

## From the Pastor

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share,  
as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

These are the words of the beloved hymn, “In the Garden.” It’s a song that speaks through the ages, even today. Summer is here and the Martha Fairchild Memorial Garden is in full bloom. It is a wonderful place to come to be alone and feel Christ’s presence. It’s a perfect place to spend a few moments, or a few hours away from the hustle of the world. It’s also the perfect place to come to join those gathered on Sunday morning to worship together. The Jack Grant Outdoor Chapel is a sacred space. We are blessed to have such a beautiful and natural place to worship in private or as the gathered community, to listen for the word of God.

On Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> we begin our summer worship outdoors at 9:30 a.m. This year it will be difficult for some people to get to church. Not just because it’s a holiday, but because the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is scheduled to kick off at the same time. The intersection at Routes 39 & 37 will be blocked. But it’s about more than just taking a detour to reach the church. This is one of those times when our faith is tested, our priorities challenged, and we need to make a decision. Celebrating the independence and freedom of our nation is an important event. However, our civic freedom pales in comparison to the freedom we receive through Jesus Christ; a freedom that transcends boundaries and borders, and brings a joy that passes all understanding.

On Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> we will gather for worship in the garden, receive communion by intinction, and share the freedom and joy we know as Christians. On each Sunday this summer we will gather as a community of faith to witness to the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please plan on joining the celebration.

Blessings,  
Pat

## Moderator's Report – July-August 2010

As the father of two newly minted college graduates, I am off to the side as I watch them both try to find their path as to what to do next. I have a nephew in the same position and a niece that has just started out on her own, an hour away from 'home'. High school friends have scattered. College friends are even further away. Everyone gets tense as job opportunities appear and then seem to vanish. Should I take that job...or wait for the possibility of something better? That's not quite what I was hoping to do. Well I guess I will have to settle for that ... have to do something. These are difficult choices for a young adult and there is only so much a parent can do to help.

There is a great support group available for not only these young adults, but for everyone. Church. We are here for everyone. There is not only the very practical aspects of prayer, but our church family is over 400 strong! That is a lot people. We ARE all a family and we share in each other's joy's and help in each other's sorrow's. But you have to be here to take advantage of it. By attending church on a regular basis you develop friendships that reach through all aspects of your life. Our church is a great resource for everyone in our "family", from the very young to the very...well... not so young. Let our Church be part of your life. Let Christ be part of your Life.

And so please come join us for summer worship out in the Garden starting at 9:30am. It is so peaceful out there to help you recharge those batteries for all your summer events. Consider coming early (8:45am) and assist in the setting up. No prior knowledge necessary. And there is lots of shade now the trees are getting tall!

Peace to all.

Jerry Gay, Moderator

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### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITY DOROTHY DAY HOSPITALITY CENTER FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010**

On Friday, August 6, we will be working at Dorothy Day to feed the hungry. Full shifts (1:00pm – 5:30pm) or partial shifts (1-3pm, 3-5:30pm) are available. Meal served from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

This is a great opportunity if can take a few hours from your usual responsibilities to have a rewarding experiencing. It is well worth the effort. Please contact Rev. Pat, Liz Yoho or Laura Baird at 746-2134 or [laura@bairdsplace.com](mailto:laura@bairdsplace.com) with any questions or if you are interested. Thank you!



### **CHURCH RECORDS:**

#### **Baptisms:**

~Congratulations to the family and friends of Jase Edward Reichin who was baptized here on May 30, 2010, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.

~Congratulations to the family and friends of Blair Lois Snyder and Dylan Robert Snyder who were baptized here on June 5, 2010, by the Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas.

#### **Celebration of Marriage:**

~Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark who celebrated with family and friends the wedding vows they made to each on October 10, 2009. The Rev. Dr. Patricia Nicholas officiated.



