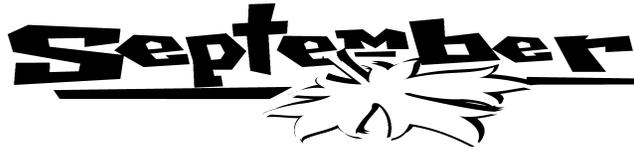


# The Spire

Congregational Church of Somersville  
United Church of Christ

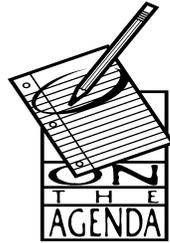
September, 2009

# September



## From the Moderator (submitted by Ray Foster)

There will be a meeting of the congregation immediately following worship on September 20. On the agenda will be a motion to accept Butler Electric's bid to install lighting for the outdoor sign. The bid is for \$798 for electrical work and \$361 for trenching. If we can do the trenching, we can eliminate that cost. Also on the agenda will be a motion to merge the Meeting House/Parsonage lot with the Church Green. This move is a part of the plan to construct an extended parking area.



The Cabinet will also meet on September 20, following the congregational meeting. On the agenda will be reports from the Pastor, Treasurer, Trustees and perhaps others. Anyone having business to bring before the Cabinet on the 20<sup>th</sup> should notify Graham, Ruth or me by Thursday, Sept. 10.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Sept. 22 at 7:30 PM.

## From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Now that Labor Day has come and gone, our programming picks back up. You should notice a distinct uptick in the happenings among our fellowship.



For example, please note that Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th. All children and youth are invited to come and start off the Christian Education season with a bang. Please note that the Board of Christian Education will be hosting a special social hour on the 13th; please plan to stay for that.

Did you know that the choir is presently gathering again on Wednesdays for rehearsal? Their worship leadership will also resume on the 13th. New voices are always welcome! Do you think you might be able to help us make a joyful noise?

Many people have asked when the next dinner and a movie event will occur. Please join us on Friday, September 18th at 6PM. We'll start with a scrumptious potluck dinner followed by a showing of "Faith Like Potatoes" at about 7PM. It is always fun and filling! Do plan to attend.

Speaking of dinners, a dedicated crew kept the fundraising dinners going all through the summer. We will again offer up a tasty meal to the community on September 12th. On the menu this month: roast pork. Your help with the dinners is so highly valued.

Even though the Ladies Aid worked hard to put on such a lovely reception for Eric and me after our wedding, they continue to work week in and week out on the Blacksmith Shoppe every Saturday in September and October. Please donate items if you have them to spare and check the bulletin board downstairs for slots when you might work as sales help.

This is just a sampling of what is new and exciting in September. Various Board and Committees are swinging back into action and we continue to meet for Bible study every Wednesday morning as we've been doing for most of the summer. And don't forget to share your

comments with the deacons and me regarding the revised opening to our worship service.

Last but certainly not least, we also welcome Brent's return to us. After spending a summer working in the field of hospital chaplaincy, Brent has returned for another year with us. I am thankful we will continue to benefit from his gifts.

Hope to see you in worship,

*Graham Van Keuren*

**Thanks to ..**

.. all who volunteered to take on “service opportunities” during July and August



- .. those who gave to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions during the past two months.
- .. everyone who contributed to the success of the Chicken Barbecue and Roast Beef suppers.
- .. those who faithfully continue to mow the lawns of the church, green and blacksmith shoppe.
- .. all who took part in the worship services during Graham’s vacation time.
- .. those who assisted with VBS this summer.

**Opportunities in September**

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Fellowship Hosts</u>
9/06	Barbara Bagniet Judy Liberty	Donna Pendleton Genny Farnham	Everett Baker	Jack & Mavis Collins
9/13	Donna Pendleton Genny Farnham	Patrick Forbes Marj Butler	Art Lachance	BoCE
9/20	Dan Dunn Art Lachance	Wayne Hare Jen Hare	Elaine Hancock	
9/27	Donna Pendleton Genny Farnham	Dan Dunn Art Lachance	Denise Hannan	Barbara Abbe Genny Farnham

**Christian Education**

***Wednesday Bible Study***

Wednesday morning Bible study resumes September 9; all are welcome to attend. Topic to be announced. The group meets from 9:30-11:15.

***Attention Parents!!*** (submitted by Erin Penhall)



Christian Education dates to watch for this year include:  
 Rally Day ~ September 13 – Meet the teachers and register for classes  
 Halloween Party ~ October 30  
 Christmas Pageant ~ December 13 with a rehearsal on December 12

No Sunday school classes on December 27.

