

## **From the Pastor**

Summer is here! School is out! The days are longer, the weather warmer, and the tempo of life shifts. Most people exchange the routine of the regular calendar for summertime activities of picnics, weekend entertainment, vacation plans and leisure time.

Here at CCNF the tempo of life also shifts. During the summer months most of the Teams take a break, the choir takes a well-deserved rest, and the regular monthly groups suspend their meetings. Our worship also shifts as we move from the confines of the sanctuary to the beautiful setting of the garden. Beginning July 6<sup>th</sup> the time of worship shifts to 9:30 a.m. Starting worship a half hour early not only misses the summer heat, but leaves plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the day doing all those other summer activities. The time and place may shift, but our worship continues every Sunday. Our regular Church School year ended in June, but a terrific “Summer Fun” program continues each Sunday. The children go directly to Church School for a ‘one room school house’ approach, as children from Pre-K through Fourth Grade enjoy a time of fun activities and learning.

During July and August, you will be treated to different voices in our pulpit. I will be with the Youth Group in Appalachia two Sundays. On July 6<sup>th</sup> the Rev. Des Desmond, Pastor Emeritus of Brookfield Congregational Church, will lead worship and on July 13<sup>th</sup>, you will have the pleasure of Carl Anderson’s leadership. I also have vacation plans -- on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Rev. Johanna Johns-Jung will lead worship and on August 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Douglas Halley, licensed minister, will share his message.

Summer is here! But remember church never closes, the garden chapel is open 24/7, and God doesn’t take a vacation.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Pat*

## **Moderator's Report – July-August 2008**

Summer is finally here again, and with it I look forward to all those wonderful God given attributes such as the high heat, steamy humidity, powerful thunder storms, bright sunshine, lush foliage, wild birds, animals, ticks & mosquitoes, dark cool woods, hiking, biking, boating, beaches, swimming, tanning, etc., etc. I also look forward to outdoors Sunday worship services (to begin at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting) and the summer play (Guys and Dolls). Then, once again I am blessed with enough vacation time and spare energy to join the Senior High Youth Group from July 5<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> on another pilgrimage to Appalachia to meet, greet, help and pray with folks somewhat less fortunate than we are.

June marked the end of another very successful year for our Sunday school and music programs (Sr. choir, Jr. choir, youth band, bell choir, drumming circle). It was also the beginning of a new cycle for church teams, and even the first time for some participants. Welcome, and thank you to all.

Our June Executive Council meeting was held on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a very hot evening, so we kept it short. We reviewed reports on church finances, Outdoor Ministries, Committee Activities, Service Club, and Christian Education. We discussed the concern about our income not keeping pace with the budget, even though there is a continued sense that we're not in serious trouble on the expense side.

I look forward to seeing you this summer . . . in West Virginia . . . in the outdoor chapel . . . in the play . . . in and around town.

Respectfully,

Andy Wells, Moderator

[moderator@nfcongregational.org](mailto:moderator@nfcongregational.org)



Our church school workshop schedule for next year is posted below and in Pilgrim Hall. Sign ups for teachers, rotation leaders and guides has begun and people are coming forward to participate. Thank you to all those that have already put their names down and made a commitment to the Christian education of our children. There are still opportunities for everyone to share in this responsibility. In addition to filling out the workshop leader schedule, we are looking for one more team teacher for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class and team guides for the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please sign up in Pilgrim Hall. You can

email Liz Yoho at [cedirector@nfcongregational.org](mailto:cedirector@nfcongregational.org) for more information or to get your name on the list!

~Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### Rotation Workshop Schedule 2008/2009

Sept 7	Rally Day
Sept 14 – 28	Noah
Oct 5 – 19	Daniel
Oct 26 – Nov 16	Elijah & Elisha (4 weeks)
Nov 23 – Nov 30	Advent / Christmas (2 weeks)
Dec 7 & 14	Pageant practice & Pageant
Dec 21	Happy Birthday Jesus Activities
Dec 28	No Church School
Jan 4 - 18	Jonah
Jan 25 – Feb 8	Esther
Feb 15 – Mar 1	Samuel
Mar 8	Mission Day
Mar 15 – 29	Lent / Easter rotation
April 5	Walk Through Holy Week
April 12	Easter – No Church school
April 19	Earth Day
Apr 26 – May 10	Call of the Disciples
May 17 - 31	Paul
June 7 & 14	Children's Sunday service



### **SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL**

Our Christian education programming continues through the summer downstairs for all our children. The program begins at 9:30 a.m. at the start of the worship service. The nursery is open for

babies to 3 year olds and our summer fun class is open to children 3 years and up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Older children are invited to join us to be helpers in the class. The curriculum focuses on the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience and kindness. A leader sign up sheet is available in Pilgrim Hall. Materials for the class are prepared for the leader ahead of time. Bring your children to enjoy the relaxed pace of summer Sunday school while you worship in the garden.

**The Children's offering** this summer will benefit the "Now for the Future" campaign for Silver Lake. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Heifer and the "Fill the Ark" project. We raised over \$260 to purchase many animals with our donation.



### **Children's Sunday**

We had a wonderful day on June 8<sup>th</sup> with our children leading us in worship and a fun picnic hosted by the Christian Education team. There were many people who pitched in to make the day such a success. Thank you to those who helped in worship, in song, set up, clean up, cooked hot dogs, painted faces, supervised the bounce house, played with the kids and welcomed each other on such a beautiful day.

### **Middle School Youth Group**

Our incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders were welcomed to MSYG with a Wet & Wild Picnic on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to an awesome year together. Watch for our kick off event in September.

### **Peace Pole Dedication & Prayer Walk**

The SHYG led the dedication of the Peace Pole on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope you stop by and see the work that has been accomplished on the prayer walk. Anyone with an hour or two is welcome to help us continue spreading the wood chips. Please speak with Liz Yoho or Jerry Gay.



### **Senior High Youth Group**

The Senior High Mission Team will be leaving on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> to travel to Omar, WV for our week long mission trip. We are very excited about the families we will meet and the work that we'll do. Thank you to everyone who has contributed through stock sales, cans and flamingoes to help fund our expenses. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers for our mission work.

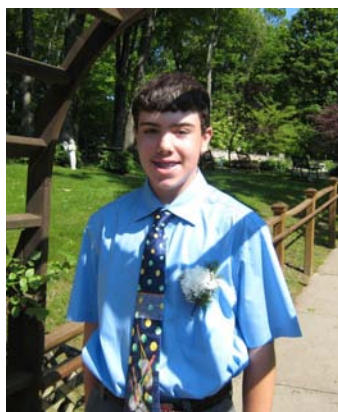


Mark your calendar for the Senior High Youth Mission trip for next summer - July 5 – 11, 2009. We will be traveling to Biloxi, MS to do home repair and Hurricane Katrina work. **SAVE THE DATES!**

**CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!** On Sunday, June 1st five teens culminated the year long confirmation process by claiming for themselves the commitment their parents made at their baptisms. In celebration, we received them into full membership in the Congregational Church of New Fairfield in a Service of Confirmation.



Kristopher Bevan



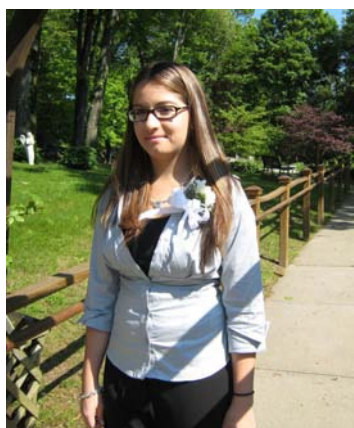
Brett Grabert



Cristian Carneiro



Justin Williams



Kassandra Gonzalez



### Thank You Notes

So many people deserve thanks for all that they do for the church. It is impossible to name everyone, but here are a few special thanks this month:

**Thanks** to Dotty Norman for helping each week proofreading the bulletin and helping every month to put the Candlelight together.