## The Mission Statement of the Christian Education Team

Through an active Christian Education program, we look to encourage all members to grow in faith. We will provide opportunities to learn, teach, and share the Word of God to enable all to use their gifts and talents to more fully serve God in our daily lives.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to teach, lead and guide our children in our congregation. The rotation schedule can be found below. Take a moment to look over the calendar and see where you might be able to assist us. We are looking for individuals who are interested in sharing their time and experience whether on the PK/K teachers team, as a weekly guide, leading a workshop, teaching our youth, or helping to plan special events. We also have a new opportunity for individuals to share their 'Faith Stories' with our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Our sign up sheets are in Pilgrim Hall with many open spaces. There is a way for everyone to participate. Feel free to contact Liz Yoho at [cedirector@nfcongregational.org](mailto:cedirector@nfcongregational.org) for more information or to answer your questions.

### Rotation Workshop Schedule 2010/11

Sept 12 - 26	Covenants & the Great Commandment
Oct 3 - 17	Joseph
Oct 24-Nov 14	Moses- Basket to Commandments
Nov 21 & 28	Advent
Dec 5 & 12	practice & Christmas Pageant
Dec 19	Happy Birthday Jesus
Dec 26	no church school
Jan 2	Epiphany
Jan 9 - 23	John the Baptist
Jan 30 -Feb 13	Mary & Martha
Feb 20- Mar 6	Lost sheep, coin, son
Mar 13 - 27	Parable of the Sower
Apr 3 & 10	Holy Week lessons
Apr 17	Walk Through & EEH
Apr 24	Easter (no Church School)
May 1, 8, 15	Parables – Water & Storms
May 22, 29	Pentecost
June 5	Children's practice
June 12	Children's Sunday

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

We had a wonderful day on June 13<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 made the day such a success.

Heidi Finlay	Lori Generali
Regina Iadarola	Pat Sacco
Susan Schenck	Helga Schretzenmayer
Linda Seiler	Gretchen Skidmore
Linda Yannone	Tracy Yoho

Thank you to everyone who helped in worship, in song, set up, clean up, cooked hot dogs, brought in food to share, costumes, sets and props.

### **Church School & Nursery Every Sunday!**

Children are always welcome in worship whether we are outside in the garden or in the sanctuary. We will also continue to offer Christian education

programming each Sunday throughout the summer for any child up to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet downstairs in the Tree Room across from the nursery. Older children may sign up to be helpers. We will have time for activities, crafts and play. Adults are needed to supervise the group throughout the summer. Please sign up for a Sunday on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall or call the office for open slots.

Our nursery will also be staffed this summer and open before worship begins. We hope that our parents and grandparents will use this as an opportunity to participate in summer worship.



### **Senior High Youth Mission Team**

The SHY Mission Team will be leaving on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to travel to Bluefield, 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, our BBQ Bonanza and flamingoes to help fund our expenses. We greatly appreciate your support and prayers for our mission work.



### **EAGLE PROJECT in the PEACE GARDEN & PRAYER WALK**

Watch for more information from Chris Schretzenmayer about his Eagle Project that will benefit our outdoor space.



## 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 these names were lifted up during the worship service. Gifts to the Book of Remembrance are used to enhance our worship.

*“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:*

James Anderson  
Joan Barbarie  
Russell Cooper Bass, Sr.  
John Bellew  
Albert Clear  
Walter Czudak  
Marge Galbraith  
Tom Galbraith  
Eleanor S. Gomoll  
Kenneth E. Gomoll  
Tyra Gustafson  
Joseph Matthew “Mike” Hess  
Dorothy Kramer  
Edward McKee  
Robert McKee  
Jay Mitchell

Edward J. Nicholas  
Homer Norton  
Homer A. Norton  
Kevin Norton  
Luella Norton  
Irma Novicky  
Janet E. Novicky  
Joseph Novicky  
Maria Rack  
Richard Seaman  
Nelson Secor  
Laura Virginia Stietzel  
June Truet  
Bruce Wallace  
Mark J. Yannone  
Catherine Zackeo  
Dominick Zackeo

**CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!** On Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> twelve 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. Welcome!!



Dana Aase Bouwman  
Matthew James Busse  
Michael Carneiro  
Christina Elizabeth Generali  
Morgan Leigh Greening  
William Cody Hess  
Ian P. Knight  
Jeffrey Robert Plate  
Julie Pauline Reiner  
Paige Nicole Rullo  
Ariana Magdalena Sahinovic  
Brandon Thomas Yoho



## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2011!

