

The Beacon

October 2011

Sunday Night Alive Worship

Every Sunday evening (Sept.-June) this contemporary and informal worship service is at **6:30 pm** in the center of the CEC building. Maybe you are away in the morning, would like a dialogue style Bible study, or just want a more intimate format of praising God. Try it, you'll like it!

The All Ministry meeting for October will be held on Monday, October 17th (the third Monday of the month due to the Columbus Day Holiday).

For information about...

Fall Festival see page 7.

Volunteer opportunities for the Turkey Dinner see page 11.

Cookies by the Pound see page 7.

Pastor Sara continues 'full-time' while our Interim search committee locates and hires our Interim Senior Pastor. Pastor Sara is in the office Monday-Thursday and can be reached after hours at her home. The week of Oct. 24—30 she will be out of the office for a Continuing Education week.

From Pastor Sara

Dear Members and Friends,

In the last few weeks several people in our congregation have asked questions about what is happening during the Interim time. I thought it might be helpful for me to share my understanding of what will occur during this 'in-between' time. As you know, our interim search committee is actively interviewing Pastors who are called to "**Intentional Interim Ministry.**" An interim pastor will be hired as soon as an appropriate match is located. Their "call" as a 'temporary shepherd' will, through their leadership help us to come to terms with our history, share our stories (both successes and trials), carry out a self study, focus our current identity, and where or how we are being called to serve God. It will also prepare us to seek a new permanent pastor. This whole process (often 18 months—2 years) can have meaningful long-term effects on the lives and mission of our congregation.

Scripturally this time of transition can feel like the "wilderness" experienced by the Israelite community in Exodus. They also lived for a time in a place of unknowns, wanting quickly to get to the 'promised land.' What they heard and what we, too, need to hear and trust is that God is at hand as He always has been and will be. For some, there may be a lostness, confusion, grief, and anxiety about what the future holds. However, the Lord has shown me both individually and in communities of faith that we can get 'there from here.' Rushing the journey, however, often leads to mistakes, and even faltering, in ways that may harm what is hoped for with the new Pastor. Believers throughout the ages have had to wait, to stay open to the Spirit, and attend to the tasks that enable a church to meet this change in healthy ways. Now, I've rarely met a person who jumps up and down with glee when it comes to change. And yet the old adage is never more true than now... 'there is nothing more constant than change.' The changes which are present for us, like many churches, can be viewed as a God-given opportunity for reflection, study, learning, renewal, and preparation for the future. Easy?, no! Important?, yes! What I can offer to each of you as your Pastor for Caring Ministries is a listening heart and prayerful conversation. Come talk with me as you are ready. Until then...See you in Church!

Peace, Pastor Sara

Message From the Moderators

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid....Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5: 14 and 16

In the wake of Storm Irene, many people were cut off from power, some for hours, some for days. Loss of power is difficult, stressful and inconvenient. It is also temporal. The power that God so freely offers us as individuals and as a church body is steady and far more than the sum of us. We are called to be a light not only to each other but to the world. Pray that we answer the call!

Much is happening each day as we approach a most beautiful month of the year...October! Blue skies, vibrant colors, sunny days, cooler nights. New England Fall is second to none!

So many possibilities lie ahead. The knitting and crocheting group presented the first fruits of their labors for a blessing from the congregation. Their prayer blankets and shawls will provide warmth and comfort to those who are sick. Also, yoga has returned to Thursday nights at 7:00. with food items brought by each participant helping to support the Food Pantry. Also, with the strong support of the Marin family, the garden created by Matt Turner is providing fresh produce to the Food Pantry.

The Bible Studies meet each week at their appointed times. In addition, Pastor Sara will be leading a book study on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30, where they will be exploring the women of the Bible. Also, a new book study begins under the leadership of Nora McCloskey and Jeanne Daggett. The first meeting will take place at 7:20, October 2, following Sunday Night Alive, which is led by Pastor Sara. The group will be reading a book by Oswald Chambers, which is an in-depth study of the Sermon on the Mount and will be the catalyst for some lively discussions. Join us!

The Search Team for the Intentional Interim Pastor has had some excellent interviews, even as they continue to receive the profiles of potential candidates. They have set sometime in November as a goal for having an interim pastor in place. Pastor Sara Worcester has graciously accepted the role of full-time pastor until that person is aboard.