**Thanks** to Ken and Norm Taylor for taking out a section of back pews, this created another handicap accessible space in our sanctuary.

**Thanks** to Kathy Scott and Linda Heintz for a fantastic job cleaning the kitchen in Pilgrim Hall. It sparkles! Also, thanks to Linda Heintz for organizing the recycling bins.

**Thanks** to Peter Brenzel for creating and putting up the Entrance and Exit signs.

**Thanks** to Lynn Raymond and Peter Brenzel for painting the lines in the upper parking lot.

**Thanks** to the crew of workers who served at Dorothy Day Hospitality House on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and to those who went on the first Saturday of May and June to help clean the kitchen.

**Thanks** to the Trustees for installing the hand washing sink in the kitchen and the new faucet in the ladies room.

**ON SUNDAY, JULY 6<sup>th</sup> THROUGH AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>, WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:30 a.m.**

outside in the Martha Fairchild Gardens (weather permitting). Come and enjoy the beauty of the gardens and worship in the midst of God's good creation. There is childcare every Sunday and a "Summer Fun" Sunday school program. Begin your week with worship, and still have time to enjoy the day!



**Assistance in moving the piano and equipment is needed.** Helpers need to be at the church at 8:45 a.m., ready to have set-up completed by 9:15 a.m. Please look for the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall and add your name. Of course . . . this includes the commitment to move the equipment back indoors, after the Service.

### OUTDOOR MINISTRY TEAM

The Outdoor Ministries have been busily sprucing up the gardens – with new plants – weeding and mulching. On Children's Sunday, the children planted their garden with colorful annuals.

July 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first Sunday service outdoors. Also, on that Sunday, Preserve New Fairfield will hold their first House & Garden Tour, beginning with our beautiful Martha Fairchild Memorial Gardens.



## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Gifts can be given in memory of a loved one anytime during the year. The names are recorded in the Book of Remembrance, which is on

display in a glass case in the Narthex. On *Remembrance Sunday* in May the names are lifted up during the worship service. Gifts to the Book of Remembrance are used to enhance our worship. A few of the purchases made possible by Book of Remembrance gifts are hymnals, new paramets, small candle lighters and the new piano.

*“Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I will delight to do your will, O my God, your law is within my heart.” Psalm 40:7*

### Given in Memory of:

Joan Barbarie  
George Birbarie  
Jean Booth  
Jeanne & Albert Clear  
Walter A. Czudak  
Guy & Debby Gardiner’s Family Members  
Ralph & Elizabeth Hatch  
George Henry Lassen  
Harriette Peck Moissonnier  
Alfred & Harriette Moissonnier  
Homer Norton  
Kevin Norton  
Janet Novicky  
Edward Passarella  
Clarence & Clara Rasmussen  
Dr. James L. Stoner  
Bruce Wallace

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY

All women are invited to the July gathering!

**Pizza Pool Party**  
**Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Mary Carneiro's - 18**  
Cloverleaf-New Fairfield  
Bring a towel and your suit!  
RSVP to Mary at [marycarneiro@charter.net](mailto:marycarneiro@charter.net) or 312-0727.



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR REQUEST

Please get crafty and help fill our tables for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Bazaar. Any handcrafted items will gladly be accepted. Thank you, thank you.

## GUYS & DOLLS-HELP NEEDED-COSTUMES

We will need help needed cutting out and sewing costumes over the next few weeks. We would be very grateful for whatever time you could give to help us.

Please contact Betsy Anderson at 203-426-0809 if you can help in anyway. Thank you!

## SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club will hold our annual picnic on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Janice Zackeo. This annual picnic promises to be a fun evening of delicious food and games. There’s even a refreshing swimming pool to cool off in, so bring your bathing suit. All are invited to join us. Please call Janice at 746-1078 to let her know that you can attend.