All teens beginning their freshman year of high school, or older, are invited to participate in the process towards confirmation. On “Rally

Sunday,” September 12<sup>th</sup> they receive their bibles. On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> the class begins with an all day retreat at Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center in Sharon, CT.

All potential confirmands and parents will receive a letter with the schedule and details the end of July. If your teen is not on the Church School roster, if you are new to the church, or want more information, please contact Rev Pat at 203-746-2865 or at [pastor@nfcongregational.org](mailto:pastor@nfcongregational.org)

**COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS** ministry is here to serve all year round, even during the summer months. Due to vacations and changing schedules if you have a need of a meal, visit, or small repair, please contact the Team Coordinator. If that person is not available, please call the church office.

**Visits** - Rev. Pat – 203-746-2865  
**Meals** - Agnes Trimpert - 746-3189  
**Driving** - Nancy Eckert - 746-2647  
**Minor Home Repair**- 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. Rev. Pat will be away with the Youth Group in West Virginia from 7/10 – 7/18, and on vacation 7/26 – 8/10. If visits are needed during that time, please call the church office.



ON SUNDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>  
THROUGH SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 5<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.

#### 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.

#### SERVICE CLUB

The Service Club held their annual dinner on June 14<sup>th</sup>, at Jim Barbarie's Restaurant in Danbury. The 23 members in attendance enjoyed a lovely evening of good food and great company. Thank you to Beverly Longo who made the arrangements.

Our next meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>, where the September 24<sup>th</sup> Card Party will be discussed. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Pamela Dohan, Secretary

#### THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

It is only 4 months away – get busy over the summer putting your talents to work-we need you!!



## Worship & Ministry Team

Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be our first Outdoor Summer Service in the Martha Fairchild Gardens. Be aware that the New Fairfield town parade will be taking place on 7/4 at the same time and some of the roads in town center will be closed. Summer Services start at **9:30am**, weather permitting, services will continue to be held outside until September. In case of bad weather the service will be moved indoors to the sanctuary. Outdoor Communion Services on July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 1st will be performed by intinction. In order to worship in our beautiful garden, we could use extra hands to come early at 8:45 am to help set up. Please find the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall.

We extend warm wishes to Carl Anderson as he completed his Field Education with the Congregational Church. Carl is continuing his studies and now is in the midst of planning and directing the Summer Play 'Oklahoma'. We urge our church community to bring your friends and family to attend a performance of this "can't miss production" happening the last weekend of July and the first weekend of August.

We had a wonderful Confirmation Sunday last month for our graduation class and also had a church full of families for Children's Sunday when our children taught us how God keeps the whole world in his hands. It was a blessing to see the church crowded with the NFCC congregation celebrating these wonderful and important days together. In today's world packed with technology, sport commitments, deadlines and schedules it keeps families fragmented as they try to keep up with all the demands. By making an old fashioned commitment to attend church together on Sunday morning, a family for only an hour a week can make a difference in their lives. Yes, absolutely, it is an effort to make the time each week because the rewards are priceless; it strengthens the unity of the family like nothing else can do with the help of God.

Janice Donnelly is W&M member in charge for July and Pete Brenzel is in charge for August. If you have any questions or should a need arise, please contact the office at 746-2865 or Betsy Schalkham at 826-9644.

Congregational Church of New Fairfield

20 Gillotti Road

*Presents*

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# OKLAHOMA!

Music by RICHARD RODGERS

Book and Lyrics by

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs

Original Dances by Agnes de Mille

Directed by Carl Anderson

**July 30, 31, August 6 and 7 – 7:30 P.M.**

**August 1 and August 8 Matinee – 3:00 P.M.**

**Tickets:**

No refunds or exchanges will be made.

