



The Beacon

May 2011

Sunday Worship Schedule: 10:25 AM & 6:30 PM

Local/International Mission Project

Come on out and support our annual CROP WALK!

What in the world is that? (I used to ask the same question!)

YOU sign up online or by finding or calling me, Jenny Waller (860) 463-4313

YOU come May 1st at 1 :00 PM with a main dish to EGCC to share in a little potluck (this is optional) with fellow walkers

YOU arrive at 2:00 PM to walk on a flat trail (Rails to Trails—Copper Hill entrance—walk as far as you'd like!), talk with others from our church and community or alone to reflect on this great opportunity to reach out to others—all the time helping our food banks locally AND internationally.



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

(hosted by EGCC Men's Fellowship)
Sunday May 8, 2011

The EGCC Men's Fellowship is inviting you to a mother's day pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 8th, 2011 in Fellowship Hall. This is a time to have fellowship and fun before church with friends, family, and of course, your mom or someone else's mom that you want to invite. If you don't have a mom to bring, well, just come and have breakfast with friends. The men will be serving a delicious breakfast between 8:30 and 10:00 AM, so please stop in and have a bite to honor the mom's of the world.

IT'S SUMMER CAMP TIME!

Have you been making summer plans for the kids? Wondering what adventures they could experience this summer? Try Silver Lake! Silver Lake runs week-long residential camps for 4th-12th graders. It is the outdoor ministries program of the CT United Church of Christ. Every week features a theme, and plenty of fun, recreational activities. My daughters attended Silver Lake last year for the first time. They went to a young writers' conference, had a great time, and have registered for exciting new camps this year.



Mae would like to add:

"This is such a fun place! The worship services each night are full of a great sense of community and connection with God. The day-to-day camp is exciting and different every day and you get to know other people really well. It's wonderful!"

I'd be happy to share our experiences with you, and I encourage you to check out their website at www.silverlakect.org . Scholarship support through our church is available.

Happy Summer!

Sally Mullen (860)658-0342

"Use" of Scripture?

Many people who self-identify as Christians do not know much about what is in the Bible. This is a challenge, as it is quite difficult to follow Jesus when we do not know the story of Jesus, the stories that give context to the good news Jesus proclaims, or the stories that teach us about the communities who first followed Jesus. Reading, studying, and talking about Scripture in community are some of the foundational spiritual practices of a disciple of Jesus.

At the same time, just reading the Bible (or memorizing it, etc.) does not make us a disciple of Jesus. How we read and study and engage the Scripture makes a difference as well. Some Christians read Scripture as a tool for them to "use." They talk about finding a passage to help them to feel better. They talk about looking for a passage to prove their particular point on a social issue. They talk about reading Scripture to "get something out of it." Used this way, the Bible easily becomes a self-serving tool, instead of a gift that reminds us how to love and serve God and one another.

I appreciate the important reminder from Rev. Dr. Eugene Peterson around this issue. He writes how God speaks through the prophet Jeremiah in a way to challenge all who "use Scripture, who attempt to bring it under control and reduce it to something manageable. Scripture cannot be *used*. It is God's word calling us to personal response. The word of God addresses us, calls us into being. The only appropriate response is a reverent answer. It is always more than we are, always previous to us, always over us."

This is one of the reasons I see the Lectionary as a gift. The Lectionary is a three-year cycle of Biblical readings that moves us through most of the major sections of Scripture throughout that time period. Instead of choosing the Scripture passages for preaching that say what I think I want to say, or what I think other people want me to say, I receive the passages that come each week, that challenge me to pray and think beyond what I already see, know, and understand. I could "use" Scripture to speak to an issue that I hold dear. Or I can receive the Word of God through the Scripture that will likely go deeper and wider than anything I could conceive on my own. This Lectionary discipline helps to break me out of self-centered and to be instead centered in the Spirit and the Way of Christ.

I invite all of us who choose to follow Jesus to study some portion of the Scripture each day. I encourage you to use a resource, like the Lectionary (<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>), or to read section by section through a biblical book (starting with one of the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Being part of a Bible study group is helpful, too. Whatever you read, pray and ask God to reveal what God wants you to see, know, and understand. Also, leave some time and space to "listen" in-between the words on the printed page. And please know I would be delighted to talk with you about where to get started or other resources that can help you grow in the Way of Christ.

