps the countries that are higher on the Giving Index become happier because of the very fact that they give more. I'm not a statistician or pollster, but I suspect the cause and effect could easily be reversed. This may be one way that those who "refresh" others are being "refreshed" themselves. So, get happy and give generously.

*S. Steven Yang*

for the Stewardship Committee

### Adult Sunday School Class



While their teacher is traveling, six of the Adult Class met in Room 101 and checked out the bible (our GPS) on "what it takes to be a Christian." Pictured are Beverly Jones, Dennis Scaglione, Pat Watts, Sue Alexander and Ellen Hoyt. Neal Sorensen missed the picture!  
Join us at 9 am every Sunday in Room 101.

### Our Church's Mission Statement

We celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit;  
being and making disciples of Christ  
by sharing God's gifts through word and deed.

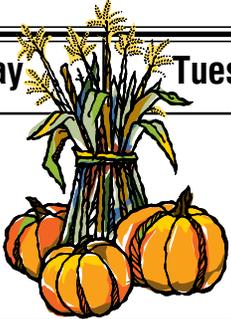
### DVDs of Sunday Worship

If you would like a DVD of any Sunday morning service, please ask the Video Team. DVDs are also available in the church office to take to shut-ins.



# October 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		<b>1</b> 5:30 A. A. 7:30 KidzKonnection <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	<b>2</b>
<b>3 World Communion</b> 9:00 Adult Church school 10:00 Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship time 2:00 Apple picking 5:00 Confirmation class	<b>4</b> Organ tuning 11:00 Clever Crafters	<b>5</b> 9:00 WIC 7:00 Holly Crafters	<b>6</b> 9:00 T. O. P. S. 5:00 Soup Kitchen hosts United Methodists 7:00 Trustees	<b>7</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>8</b> 5:30 A. A.	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> 9:00 Adult Church school 10:00 Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship time	<b>11 Columbus Day</b> 11:00 Clever Crafters 5:30 Second Home Providers 7:00 Cub Committee	<b>12</b> 7:00 Holly Crafters	<b>13</b> 9:00 T. O. P. S. 5:00 Soup Kitchen hosts Christ Chapel 7:00 Church Council	<b>14</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 5:30 A. A.	<b>16</b> 9:30 United Methodist Women Fall Gathering, Meriden UMC	
<b>17 Laity Sunday</b> 9:00 Adult Church school 10:00 Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship time Youth leave for <b>6 Flags</b>	<b>18</b> 11:00 Clever Crafters	<b>19</b> 7:00 Holly Crafters 7:30 Deborah Circle @ Beverly Jones'	<b>20</b> 9:00 T. O. P. S. 5:00 Soup Kitchen hosts St. Alexis Orthodox	<b>21</b> 9:30 WIC 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>22</b> 5:30 A. A.	<b>23</b> 9 to 4 Make a Difference Day	
<b>24</b> 9:00 Adult Church school 10:00 Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship time	<b>25</b> 11:00 Clever Crafters 7:00 Cub Pack Meeting 7:30 Book discussion	<b>26</b> 7:00 Holly Crafters	<b>27</b> 9:00 T. O. P. S. 5:00 Soup Kitchen hosts St. Mary's Church	<b>28</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>29</b> 5:30 A. A. 7:30 Stephanie Gregory Concert, Branford United Methodist	<b>30</b> 9 to 3 Craft Fair, Branford UMC, 811 E. Main St. (Route 1)	
<b>31 Reformation Day</b> 9:00 Adult Church school 10:00 Worship 10:20 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Fellowship time							