For anyone looking forward to fall, our meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm will be a presentation by Betty Swan of “Roadsidia”. All attending will take home a fall arrangement. More details will follow in the next Candlelight. Pam Dohan, Secretary

## MISSION TEAM MOMENT

July and August tend to be our quiet time of the year, but also gives us a chance for reflection on the many ways we have been able to make a difference.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, we will be having a barbecue at Marcia Semchysen’s home starting at 6:00 p.m. If you will be attending, please call Marcia Semchysen at 746-2088 or Sue Webb at 730-12344.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 9:30 a.m. outdoor services, held in our beautiful gardens.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

On Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13 wonderful people from our church served 75 hungry people at the Dorothy Day Hospitality Center in Danbury. A delicious dinner of ham, rice and beans with vegetables and salad with bread and butter was served, along with drinks and dessert. The guests were greeted and served with a smile and caring. (And one lucky person got to hold a baby while the parents ate!)

Rev. Pat	Linda Heintz	Jane Seaman
Laure Baird	Myra Olafson	Liz Yoho
Ken Bass	Lynn Raymond	Robbie Haack
Gisela Brooks	Nancy Sasseen	

Marcia Semchysen

We also want to thank Linda Heintz, Kathy Scott and Virginia Weston who prepared much of the meal the day before in our CCFN kitchen. While the ham was cooking, they cleaned the church kitchen from top to bottom! Thank you for making our kitchen sparkle!

## WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Outdoor Summer Services at **9:30 a.m.** are almost here! We will begin worshipping outside on Sunday, July 6, 2008 and will conclude on Sunday, August 31, 2008. Outdoor Communion Services on July 6<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be performed by intinction.



In order to worship in our beautiful garden, we do need extra hands to come early (8:45 a.m.) to help set-up. We only need about 4 people per service and it goes quickly. Please find the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall and add your name to the list! Thank you!

We bid farewell to two Worship & Ministry team members whose terms are up. Betsy Schalkham has served as the Chairperson for many years, and we thank her for the terrific job she did as Chairperson! Janice Donnelly has faithfully served as Secretary/Notetaker for many years - thank you, Janice! We appreciate your efforts so much and will miss you both.

We are happy to welcome two new members, Pete Brenzel and Mary Carneiro! We're so glad to have you with us!



## COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS

Linda Heintz, will be away for the summer. We are fortunate to have so many caring people to fill as **"The Summer Crew."** The following volunteers are the contact people for each ministry need:

**Visits** - Donna Pierpont - 845-278-0406

**Visits (from 7/5 - 7/20)** - Irene Howard - 546-8072

**Meals** - Agnes Trimpert - 746-3189

**Meals (from 7/9-7/16)** - Loretta Lechner - 746-3319

**Driving and Home Repairs** - Lynn Raymond - 746-1883.

**Sewing/Mending** - Jane Seaman - 743-0931.

If you have any questions please contact Rev. Pat or Eileen in the office at 746-2865.

### In the Hospital?



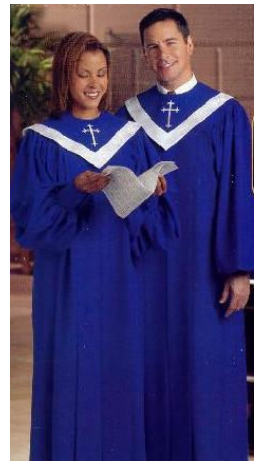
If you are in the hospital, or know of a church member who is, please call the church office and let us know. Information taken at admissions, or especially in the emergency room, isn't always communicated to the church.

Since hospital stays are so short, please call the office as soon as possible at 203-746-2865

## WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!!

Thank you to all the generous people who have contributed toward the purchase of new adult choir robes! We are  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way there! We are very close to our goal of ordering the robes now, so they will be ready for Rally Day in September.