I pray for each and all of us that the words in Scripture be ones that speak to your heart and mind, opening you to God's Spirit, and forming you and shaping you more fully into the good gift that God created you to be.

Yours in Christ,
Michael Bush

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
Please join us for one of our weekly groups!

New Sunday Night Group, Apprenticeship with Jesus, May 1- June 5, 2011 This class is an experience that seeks to not just think about discipleship with Jesus, but that seeks to live it. We will be using Gary Moon's book *Apprenticeship With Jesus: Learning to Live Like the Master*. This book contains 30 days of readings and apprenticeship activities intended to help us be formed more fully as followers (apprentices) of Jesus. The writings and activities cover the spectrum from playful to challenging. Talk with Pastor Michael Bush if you have questions. We will meet May 1-June 5 (no meeting May 29 during Memorial Day Weekend) following Sunday Night Alive worship, 7:20-8:20 PM.

Women's Book Study Generous Faith: Stories to Inspire Abundant Living"-Tuesdays 12:30 pm We continue May 3 and May 10, and our May 3rd class will start at 12:15 pm for our Potluck Lunch.

New Study Group "Assertiveness" on Tuesdays May 17 to June 14, 12:30-1:30 pm.

This is a short term Bible Study and the sign up is across the hall from the church office. See Pastor Sara with questions.

Early In The Morning Prayer - Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 am, in the Sanctuary

In the Scriptures we read that Jesus spent time with God "early in the morning." In that spirit, come join a group for a time of mid-week prayer in the sanctuary.

Gospel of Matthew Group on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 am, in Buttaro Room (Childcare Available!)-

"Do Unto Others" "Blessed are the poor" "Seek ye first" "Wise men from the east saw a star"
Have you heard any of these before? These are all quotes from the story of Jesus told in the Gospel of Matthew, the subject of our exploration on Wednesday mornings. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who facilitates this group. New people always welcome!

Gospel of Mark - Please join us on Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM beginning for a study of the story of Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry in the Gospel according to Mark. We will look at what the story meant in its own time and place and how that informs our stories in this time and place. This group also has a monthly potluck meal, on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Michael Bush.

Matthew Group on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 am, in Buttaro Room - see description of Wednesday morning group above. Pastor Michael facilitates this group. We close each time with prayer and a couple of hymns. New people always welcome!

Yoga, Meditation & Prayer on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM— A time of movement, meditation and prayer in the CEC, led by Martha Parrish Bush. These yoga sessions focus on the spiritual and are intended for all physical ability levels. While we work with various yoga postures and breath, we practice inviting the spirit to move in and through us. We end our time together with meditation and prayer choosing to listen attentively to what God might want to say to us. This time is quiet, gentle, and honoring of God and all who come to seek God in this way and place. If you're curious, just come and see! Or ask Martha or Sally Mullen for more information.

Message From the Moderator—May, 2011

"I have it all planned out--plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." Jeremiah 29: 11. The Message

We are the body of Christ, and as we work to serve Him and each other, we can surely take comfort and hope in God's promise to Israel, and to each of us. As we serve Him and discern His plans for us, God's light reaches out far beyond what we can think or imagine. It is a time for vision and dreaming dreams.

The Community Garden has captured many people's imagination! Plans are being made as we work to create something new. Plowing, planting, weeding, harvesting. Hard work lies ahead, but I also see the delight of children and the satisfaction of us all as we work together. Missions is working hard on this, but we need help. Lots of help!

Speaking of working together, the Kitchen has prepared its first meals with a lot of help from many of you. Many more meals lie ahead, along with the fun and fellowship that accompany any time we break bread together. There's much power in vision and dreaming dreams. Thanks to you all who worked so hard and gave so freely to make it a reality!

The Men's Group is certainly making things happen, and we are truly blessed in their efforts. They have already and will be planning to provide special meals, do work projects, and have fellowship with each other. They, too, have a vision.