Watch for 2010 dates in the November Spire

Help Wanted  
 Like Children??  
 Teachers needed for K-2  
 and Nursery classes  
 Contact Erin Penhall  
 if interested  
 872-2721

***Coming Attraction: “Faith Like Potatoes”***  
 Dinner and a movie is back! Come see our fall kickoff movie, *Faith Like Potatoes*.

Based on a true story, this inspiring drama centers on white farmer Angus Buchan (Frank Rautenbach), who -- weary of the conflict in Zambia -- moves his family to South Africa, where they try to transform a bare plot of land into a working farm. Buchan faces a string of challenges, but as he overcomes each hurdle, he gradually realizes that his hunger for material wealth has been replaced with a growing sense of spirituality.



We'll begin the evening with a mouth-wateringly good potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. See you Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

**Report of the Treasurer** (submitted by Sydney Cohen)

**If a task is once begun, never leave it 'till it's done. Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all. I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do.** John 17:4.

	June 2009	July 2009	YTD 2009	Budget 2009
Pledges	\$8916.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$41,043.00	\$ 75,000.00
Income	12,192.50	\$ 8,218.51	\$69,092.02	\$112,825.00
Expenses	\$ 13,530.34	\$ 8,414.70	\$73,462.27	\$124,617.12

**June & July Collections**

Fundraiser Supper- Strawberry Supper- \$ 2,675.00

Chicken BBQ-\$ 2,311.00

YTD Income- \$13,382.00

**Monthly missions-**

Heifer International- \$ 607.73



Pledges were pretty strong in June & July, even though we were in the red for both months. So far this year, our endowment input has been only \$1,500.00, which is a sign of healthy giving on the part of our members. Of course, we have not had any major repairs or construction done to the church or the parsonage this year, which also contributes to the low endowment input. The fundraisers continue to help us in many ways, as the income is put to good use.

**Missions** (submitted by Jean Foster)

**Recap of Summer Missions**

June 2nd Mile Mission The Mission Board celebrates the response of the congregation to the assembling of diaper bags for Covenant to Care. All together we had 14 diaper bags, which we are estimating had a \$650.00 value. Thank you to a very caring

congregation. When the bags were picked up, the social worker expressed their gratitude.

July 2nd Mile mission Heifer International There were three sources of income: church offerings, collections from Daily Vacation Bible School, and contributions at the Blessing of the Animals. Thus a substantial contribution made to Heifer International, bringing a better quality of life to many people around the world.

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Missions**

2009 Neighbors In Need Offering

Imagine Another World is Possible

The Neighbors in Need Offering which we will receive during Sept. supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy and advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and 1 urban multi Tribal congregation in Minneapolis, Minn.. Mich 6:8 He has told you oh mortal what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



**Cornerstone** (submitted by Barbara Baugniet)

Our church continues to offer its services by helping to serve dinner at Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Rockville. The next opportunity to assist in this outreach is Tuesday, September 15. This month we will both prepare and serve the meal so anyone interested in participating can meet at the church at 2:30; we'll return about 6:30. If you're unable to help cook the meal but are willing to serve, please arrive at Cornerstone by 4:30 PM. Speak with Barbara Baugniet or Johanna Karbonic if interest or if you have questions.

**Music Notes**

It's that time of year again! The choir will return from its summer hiatus on Sunday, September 13. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7 PM. As always, we welcome new voices to add to the chorus.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOMERSVILLE  
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

	As of Jan 1 '09	As of June 30 '09	June 30 '09	As of June 30 '09	June 30 '09	As of June 30 '09
<b>Savings Accounts:</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>				
Holcomb School Aid MM	\$ 4,333.97	\$ 4,347.77				
Jr. Pilgrim Fellow.	\$ 856.66	\$ 858.56				
Sunday School	\$ 27.66	\$ 27.73				
<b>Total Savings Account &amp; Money Market</b>	<b>\$ 5,218.29</b>	<b>\$ 5,234.06</b>				

