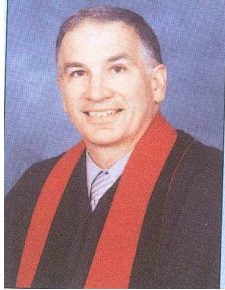


September



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THOTS FROM TOM

As I write this, it is still summer! The weather is hot and humid, and the sun is bright. I am not ready for the summer to end! But

we must look ahead, as September is coming quickly. I welcome all of you back to the church as September arrives. Of note, I invite all of you to be on hand for our Homecoming Service on Sunday, September 13. On this day Church School begins, teachers are commissioned to their teaching ministries, and we welcome back all of those who have been away during the summer. We will close our morning with a hot dog lunch hosted by the Church Council.

I am excited about beginning a new program year, and hope that you are too. I look forward to some new things, and some more familiar things, like our Pot Roast Dinner on September 26, and our church fall festival on October 3, as we enter into this new season.

I hope you had a good and restful summer, and as you join us for worship on September 13, please bring a friend who is searching for a new church home. They will find a warm welcome at our church!

Enjoy the last few days of summer, and see you in church!

Peace,

Tom

Old Home Day Thank You!

Thanks to everyone that assisted in anyway with our multiple Old Home Day events, especially our Team Leaders: Jerry Gerkey, Cindy Abraham, Liz Whitty, Donna Marsden, Anita Guerin, Rae Strickland, Deb Robinson, Karen and Bill Evertson, Lisa Aarrestad, Mel Barlow and Rick Walker. Thanks to all church members who donated items to make this a successful auction. Special thanks to Art Marsden for procuring so many auction items and to the Gates Family for all the cheerful assistance the whole weekend.

From the combined efforts of our Silent Auction, Strawberry Shortcake Booth, Market on the Green and Parking we raised over \$8,500.

THANK YOU

To Pastor Tom and our church family— many heart felt thank you's for your prayers, concerns and support extended to Roy Pettingill and I during his illness. It was a great feeling of warmth and comfort for him and I.

Thank you also Tom, for your visits and prayers which we greatly appreciated.

For all your acts of kindness and sympathy at his demise I also give thanks.

God bless each one of you.

Love, Adeline



Fall Festival October 3

Plans are well under way for our Fall Festival which will be on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00-2:00 rain or shine! Each church committee will sponsor an area of the event, and everyone is invited to volunteer their time and talent to the success of this annual Festival. Please say "yes!" when asked to lend a hand for a few hours- we need you!

Main areas are the under the tents Crafts and Vendor Booths, the return of Chocolate Avenue, Apple Pie Baking Contest, Country Store and Baked Goods, Homemade Lunch, Kids Crafts and Mini Pumpkin Launch, Tea Cup Raffle, Farmers Market and more. Call Lisa Aarrestad 267-6498 if you are interested in being a vendor. So mark your calendar today- October is just around the corner!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Save the Date!! / Invite friends & neighbors !!

Annual Fall Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday, September 26th, from 5-7pm with continuous seating (take-out available). Menu featuring slow-cooked pot roast, (the real-deal) mashed potatoes, glazed baby carrots, green beans almondine, homemade yeast rolls and (yes, homemade) pies.

The evenings events will culminate with a 7pm presentation by the participants of the summer Biloxy, Mississippi trip sharing their mission experience, as well as a mini-silent auction table and door prizes.

Please watch for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for volunteers to bake pies, as well as helping to peel potatoes on Saturday morning. Please contact Karen Evertson (267-6840) if you have a donation for the silent-auction table. Please contact Karen Gallmon (267-4169) or Rick & Carolyn Wellman (267-8317) if you are willing to assist with this fund raising event.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Attention all singers and ringers!

Senior Choir and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 10th. The Bell Choir practice time will be from 6-7 PM and the Senior Choir from 7:10 to 8:30 PM. Both choirs are in need of additional singers and ringers. Please come out and lend your talent to singing and ringing praises to God. In addition to maybe finding a deeper spiritual connection, you are also likely to have a good time. The bell choir is especially in need of additional ringers. At this time three regular bell ringers are needed, and substitutes are always welcome as well.