The Team to review the bylaws and structure of the church has been hard at work each Tuesday evening. It is a complex task, and the Team wrestles with many questions and proposals. Again, a thank you to Rachel Korhonen for taking on the difficult task of note-taking, to Erica Demke for accepting the leadership, and to those on the team who have accepted this responsibility. The minutes are available in the church office. If you have any thoughts to contribute, please direct them to Erica or leave them in the box in the church office entitled "Bylaws Team." The Team is working very hard to complete their review by the middle to the end of May.

The Council meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:15, unless there is a holiday. In that case, it meets on the fourth Monday. The minutes are available online, and there are copies available in the church office. These should help you follow the progress of the Council. If you have any thoughts, concerns or ideas, please call me or put a note in my box.

So many opportunities for outreach are available for everybody in our Community of Faith. For example, the Women's Retreat, led by Pastor Sara, was a joyful, uplifting, and powerful experience. There was laughter, there were tears, there were deep discussions, and there was music. Our dear friend Beulah Belle Bible-verse put in an appearance, offering tips on how to joyfully greet the day. Her visit was an unforgettable experience. Other outreach opportunities include the presence of the Emmaus community for the weekend of April 9th, with more than 75 people on team or as candidates. Our church is also sending a team down for the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to offer their skills, love, and energy to those in need. Heads Up Hartford is just ahead, where we will work with other churches in the Hartford community. We can reach out and touch so many lives, and receive many blessings in return. Your prayers for these ventures are also a powerful way to participate.

On Thursday evenings, there is a rich opportunity to stretch not only your body, but your spirit. Men, women and young people gather under Martha's loving and able leadership for a yoga class, and it is an amazing experience! She is a gentle guide, and people of all ages and abilities can enjoy and benefit from it. Class begins at 7:00. Bring an offering for the Food Pantry. Come and see...

We are God's blessing to each other. We work, we serve, we hope, and we dream, all according to the plans that God has for us. Come and be a part of that plan!

Blessings,
Jeanne Daggett

Abundant Life Ministry April 2011 Update

The Abundant Life Ministry (ALM) met on April 11th. We are pleased to announce that Dave Hayden has accepted the responsibility for the "Maintenance" position on the Physical Resources Ministry. There are still two more open positions: "Memorials" on Physical Resources (Kevin McCloskey- Chair) and "Missions" on the Mission and Outreach Ministry (Kristen Hardendorf-Chair). Please prayerfully consider if you can serve in either of these openings. Additional information can be obtained by contacting either the Chairperson of the ministry, any member of the Abundant Life Ministry, or Lewis Vissia.

We continue our work to develop descriptions for all of the roles within the different ministries. Please remember that as you plan fundraisers to contact Lori Rapuano for the fund raiser information form and approval. This should be submitted at least two months prior to the event.

ALM Members: Donna Clarke, Wayne Korhonen, Carl Pitney, Bob Poudrier, Lori Rapuano, Lauren Stuck

The Human Resource Ministry

The Human Resource Ministry met for the third time on April 11, 2011. After a unanimous vote, it was determined that Amy Kulig will be our new vice chair for this ministry, helping Dave Hasenbalg.

Currently we are working on several initiatives for the coming months to be reported on as further details unfold.

There is a discussion ongoing for better ways to set up open communication between the Congregation and Staff.

Angela Cecchini

Missions and Outreach Ministry

Will we bloom where we are planted?

It is a joy to report that several members of the congregation have expressed interest in helping with a vegetable garden on church property if we are able to proceed with that idea. The harvest from this garden would be given to Food Pantry recipients or others in need.

Members of the Mission and Outreach Ministry have been discussing the initial steps for a planning process and members of the Physical Resources Ministry have reviewed the basic idea. In early May, if our plans develop, we will provide a sign-up sheet for those interested and we will announce meeting times to discuss and pray about all aspects of planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, etc. If there are any questions, please contact Diane Forney, Kristen Hardendorf or other members of the Mission and Outreach Ministry.

Please check the new Mission and Outreach web page

We have begun our first Mission and Outreach Ministry web page which is now available at www.egchurch.org, our church website. Under "Ministries" on that website, click on "Mission and Outreach" and view some current mission projects and some links to volunteer opportunities.

This page will continue to be developed and we are grateful to Jenny Waller, the newest member of our ministry, for working with Lewis Vissia to begin this source of information.