<b>Stocks:</b>								Year to Date		Year to Date
Company	Net Unit Change	Y-T-D Units	\$/s @ Jan 1 '09	\$/s@ June 30 '09	Value @ Jan 1 '09	Value @ June 30 '09	Realized Gain/Loss	Realized Gain/Loss	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Unrealized Gain/Loss
Miss. Soc. Of Conn.		1,248.10	68.99	70.89	\$ 87,814.16	\$ 88,478.88	\$ (61.15)	\$ (6,433.99)	508.13	\$ 8,598.71
Miss. Soc. Pastor's	1.175	781.77	68.99	70.89	\$ 53,273.11	\$ 55,420.05	\$ (38.24)	\$ (3,951.19)	317.79	\$ 5,460.53
Miss Soc. Restricted		262.74	68.99	70.89	\$ 18,127.87	\$ 18,626.04	\$ (12.88)	\$ (1,340.11)	106.97	\$ 1,838.28
<b>Unit Change /Month</b>	1.175									
<b>YTD Unit Change</b>	-15.0306									
<b>Total Value of Units</b>					\$ 159,215.14	\$ 162,524.96	\$ (112.27)	\$ (11,725.29)	\$ 932.89	\$ 15,897.52

**Checking Accounts: Operating Acct:** \$ 6,362.90    \$ 1,945.13

**Total Assets, not including property.** \$ 170,796.33    \$ 169,704.15

**Net Change** \$ (1,092.18)    -0.64

<b>Investment Earnings/Month</b>	\$ 343.49	<b>Investment Expenses/Month</b>	\$ (98.99)
<b>Investment Earnings/YTD</b>	\$ 2,490.86	<b>Investment Expenses/YTD</b>	\$ (605.05)

**Congregational Church of Somersville**

**Memorial Funds**

**As of June 30, 2009**

	Value 3/31/2009 \$	Value @ Donation* \$
<b>MISSIONARY SOCIETY FUND:</b>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED:</b>		
Belbruno	421.96	220.00
Butler	661.45	624.24
Blain	1592.04	1070.00
Chism	1181.47	1115.00
Chouinard	30446.85	22677.00
Cooley	425.95	255.00
Cowan	1075.18	1014.69
Daniels	247.47	145.00
Follansbee	593.02	364.00
General Memorial	4382.68	2946.00
Hartwick	392.31	232.00
Hastings	206.62	195.00
Holcolm	10596.11	10000.00
Luddy	4147.75	1000.00
Pease	393.45	287.00
Persson	912.33	861.00
Pinney	787.58	410.00
Schnare	1987.77	1035.00
Smith	26415.84	15216.00
Trimmer	168.53	100.00
Unas	777.78	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>87814.16</b>	<b>60266.93</b>
<b>RESTRICTED:</b>		
(1) Brink	2698.74	2500.00
(1) Collins	1808.56	1675.00
(1) Gowdy	1695.12	1570.00
(1) Griswold	539.81	500.00
(1) Henry	1079.56	1000.00
(1) Keeney	1938.66	1795.00
(1) Liberty	2671.82	3300.00
(1) Meacham	5397.87	5000.00
(1) Wood, E.	297.73	500.00
(1) Holcomb Scholarship	4347.77	3000.00
(1) restricted - use earnings only	22475.64	20840.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>110289.80</b>	<b>81106.93</b>

## Ladies Aide Society

### ***Church Cookbook*** (submitted by Barbara Baugniet)

The Ladies Aide is gathering recipes from members and friends of the church to compile and publish a cookbook that, hopefully, will be ready and available for purchase by the Holiday Treasures Fair on November 21. Please write up some of your favorite recipes (even if you did turn some in last year) and submit them to Barbara Baugniet, Johanna Karbonic or the church office by September 13.



### ***All Women Welcome***

All women of the church (members & friends) are invited to take part in the monthly meetings of the Ladies Aide. Our next gathering will be Tuesday, September 8 at 1 PM. Hostesses will be Barbara Abbe and Marge Morgan; devotions will be led by Millie Hare.

### ***Blacksmith Shoppe*** (submitted by Barbara Abbe)

The Blacksmith Shoppe will be open each Saturday in September and October from 10 AM – 3 PM. There are a few things we'd really like to have in order to make the Shoppe more successful and safe.

- There are two shifts or opportunities for help at the Shoppe each Saturday: 9 AM – 12:15 PM and 12:15-3:30. If you can spare a few hours on any given Saturday to assist at the Shoppe, please sign up in the social room.
- We can always use donations of new or gently used household items, books and small furniture, etc., but please, no clothing, tv's or electronics. Contact Barbara Abbe, Marge Morgan or Joan Lange to arrange to drop off items you are willing to donate.
- We can definitely use more baked goods each Saturday as these are good sellers. Some folks come in just for the baked goods.