Rows 1 through 6

\$14 – adults

\$11 – seniors, students and children

Rows 7 through 12

\$13 – adults

\$10 – seniors, students and children

**For ticket information & reservations call  
Dot Bass (203) 746-2855**

*OKLAHOMA!* is presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals: [www.rnhtheatricals.com](http://www.rnhtheatricals.com)

## STEWARDSHIP TEAM

It's summer time! Kids have the bounty of summer vacation and adults value the few precious vacations allotted. Summer days seem specially blessed.

BUT, there are no vacation days in the church schedule. Summer means producing the musical "Oklahoma!" driving to Appalachia to do the sweaty work of improving living conditions for families one project at a time; hearing the good news of God's love at services amidst the blossoms at the Martha Fairchild Memorial Garden; making new friends at Vacation Bible School, and so much, much more.

Our church relies on your generosity, the abundance that God has provided to you, to sustain its important work. Historically, church finances take a dip in summer. This summer, *please* take a moment to count your blessings and consider your pledge promises: bring them up-to-date or pay them forward or give a special gift to help the church through this time of fluctuating finances. Friends who do not use the pledge card system – we need you, too! Every gift counts. An envelope is provided for your convenience.

We are all blessed to belong to this congregation, and from those blessings flow generosity. Thank you for your generosity, your fellowship, and enjoy every moment of your summer.

The Stewardship Team

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If needed, please contact the Church Office for a pre-addressed envelope.



# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER



Starting on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.  
Worship will be held in the Martha Fairchild Garden  
(Weather Permitting)

Come and Enjoy the Beauty of the Garden 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!

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# JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1		<b>1</b> <b>12:30 p.m.</b> – UCC Clergy Mtg. <b>5:00 p.m.</b> – NF Prevention Council Mtg. <b>6:30 p.m.</b> – Junior Cast Rehearsal <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal	2	3
<b>4</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> – Worship Service 	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal	6	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Women’s Ministry – Cooking Class at Two Steps	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> – Junior Cast Rehearsal <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> – SHYG Van Pick Up <b>4:00 p.m.</b> – SHYG Pack Up	<b>10</b> Youth Work Trip Begins <b>1:00 p.m.</b> – Thrift Shop
<b>11</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> – Worship Service – Carl Anderson <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	<b>12</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> – ARC <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Principal Cast Rehearsal <b>7:30 p.m.</b> – Service Club Mtg.	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 p.m.</b> – Women’s Church Club Picnic <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Rehearsal	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	16	17
<b>18</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> – Worship Service – Jane Ellingwood Youth Work Trip Group Returns <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Senior Cast Run Through	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b> – NF Clergy Mtg. <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> – Junior/Senior Cast Run Through	23	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> – Angel Food Ministry  Oklahoma – Carl’s Tech
<b>25</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> – Worship Service <b>5:00 p.m.</b> – Oklahoma Full Cast Run Through	<b>26</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>6:30 p.m.</b> – Oklahoma Full Cast Run Through	<b>27</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>6:30 p.m.</b> – Oklahoma Full Cast Run Through	<b>28</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>6:30 p.m.</b> – Oklahoma Full Cast Run Through	<b>29</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>6:00 p.m.</b> – Oklahoma – Dress Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>7:30 p.m.</b> – <b>Oklahoma!!</b>	<b>31</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation <b>7:30 p.m.</b> – <b>Oklahoma!!</b>

# AUGUST 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service</b> Rev. Des Desmond  <b>3:00 p.m. - Oklahoma!!</b>	<b>2</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation	<b>3</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation	<b>4</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation	<b>5</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation  <b>12:30 p.m. – UCC Clergy Mtg.</b>	<b>6</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation  <b>7:30 p.m. - Oklahoma!!</b>	<b>7</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation  <b>1:00 p.m. – Thrift Shop Open</b>  <b>7:30 p.m. - Oklahoma!</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service</b> – Carl Anderson  <b>3:00 p.m. - Oklahoma!!</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation	<b>10</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> Rev. Pat on Vacation  <b>7:30 p.m. – Executive Council Mtg.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 p.m. – Worship &amp; Ministry Team Mtg.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 a.m. - Angel Food Ministry</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:30 p.m. – Trustee Team Mtg.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				