We are open to suggestions and ideas about ways in which this web page would be helpful for members of the congregation. Please contact Jenny Waller, Kristen Hardendorf or other members of the ministry with any viewpoints.

Kristen Hardendorf
Mission and Outreach Ministry

Worship and Caring Ministry



In the beauty of the Easter Lilies we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, and then carried their message of God's love and comfort to many of our friends and neighbors.

Thanks to these most generous contributors.

- Christina Leadbeater
- Grace Ann Kingsbury
- Pat Lang
- Charlie Graham
- Barry Toussaint
- Carol Mathis
- Cindy Bilodeau
- Art House
- Bob & Meag McCusker
- Betsy Mack & Lew Noble
- Art & Lynn Barstow
- Linda & Dave Harrold
- Jim & Karen Pestana
- Bea Estby
- Judy & Peter Goff
- Fran & Bob Perkins
- Dudley & Geri Watkins
- Ruthie & Steve Holton
- Becky & John Rafferty
- Jeanne & Dick Daggett
- Becky Brown
- Angela Cecchini
- Bev Cecchini
- Kevin & Nora McCloskey

Visitation Team will meet Thursday May 19th 6:00-7:00 pm in the Buttaro Room. If you would like or know someone who would like a visit, please let Pastor Sara or the church office know. If members of the team can't attend, please be in touch to receive a name to visit.

NEWS FROM EGCC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our newly formed men's fellowship group meets once per month, on the third Sunday of each month, for a fellowship breakfast at 8:30 AM. Dana Thompson has picked up the baton and is leading the group, along with some able spirited volunteers. We recently supported the Emmaus #44 weekend by cooking and serving their Saturday evening supper for 80 people, and we were joined by Karen Rhodes, who declared herself "one of the guys!" We are planning on supporting Lauren Farley's group with the soup kitchen outreach when needed, and have other ministries on the planning calendar. If you or anyone you know is interested in meeting with other men to have a closer walk with God, we invite you to come to our next informal breakfast on Sunday morning, May 15th at 8:30 in fellowship hall. Good food, good talk, good time. For information contact Dana Thompson at 860-627-6349.

Women's Retreat — March 26

This program was sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Ministry and we thank them for their support.

The team members: Chrissy, Kathy, Wendi, Nora, Janice, Becky and Pastor Sara would like to thank all those who set aside Saturday, March 26, to attend the retreat, you made the day wonderful. In addition to the team there were others who helped to make our day wonderful. Thanks to Ann, Marge and Jeanne who helped us keep on key, Kristen and Ruthie who led us in opening prayer and noon time grace and the skit makers, Cliff and Becky (as Beulah Belle Bibleverse) with their helpers Nancy and Janice.

I am asking anyone who would like to be part of the team for the next retreat to speak to me or any member of the team and we'll call you some time next fall.

I would like to remind participants to pick up the prayers that have been compiled. They are out on the table out side the office for any one who would like one.

Becky Brown, Coordinator
Telephone 860-653-1292
E-mail Rebeccab2@sbcglobal.net

Church Family Notes

PRAYERS, cards of encouragement and get well wishes, please. Kyla Pokorny (Bill Pokorny's 8th grade daughter) and Fran & Sybil's granddaughter is being treated for Ewing Sarcoma (a curable cancerous bone tumor that originated in the scapula-shoulder). With the prescribed treatment of 12 weeks chemotherapy, 4 weeks of surgery and rehab and another 12 weeks of chemo the prognosis is very favorable. Your prayers would be very much appreciated. Kyla is being treated at Hartford Children's hospital and at home in Enfield- Kyla and Bill's address is 808 Gatewood Drive, Enfield CT. 06082.. Thank you so much, Sybil and Fran.

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To Our Church Family

Charlie and I would like to thank all of our church family for their cards, flowers, food, support and sympathy given to us and our family on the passing of my mother, Myrtle Hunter. We were very pleased with the celebration of life service led by Pastor Sara and the lovely reception following. As we mourn Mom's passing, we also celebrate the good, long life that she led.

Grace A. Kingsbury

Dear Church Family,
We send many thanks to you all for the beautiful floral bouquet that came from March 27th flowers. Many lovely daisies that put us in a real mood for Spring. A special thanks to Grace Ann and Charlie Kingsbury.