The Abundant Life Ministry has been diligent in filling vacant positions on the various ministries. They are also preparing information packets to help us discern how we can strongly support our church in service, in talent, and in treasure, with prayer and thanksgiving!

As we approach the latter part of the year, the Bylaws Team will present their recommendations to the Council. Following that, there will be informational meetings for the congregation, with time to hear the recommendations and then to ask questions. Each of the changes that are recommended will be voted upon line by line, with the final vote most likely occurring at the Annual Meeting in January.

A special thank you to the Physical Resources Ministry, led by Kevin McCloskey, for their perseverance and just plain hard work in bringing a beautiful, functional kitchen to fruition. Frank Houghton, we are deeply grateful to you for your hours spent in meeting with contractors, for doing careful research, and for caring so much. Finally, thank you to all who have reached down deeply to provide financial and prayer support. The kitchen will indeed be a blessing over many years. Even now, a dinner theater is in the planning stage, with kids and adults participating under the guidance of Pastor Sara. Production will begin as soon as "three good men" step forward to be part of the fun. In other words, there are three parts for men that need to be filled as soon as possible!

If you enter the church on a Monday night, you might hear some Big Band music! Randy Morey (Sharon's husband) is part of an eighteen-piece band that will be rehearsing on Monday nights in the Fellowship Hall. (with the exception of Ministry meeting nights.) You might even want to pause and listen for awhile....

We all have special abilities, gifts and talents. Let your Light shine, bringing delight and joy not only to you and your church family but to the One who created us all!

Yours in Christ,

Jeanne Daggett
Cliff Gibson

Moderator
Vice Moderator

Scarcity, Abundance and Generosity

"Therefore, I bid you put away anxious thoughts about food and drink to keep you alive, and clothes to cover your body. Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are worth more than the birds! Is there a person among you who by anxious thought can add a foot to his height? And why be anxious about clothes. Consider how the lilies grow in the fields; they do not work, they do not spin; and yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendor was not attired like one of these.....How little faith you have! No, do not ask anxiously, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear? All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you.....Set your mind on God's kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well.'" (Matt. 6: 25-34)

The Bible reminds us again and again of God's faithfulness and love. And yet, we so often find ourselves living in worry and fear. We worry about having "enough" for retirement, we worry about losing our jobs, if we have lost our jobs we worry that we will not find another, and what will happen when the savings and unemployment assistance have run dry? We worry about our children leaving home- for kindergarten or for college.... and our parents aging and dying. We worry when our church faces hard times, when giving is down, when members move away, when pastors move on. We are, sadly, fearful of scarcity and even more sadly, sometimes we are lacking in generosity.

Stephen Gray, a UCC Conference Minister shared these words:

"How do we nurture generosity in a culture that is fearful of scarcity? First we are to remember that "perfect love casts out all fear." In the face of the fear of scarcity, we are to do two things that seem at first to be utterly powerless but in reality, can change the world: we are to love our God with all our hearts, with all our minds, with all our souls, and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. When we take these two commandments with utter seriousness, we witness the abundance and generosity of the God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34 are saying that the God of all creation showers abundance and generosity upon us more than we can think or imagine! And since God also tells us in Genesis that we are created in God's image, it is our role in creation to extend to those in need with the same generosity and abundance of our creator God."

If we are to live as disciples, our lives will mirror the generous spirit of our God. Through prayer and praise, we can create an attitude of generosity in our hearts (as we seek to forgive and to more perfectly love), in our minds (as we arrange our priorities and attitudes to more clearly reflect Christ in us), and in our bodies (as we walk together in service).

The Abundant Life Covenant Renewal starts on October 16 and concludes on November 13. This is a time of worship, reflection and celebration. It is a time of remembering and giving thanks to God. It is also a time when we consider and renew our commitment to the Body of Christ as made manifest in East Granby Congregational Church.

Covenant Renewal Packets will be available starting on Sunday, October 16. Please pick yours up from the church building before October 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Stuck, Chair of Abundant Life Ministry.

Submitted by Lauren Stuck, Chairman.

Members of Abundant Life Ministry are Carl Pitney, Lori Rapuano and Wayne Korhonen.

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Please join us for one of our weekly groups!

Sunday Evening Book Discussion, beginning October 2, 7:20-8:20 pm. Come join us as we discuss Oswald Chambers book "The Studies in the Sermon on the Mount." This group will be facilitated by Jeanne Daggett and Nora McCloskey. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, cost of book is \$6.50.. All are welcome.