For more info contact Keumok at the church, or Pete at 267-6498.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thanks to Lance Crouch and his committee and the volunteers that came out to brave the very hot day. There were 82 golfers and the tournament netted \$5,200. A majority of this will go to the East Hampton Fuel Bank. Jonathan Tuttle won the top raffle prize, a set of Cleveland Irons that Tim Quackenbush donated. Thanks also to Kyle Muncy, Mark Edwards and John Tuttle for their generous donations.

COSA

Our 23rd annual CROP Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 18th. What is a CROP Walk? A CROP Walk is people walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as contributing funds to our local food bank. CROP stands for **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty** and identifies interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service. Please support the Walk by participating or sponsoring a walker.



Y2K

Youth2getherKlub for Middle School

Kick off Picnic

Wednesday September 23

5:30-6:45 pm

Hot Dogs, Chips, Beverages provided

All Middle School Youth are invited

Come find out about our group

Friends Welcome!

Homecoming Sunday

Homecoming Sunday and first week of Church School is September 13th.

Join us for our reconvening worship service, and then share a Hot Dog Lunch on the lawn provided by all of our church committees.

Church School Begins September 13th

Our Church School year will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Children will attend the first part of our worship service each week and then go to their class. Please complete the enclosed registration form (one per family) for children Nursery thru High School age.

During the year we will have 5 group Workshop mornings instead of regular classes.

Be sure to indicate your top 3 choices of Workshop that you will be able to volunteer for, and you will

assigned to one of them.

We are still in need of one Team Teacher for the 3/4th grade and 5/6th grade classes. Please call Jill 267-7180 as soon as possible to learn more about this important ministry.

Save the Date! Save the Date!

Seeds of Hope, our Mission Team that traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi in June will share the story of their journey on Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 as part of the Fall Dinner evening.

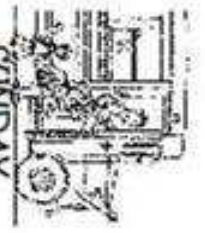
Come see the photo power point and hear the stories from our successful and fulfilling week with the UCC Back Bay Mission

Kudos Korner

**Thank you to all the church mice that found a need in or around our church building this summer and simply handled it! Thanks to Rick and Jill Walker for shampooing the rug in the lounge in preparation for the arrival of our new furniture.

**Thanks to Cindy Abraham for coordinating the selection and purchasing of the lounge furnishings. With the deepest of love we say thank you to the family of Emma Prince who made the new and improved (and still in the works!) lounge possible with their memorial donation in Emma's name. We plan to have a dedication of Emma's lounge once all the accessories are in place.

**Our weekly Saturday Farmers Market thanks all of our church families that have stopped by to see what the vendors have to offer. The Market will continue until the end of September so there's still plenty of time to get CT grown produce along with a wide selection of artisan and vendor products. The proceeds from the vendor fees will be used for our building projects.



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

6 Communion Sunday CE, 9am Worship, 10am AA, 8pm	7 	8 Boy Scouts #57, 7pm	9 AA, 8pm	10 Choir Rehearsal Bell Choir, 6pm Senior Choir, 7:10pm	11 	12 Charlham Historical Society Quilt Show 	13 COOSA, 9am Worship, 10am Music, 11:30am Diaconate, 11:30am AA, 8pm	14	15 Boy Scouts #57, 7pm	16 AA, 8pm	17 Choir Rehearsal Bell Choir, 6pm Senior Choir, 7:10pm	18	19 Bone Marrow Donation Registration 9am-1pm	20 Worship, 10am AA, 8pm	21 Cub Scout Pack 57, 7pm	22 Church Council, 7pm Boy Scouts #57, 7pm	23 V2K Kick-off AA, 8pm	24 Choir Rehearsal Bell Choir, 6pm Senior Choir, 7:10pm	25	26 Last day of Farmer's Market FALL POT ROAST DINNER, 5-7pm	27 Worship, 10am Seeds of Hope 2 nd Hour AA, 8pm	28 Mom's Group, 10am	29 Boy Scouts #57, 7pm	30 AA, 8pm