Thinking of you all,
Love, Al & Nancy Biddleman

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To my Church Family,
The Easter lilies are just opening up, and soon their fragrance will fill the room. Thank you to all of you for your thoughtfulness and your caring.

Your phone calls, visits, and card mean so very much to me. I feel uplifted by your many ways you reach out. You are such a blessing in my life.

Ruth Ostrander

There will be a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Leadbeater family on May 14, 5:00-8:00 pm at the Senior / Community Center in East Granby. Al Leadbeater is recovering from amputation surgery due to a blood clot in his leg.



We have created a 5 Day 4 year old program for next year. This multi-age program would be for 4 year olds who would like a little more, who would like another year before they head off to Kindergarten, or for parents who work mornings. It will run 8:15 to 11:30 AM.

We will also have our traditional 3 and 4 year old classes. PLEASE help us spread the word!

Check out www.egccns.com for more information. THIS year we have added an extended day two Fridays a month. This is for children of preschool age (or Kindergarten) and runs 11:30 to 2:30 PM. We have many who come to this program who aren't in our other preschool and that is great. We love to be able to open our program up to a bunch of families!

What Can I DO??? Heads Up! Hartford! HUH!!!!!!!

Have you been listening for the call? Have you been called to serve? To join in the fun? To make a difference? Consider yourself called! Ok, so you are unable to serve on the HUH team for a full week...you can STILL be a part of this important mission project! There are so very many ways to serve!

- Most importantly, please hold the HUH team, and those we serve, in prayer, before during and after camp.
- Ever wondered how to help our teens become better team players than they already are? Heads Up! Hartford's summer camp for over 100 urban and suburban youth needs your help to achieve just that. We will hold team building events on day 2 of camp and we need prizes for the 10 teams of 12 teens. Can you provide one team's prizes? Some examples are: 12 frisbees; 12 Dunkin Donut gift cards; 12 ice-cream coupons; 12 i-tunes gift cards; 12 movie tickets; 12 beach towels; 12 board or card games...or your own great idea!
- **SAVE THIS DATE!!!! Y TBD from 10 am to 2 pm at the EG Fire House - CAR WASH & BAKE Sale.** The donations help to offset the EGCC teen camp tuitions.
- Do you have an afternoon or evening to volunteer as a part-time adult advisor? Call Gayle Wilcox (653-2460).
- We are looking for (CT licensed) Registered Nurses to volunteer during the day (projected dates June 23-30, 2011) to help our Camp Nurse with administering meds., attending to cuts and scrapes etc.
- You can donate snack foods - packaged snacks or bags of fruit - things that do not need to be refrigerated and in containers that you do not need returned. There will be an area in the kitchen marked "HUH snacks". Perishables can also be brought to St. Thomas during the week of camp. Veggie trays are a team favorite!
- Suppose it rains? Can you imagine 100+ folks unable to get outside and move around? Well, we are also collecting new or gently used indoor games to use during camp, year after year. Might be a good time to make some space in your closet by donating some games???
- Given the difficult economic climate, we have many more teens throughout the HUH program seeking financial aid. Especially our urban sister churches have teens unable to cover their tuition. Historically, HUH has never turned anyone away. In order to retain this approach and still cover expenses, we are looking to others who might wish to contribute towards tuitions. The weeklong-7 night camp costs \$375.00. Perhaps you can serve by covering tuition or a partial tuition. Please contact Gayle Wilcox (860-653-2460) if God is calling you in this way.

Attend the closing ceremony at St. Thomas on Wednesday, June 30th at 7 PM to support these amazing teen volunteers.

"What would you have me do, Lord - take something on, give something up, or both? How would you have me serve You and grow in You?" Heads Up Hartford is a wonderful way to serve the Lord - to be His hands and feet on earth. Might this be part of your answer? Please pray on it!

May
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sr. High Youth Group: April News!!!

(Mission- 'In His Steps')

All 9th-12th Teens welcome to attend*

Regular meetings 1st & 3rd Sundays 7:15pm-8:45pm at EGCC. Service projects and fellowship times to happen 2nd & 4th weekends time to be announced via e-mail and church bulletins.