Tuesdays Women's Bible Group: The class continues 12:30pm-1:30pm Meeting thru Dec. 13th!(Oct. 4th exception, potluck lunch—12:15 pm), Oct, 11, 18, **No class** Oct. 25. Meet in the Purple Lounge. Book discussion on "Women of the New Testament" by Phyllis Le Peau. She will challenge us to grow deeper in our understanding of what it means to be a disciple. 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.

The Wednesday evening Bible Study is reading the Gospel according to Mark. We meet at 6:30 each time except for the first Wednesday of the month when we enjoy a pot luck dinner at 5:30 before the meeting. For those of you who relish good conversation, interesting and in-depth discussions, and lots of laughter, you don't want to miss this group of seekers. We have a shared leadership, taking turns. Come join us!!

Gospel of Matthew Group continues to meet on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 am in the Buttaro Room. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity.

Thursday Night Yoga Continues from 7pm-8pm in the round room, we will resume our yoga practice together. We will be led by teachers from the Granby Yoga studio as part of their community service. This will be an all levels class, focusing on alignment of the body, bringing awareness to the breath, and finding that calm and inner peace that most of us need. Bring a mat, blanket or towel and a strap (6-8 ft long or an old tie or bathrobe belt). This program will benefit the East Granby Food Pantry and you are asked to please bring either a food item or a \$5 donation to every class. Please join us.

Visitation Team

We have six members who are trained in reflective listening who gladly would come to visit in your home. If you or someone you know could use a friendly visit, cheer, or a listening ear simply leave word at the church office or contact Pastor Sara. Our regular check-in meeting is Wed. Oct. 19th 6 pm—7 pm in the Purple Lounge. (Note new time & place).

All-Ministry Fair

An information and question time will happen Sunday Oct. 2nd at Coffee Hour. Please come by each of the tables to talk with a member of one of our seven ministry areas. Including "Interim Ministry" what is this time meant to be about?

Learn the work that is carried by your fellow members and get your questions answered. Or simply pick up a pamphlet and take it home. Come one come all to see and learn about everything from Worship and Caring to Physical Resources!

Spiritual Formation Ministry

Ruthie Holton

Over the summer months, the Spiritual Formation Ministry provided opportunities to worship, sing, pray, share in communion and play. The hymn-sing led by Dick Daggett was attended by 20+ people. We sang some of our favorite hymns, learned some of the background of the composers of those hymns and later adjourned to Fellowship Hall for ice cream sundaes. Game Night was well attended and after the meal had been consumed many stayed well into the evening playing board games. The last of our summer series, Praise and Worship, was led by Randy Stuck. We gathered for an evening of Praise, Worship, Song, Prayer and Communion. Dessert and fellowship followed.

We have also had to say goodbye twice. First to Pastor Michael and then to Lewis Vissia. Among the many gifts Lewis has shared with us - curriculum writing; music shared not only with the children, but with Sunday Night Alive, Ministry meetings and a bible study group; nurturing the children and families, bible studies with the teachers and shepherds, and the "question of the week" will be missed and we pray that he continues to find a way to use these gifts in the future. The Children's Ministry Team has been working together to try to temporarily fill some of the gaps in responsibilities left by Lewis' departure.

On Friday evenings the Emmaus Team meets in CEC and the Sanctuary. Gayle Wilcox is the Rector and our church will once again host the Fall Weekend in November. Please keep this team in prayer over the coming months.

The Children's Ministry Team has been working over the last couple months getting classrooms ready, registering children, and staffing the Sunday School program. As of this writing we are 100% staffed. Praise the Lord! The first day of Sunday School is September 18th. If you have not registered your child(ren) yet, please see Debby Reimer or Marge Korhonen for the form.

A "Ministry Fair" is being planned for the near future. At that time, I encourage you to stop by and chat with our ministry members, browse through our display and take the hand out available. I hope this will be helpful for the congregation to understand - who we are and what we do!! Please feel free to talk to any of our ministry members at any time:

Ruthie Holton, Debby Reimer, Gayle Wilcox, Becky Brown, Kate Boyer and Ellen Forney.