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** (submitted by Lois Sharpless)

The next gathering of those interested in knitting will be Thursday, September 17 at the Sharpless' home on Wrights Brook Dr., Somers. Newcomers are always welcome.

## Update from Nominating (submitted by Judy Liberty)



The Nominating Committee is grateful for the response members have shown in accepting positions for the coming year. We have updated the survey sent out several years ago to reflect our current bylaws. Copies of this are included in this Spire, or can be found at church. We hope you will take the time to read over the descriptions of these positions. These replies will help us match your interests to the various opportunities available. Please feel free to ask any member for more information. (Judy Liberty, Yvonne Wood, Al Andrews, Mark Farnham, Marge Butler, Barbara Baugniet)

## Fundraising Suppers (submitted by Ruth Bruch)

September 12 is the date of our next supper – entrée will be roast pork cooked by Nick Wood. We'll also serve mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, breads and rolls, applesauce, beverage & apple crisp. Limited seating remains at the time of this writing. Sittings are at 5 & 6:15; proceeds benefit church activities.

There are still opportunities to assist at, or contribute to the supper. We still need a number of salad ingredients, potatoes, carrots, breads, apple crisp and physical help. Please check out the sign up sheet in the social room or contact Ruth at the church office.

### ***Recap of Summer Suppers***

On July 18, Patrick Forbes, Dave Theobald and Nick Wood barbecued over 200 chicken halves to perfection. We took in \$2133 and paid the market \$413.24.

Nick Wood outdid himself on August 15 with the tender and flavorful roast beef – served with fresh native vegetables and peach shortcake (peaches from Irishbend Farm in Somers). Again, reservations filled up quickly and we had a significant waiting list. Some on the list were called as cancellations were received. We took in \$2191 and paid the market \$263.00

As always, the support, donations and help from church members and friends is most appreciated. Proceeds benefit general church activities and bills.

### ***Remaining Suppers***

Suppers for the remainder of the year are:

Oct. 10 – Pot Roast

Nov. 14 – Turkey

Dec. 5 – Ham

Reservations are accepted beginning 2 weeks prior to the supper date.

### **This & That**

- ***Fellowship hosts*** are needed for the remainder of 2009. Light refreshment (a beverage - coffee, punch, cider, etc - and a light snack will suffice). Please sign up in the social room if you are willing to take on this opportunity. Anyone who stays for fellowship time is urged to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Boards are reminded to be sure the office gets a copy of ***meeting minutes***; office staff will be responsible for posting a copy on the board in the social room.
- We'd still like to communicate via ***email*** with our church members and friends. If you have an email address, please share it with us at [somcong@aol.com](mailto:somcong@aol.com).
- ***The Spire*** is being posted on our new church website [www.somersvilleucc.org](http://www.somersvilleucc.org) by the Hancocks and emailed to church members and friends.

### **CT Conference UCC**

#### ***New Regional Minister***

The Rev. Susan L. Tarolli of Putney, VT has been called to serve as Regional Minister for the Eastern Region of the Conference effective September 9, 2009.

Rev. Tarolli served for eight years as the minister of the United Church of Putney. During her ministry there, she led the church in discernment about its future as it grew in spiritual depth, community life and membership. In a town that was deeply divided by an affordable housing plan, the town leaders turned to her to facilitate a community conversation to overcome the divisions and she was widely hailed for her work in both town and church. Ultimately, the church concluded that it could not sustain vital enough ministry to justify the expenditure of resources and decided to close. In their closing, they invited the whole



community to share in their celebration.

In prior ministries, Susan has served as pastor and in two interim ministries as well as working in sales and marketing for a religious publishing firm. She has served on the Ministerial Standing and Standards Committee of the Vermont Conference, on the New England Council on Theological Education of the UCC, and in a variety of ecumenical settings. Susan received her M.Div. from Andover Newton Theological School in 1994 and also attended Boston University School of Law. Her references speak in glowing terms of her spiritual depth, love of the local church, organizational skill, and personal and pastoral sensitivity. “She is an excellent listener and able to help individuals and the community talk through issues and solve problems...able to strike the perfect balance between compassion and accountability.”

“We are truly looking forward to Susan’s joining our staff team,” commented the Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, Conference Minister. “She will bring deep caring, high intentionality and committed compassion to her work in the Eastern Region.”

Rev. Tarolli will begin her service on September 9th, working from the Conference office until she completes housing arrangements.