****Come meet for FUN, FAITH, and FELLOWSHIP!!! Bring your friends!****

May 1st: Sunday 12pm-3pm. Sandwiches provided and field trip to "Clay Pot" to make pottery. Cost is \$10-\$20 depending on project. Please let Pastor Sara know if you intend to go!

May 8th: No Youth Group due to "Mother's Day"

May 15th: 12-2:00pm Joint Event to McLeans for a Picnic with the Middle School Youth...Come welcome them to Sr. High!

May 22nd: 7:00pm-8:30pm (note earlier time) "Outside Game Night!" meet near church office! Dress for the weather

May 29th: No Youth Group due to Memorial Day weekend.

*Come as often as you can and bring a friend!

Advisors:

Jim Pestana, Gayle Wilcox & Kate Boyer

Coordinator of Youth Ministries: Pastor Sara



Happy Birthday to:

- 2 Dudley Watkins
- 4 Melissa Harrold
- 5 Lois Viets, Jolene Crane, Logan Horner, Lewis Vissia, Michele Leadbeater
- 6 LeeAnne Steenhoek, Marge Korhonen
- 7 Karen Fisk
- 8 Rachel Korhonen, Jessica Wessner
- 9 Katie Colbeck, Elsie Tule, Jessica Blythe
- 10 Cade Velleman
- 12 Abbie Rodriguez
- 13 John Rafferty (son)
- 14 Corey Goff
- 15 Kathy Juliano, Ethan Newhall
- 16 Dave Barnes, Sara Czarnecki, Daniel McIsaac
- 17 Nolan Dionne, Krista Dionne, Michael Bush
- 18 Theresa Hecht, Carol Schwartz, Andrew Clarke, Sally Mullen, Angela Cecchini
- 20 Judy Goff, Wendy Bowers
- 21 Aubrey Murphy, Janet Cannon
- 22 Gordon Willoughby
- 23 Jamison Clark, Linda Wolfe, Kathy Daleb, Donald Blomquist, Michael Hecht
- 27 Ryan Hecht
- 29 Sandy Johnson, Dan Mullen
- 30 Sophia House
- 31 Cara Turner

Happy Anniversary to:

- 9 Tony and Kathy Juliano
- 14 Charlie and GraceAnn Kingsbury
- 17 Carl and Stephanie Pitney
Anthony and Christina Leadbeater
- 21 Sue and Bill Howard
- 22 John and Linda Colbeck
Gary and Chris Trombly
- 24 David and Caroline Hayden
- 25 Wayne and Marge Korhonen
Sally and Dan Mullen
- 28 Anne and Rick Newhall
Randy and Lauren Stuck
- 30 Bill and Jill McGarry

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed here, please call Sharon @ 860-653-2987.

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All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of each month.
All articles are subject to editing.

If you would like to schedule meetings, events or make any changes to the church calendars, please call Sharon, or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

We are going to **FRANCE**. The trip is called "French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy and Provence". It is a fifteen day trip that includes a 12 day cruise on the Saone and Rhone Rivers aboard an 80 passenger boat. A 4 day pre-trip to Paris can be added on as well as a post-trip to southern France. Check it out at vantagetravel.com or see Judy Saxton. We would love to have you join us!

Communion Table Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to offer to grace the Communion Table with flowers.

May 1	Art & Lynn Barstow
May 8	Available
May 15	Maureen Brousseau
May 22	The Cecchini's
May 29	Available

May Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby.

May 1	Confirmation Class
May 8	Wednesday AM Bible Study
May 15	Men's Group
May 22	David & Phyllis Drysdale
May 29	Nancy & Anna Moody

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



May 1	Becky Brown
May 8	Wednesday AM Bible Study
May 15	Men's Group
May 22	Available
May 29	Becky Brown

Audio Tech crew for worship services in the month of May is as follows:

May 1	Kevin Bach
May 8	Tom Horner
May 15	Daniel McIsaac
May 22	Bill Bowers
May 29	Marge Korhonen

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

East Granby Congregational Church, U.C.C.,
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and
strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Following Jesus Christ and being formed as disciples
- Serving our neighbors and equipping one another for ministry.