For anyone who has not yet contributed, it is not too late!!! Please help support our choir and enhance our worship service. You can write a check to "CCNF" and put "Choir Robes" in the memo section. You can place the check in the offering plate, in the silver "adopt a robe" box on the sign-up table or mail to the church to the attention of Laura Baird. Many thanks!



## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, July 12th, from 1 PM to 3 PM.

Contributions of clean, usable clothing for men, women and children will be appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have thought of us when cleaning out your closets.

## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who have signed up to host our coffee hour on past Sunday mornings. We've had some delicious repasts.

There is a new sign-up calendar on the bulletin board to the left of the kitchen door - please join with 2 or 3 other families and pick a Sunday to be hosts.

## CHURCH RECORDS:

### Baptisms:

~Congratulations to the family and friends of Robert Hirsch and Olivia Hirsch who were baptized here on May 31, 2008, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.

~Congratulations to the family and friends of Liam Vincent Nargi who was baptized here on June 15, 2008, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.

~Congratulations to the family and friends of Katherine Rose Barresi who was baptized here on June 15, 2008, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.

### Weddings:

~Congratulations to Kelly Nicole Novicky and David Raymond Wasylean who were married here on June 7, 2008, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.



# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER



Starting on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship will be held in the Martha Fairchild Garden  
(Weather Permitting)

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God's Good Creation!

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program. Begin your week with Worship, and still have time to enjoy  
the day!

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# JULY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Ministry Mtg.	3 3:00 p.m. – Van Pick Up for Mission Trip 6:30 p.m. – Junior Cast Rehearsal – Guys & Dolls 7:00 p.m. – Senior Cast Rehearsal – Guys & Dolls	4  8:45 a.m. – Cast of Guys & Dolls meet at Church for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	5 7:00 a.m. - SHYG departs for West Virginia
6 9:30 a.m. – <b>Worship Service – Rev. Des Desmond</b> 11:00 a.m. – NF House & Gardens Tour 7:00 p.m. – Senior Cast Rehearsal – Guys & Dolls	7	8 12:00 p.m. – Women’s Church Club Picnic	9	10 6:30 p.m. –Junior Cast Rehearsal – Guys & Dolls 7:00 p.m. – Senior Cast Rehearsal – Guys & Dolls	11 7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministry Pool Party	12 1:00 p.m. – Thrift Shop Open
13 9:30 a.m. – <b>Worship Service – Mr. Carl Anderson</b> 1:00 p.m. – SHYG Returns from West Virginia 7:00 p.m. – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through – Guys & Dolls	14 6:30 p.m. – Service Club Picnic and Pool Party Principals – Guys & Dolls	15 7:00 p.m. – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	16 7:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	17 6:00 p.m. – Mission Team BBQ 7:00 p.m. - Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	18	19 9:00 a.m. - Tech Set Up for Guys & Dolls 10:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Dot Hatch
20 9:30 a.m. – <b>Worship Service - Reflections</b> 5:00 p.m. – Junior/Senior Run Through	21 6:30 p.m. – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	22 6:30 p.m. – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	23 6:30 p.m. – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	24 6:30 p.m. – Dress Rehearsal	25 7:30 p.m. – Guys & Dolls Opening Night	26 7:30 p.m. – Guys & Dolls
27 9:30 a.m. – <b>Worship Service</b> 3:00 p.m. – Guys & Dolls Matinee	28 Rev. Pat on Vacation	29 Rev. Pat on Vacation	30 Rev. Pat on Vacation	31 Rev. Pat on Vacation		

# AUGUST 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Rev. Johanna Johns-Jung</b> <b>3:00 p.m. – Guys &amp; Dolls Matinee</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b> <b>7:00 p.m. – Outdoor Ministry Mtg.</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Mr. Douglas Halley</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Rev. Pat on Vacation</b> <b>7:30 p.m. – Service Club Mtg.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1:00 p.m. – Women’s Church Club</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 p.m. – Worship &amp; Ministry Team Mtg</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
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