#### ***Fall Annual Meeting of the CT Conference***

This meeting will be held at Middletown High School on October 23 and 24. Anyone in the congregation interested in serving as our delegates should speak with Graham as soon as possible so registration can be completed.

The Keynote Speaker will be The Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Black has served as Conference Minister for the New York Conference. He has also served on the staff of the Office of Church Life and Leadership of the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Black was elected to the position at General Synod XXVII in Grand Rapids, MI and will assume office just 23 days before he is with us.

Here are the highlights of the meeting. The agenda and schedule will be available online. Authorized Ministers' Lunch and Program at the First Church of Christ, Congregational in Middletown will be Friday, October 23rd from noon to 3:30 pm. The keynote speaker will be Sanford Cloud, Chairman and CEO of The

Cloud Company and past President and CEO of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, Minister for Racial Justice for Justice and Witness Ministries for the national setting of the United Church of Christ will then offer training specifically for clergy to prepare for Sacred Conversations on Race in our churches. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. The program will include honoring those ordained 50 and 25 years. Registration for the Annual Meeting will take place at this event for those who attend.

The Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree will deliver her fourteenth Conference Minister's address on Friday evening. Saturday will include the Keynote Address by the Rev. Geoffrey Black. There will be a time for small group Sacred Conversations on Race with specially trained facilitators and a special session of Sacred Conversations on Race for Youth delegates and visitors at the same time. Conference business will also be conducted in plenary sessions.

Youth Delegates will continue to be involved in the meetings this year as regular delegates.

Child Care will be available if requested.

### **Disaster recovery: Push is on for organized mission trips to Galveston**

Written by J. Bennett Guess August 17, 2009

Remember Hurricane Ike? The UCC does.

In a shortsighted culture that too easily forgets yesterday's natural disasters, the UCC continues to emphasize its commitment to long-term disaster recovery.

"We're not the people who come from the outside community immediately," explains the Rev. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, executive for UCC Volunteer Ministries. "We are known for our commitment to working with long-term recovery committees and to helping with individual home rebuilding. We help specifically with volunteer labor and with the contributions that come to us through the One Great Hour of Sharing mission offering."

That's why beginning in October and continuing through mid-February 2010, local church mission groups are being called to come to Galveston, Texas, to offer spiritual accompaniment and carpentry skills for those still recovering from Hurricane Ike.

Hurricane Ike, which devastated Galveston and surrounding communities in mid-September 2008, was the third most destructive hurricane ever to make landfall in the United States.

"Volunteers will be cooperating with the local community's long-term recovery committee. They will be working with the leadership of the local community," Blaufuss says.

An "Unmet Needs Table" has been organized in Galveston to assist individuals who are still trying to rebuild their lives and their homes. The table is a collaborative place where community organizations offer coordinated response for those individual cases where FEMA assistance or insurance dollars have run out, were inadequate or never existed. Participating groups will be led by several long-term UCC Partners in Service volunteers who will oversee multiple work camps in coordination with local officials.

"A lot of the commercial buildings and the more well-do-do residents have come back or have moved elsewhere, but many poorer residents don't have the resources to rebuild and they don't have the resources to move," Blaufuss says.

Mission teams are being sought anytime in October through mid-November or in mid-January through mid-February. Participants must be at least 14 years old, and teams must have at least one adult for every two youth participants.

"We want one in eight volunteers to be experienced in construction skills, and the more in a group who have those skills the better," says Blaufuss.

Groups of up to 24 individuals will be housed in dormitory facilities at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Texas City, Texas. Kitchen facilities, bunks and showers are provided, but volunteers are asked to bring their own bedding and to purchase their own groceries.

"We have been doing disaster recovery (for flooding) in Iowa and Indiana all summer, working with long-term disaster recovery committees there," Blaufuss says. "Now we're making a push for volunteers to go to Texas."

The Galveston mission trips are being organized jointly by UCC Volunteer Ministries, UCC National Disaster Ministries and the Office of Disciples Volunteering in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

### **About our Members & Friends**

#### ***New Email***

Please note the following in our church directory:

Dan Dunn ~ [ddunn58@att.net](mailto:ddunn58@att.net)

Art Lachance ~ [artlachance@att.net](mailto:artlachance@att.net)

Genny Farnham ~ [lgf06071@gmail.com](mailto:lgf06071@gmail.com)

web address for a blog that Jillian Farnham is going to keep in DC throughout her internship is [www.jillianfarnham.blogspot.com](http://www.jillianfarnham.blogspot.com).

### ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***

Couples celebrating anniversaries this month include: Darren & Melanie Stevens, Roger & Nancy Pease, Ezra & Kelly Dooley, George & Judy Liberty, John & Ashley Collins



We wish a happy birthday during September to Eric Elley, Everett Baker, Chelsea Bernatavitz, Yvonne Wood, Pat Eastwood, Sean Farnham, Mark Ceppetelli, Erica St. John, Ed Sharpless, Billy McQuade.

If there are others we missed who would like to be included on our monthly list, please contact Ruth in the office.

### **Congregational Church of Somersville**

#### **Vision Statement**

We will be a faith-based church welcoming diversity, empowering the individual, growing in faith and doing God's work in the global community in unity and love.

#### **Behavioral Covenant**

- We will follow a process that includes unconditional listening and time to collect thought, enabling all individuals to comfortably express their opinions.
- Our actions and demeanor will support and empower all participants
- All opinions will be welcomed, reflectively considered and respected.
- Opinions will be expressed with humility, self-control, gentleness, and kindness.
- We will look for common ground as we search for consensus, and we will respect that consensus.
- We will affirm by our works and actions our common goal to serve God.

## Where Are Your Interests in Serving The Church?

The Nominating Committee would like to invite all church members to tell us where your interests are in serving your church. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate, or mail to : Nominating Committee, Congregational Church of Somersville, PO Box 1, Somersville, CT 06072. Please fill in your name and mark 1, 2 and 3 next to your first choice, second choice and third choice. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Board of Deacons:** are entrusted with the spiritual needs and interests of the Church and community including care with the sick and the stranger. With the pastor, the deacons provide opportunity and help for the deepening of the spiritual life and inviting people to faith in Christ and to membership in our church.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Christian Education Committee:** plans and organizes the educational ministries of the Church including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pilgrim Fellowship and Adult Education classes.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Finance Committee:** administers the funds of the Church and supervises all areas of real church property, along with management of the financial affairs of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Stewardship Committee:** oversees the development of stewardship throughout the Church in areas of time, talent and monies, leading the membership in the service of God and of the people of God.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Missions Committee:** leads the Church in community service projects such as helping the hungry and homeless, and those in DCF care. It also educates and suggests in areas of new mission plans, special collections, annual mission budget and encourages mission concern of all members.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Property Committee:** is responsible for the care, use, maintenance and improvement of all Church properties.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nominating Committee:** invites members to use their talents by serving on Boards and Committees of the Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Denominational Delegates:** attend meetings of the larger church through Tolland Association and the Connecticut State Conference.

# September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>the Rev. Graham Van Keuren, Pastor                      Brent Damrow, Student Minister                      Jason Stefanik, Organist/Choir Director                      Ray Foster, Moderator                      Sydney Cohen, Treasurer                      Ruth Bruch, Clerk/ Office Administrator                      Tom &amp; Elaine Hancock, Webmasters</p>		1 AA 6:15-8:30	2	3	4	5 Wedding 10:30 AM Blacksmith Shoppe 10-3
6	7 Labor Day	8 Ladies Aid 1 PM Deacons 7 PM AA 6:15-8:30	9 Bible Study 9:30-11 Choir 7 PM	10 Cabinet Agenda Requests Due	11 Supper Prep.	12 Blacksmith Shoppe 10-3 Roast Pork Supper 5 & 6:15
13 Communion Rally Sunday Recipes Due Grandparents Day	14	15 Cornerstone 2:30-6:30 Finance 7 PM AA 6:15-8:30	16 Bible Study 9:30-11 Choir 7 PM	17 Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 PM at Sharpless'	18 Missions 2 PM Pot Luck Dinner & a Movie 6 PM	19 Blacksmith Shoppe 10-3
20 Congregational Meeting Cabinet	21	22 1st Day of Autumn Blair Manor 10:30 Trustees 7:30 PM AA 6:15-8:30	23 Bible Study 9:30-11 Choir 7 PM	24	25	26 Blacksmith Shoppe 10-3
27 Spire Deadline	28	29 AA 6:15-8:30	30 Bible Study 9:30-11 Choir 7 PM	Congregational Church of Somersville 22 Maple St., PO Box I, Somersville, CT 06072 860-749-7741 860-749-5132 (fax) somcong@aol.com (email) www.somersvilleuoc.org (website)		

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# Hidden Pictures - Pick Your Own Apples