From the Human Resources Ministry

As you all know, it has been an extremely busy summer for EGCC when it comes to matters of personnel. There is a team actively looking to hire an Intentional Interim Pastor who will help guide us through the next phase for our church. In addition, the position of Director of Discipleship was vacated by Lewis Vissia. We are starting the process of looking for a replacement for this position. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, please have them contact Dave Hasenbalg (davidhasenbalg@gmail.com or 860-796-1986). Please continue to pray that God brings the right people to us as we continue to do His work in our little place on earth.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters:



Knitters with a Purpose is a new ministry which meets the first Wednesday of each month, our next meeting will be Oct 5 at 7 pm in fellowship hall. Please feel free to join us, you don't need to know how to knit or crochet, we will teach you. We have small projects you can start with.

If you have any yarn you would like to donate we would appreciate it and put it to good use. It must be washable yarn and at least worsted weight. We will accept monetary donations as well to purchase yarn for this ministry.

Please call Kathy Mock, 860-653-3196 or Fran Perkins, 860-651-9523, with any questions.

Everyone can be great because everyone can serve, it only takes a heart full of grace, a soul full of love.

---Martin Luther King, Jr.

So, what does the Worship and Caring Ministry Team do?

We care about worship in many ways.

We care that Sunday morning and evening worship services are a meaningful time for all.

We care that there is someone to greet members and visitors when they arrive.

We care that there are ushers to smile and lend a hand.

We care that our pastors have the support they need to do what God has Called them to do.

We care that there is quality preaching on Sundays when our own staff is unavailable.

We care that the music provided for the services is uplifting, inspiring, and diverse enough to reach everyone in some way.

We care that flowers are in place to express our appreciation for God's wonders and provide comfort to those who receive them after worship.

We care there is fellowship after the service and the sharing of 'bread' in the guise of coffee and lemonade.

We care that there are volunteers to call the faithful to worship on Sundays.

We care for members in need of a smile, a friend, a meal through our team of Visitors.

We care that there are other ways to worship God than a formal service.

We care that the sanctuary reflects the liturgical seasons by having banners, paraments, lilies, palms, and the crèche in place at the correct times.

Most of all, we care about this community of faith.

Sr. High Youth Group October Gatherings

Mission: "In His Steps"

Thru Fun, Faith, and Fellowship!!

Meeting every Sunday for 9th-12th graders!

October 1st-2nd: "Lock-In" making 'Care Packages' to send away. Games Food, and movies! Bring your overnight gear and \$10. Starts 7pm- 8am

October 9th: Sunday 4pm-6pm Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Cost \$10.00 We may need extra parent to drive. Permission slips needed.

October 16th: Sunday 7:30pm-9:30pm Campfire, S'mores, & Stories at Advisor Kate's house Pick up & Drop off at Boyer's home in Granby.

October 23rd: 12-3:00pm Service Project at Higley Village 'cleaning windows or helping as the residents may need. Eat lunch first, bring \$6.00. dress to work.

October 30th: 7:15pm-8:45pm "What you've always wanted to ask your parents but couldn't" guest panel. Meet in Youth Room for this awesome night!

(Emmaus reunion Oct. 16th 2-4:30pm)

Faithfully In Christ's service -
Pastor Sara, Gayle, Kate, and Jim

Call or Text us anytime with questions!

#413-374-6553 Pastor Sara

#860-729-0992 Gayle

860-874-3122 Jim

860-205-6976 Kate

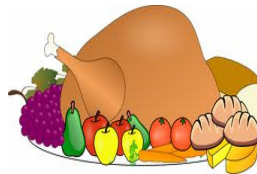
FOOD SAFETY SEMINAR

The FVHD has changed their policy. The class to become a licensed food operator will only be given at their office on a weekday morning. We don't need a large number of people to attend. Todd Christopher has told me that a few licensed people can teach the others working with them in the kitchen. It would be best if those who take the leadership role in our big food events could attend the course. The following two dates are available to us at this time: **Monday, October 24th - 9:00-12:30** and **Friday, November 18th - 9:00-12:30**.

Please call me **ASAP** if you are able to attend.

Judy Saxton 860-688-7419

Mark Your Calendars
Turkey Dinner
Saturday, November 5



Look for more information and sign up opportunities on page 11.

COOKIES-BY-THE-POUND SALE



Just a quick save-the-date note to all: The Annual Cookies-by-the-Pound Sale will be held on Sat., Dec. 17, this year.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL - 2011

NOW THAT WE HAVE OUR NEW KITCHEN, THE AUTUMN FESTIVAL HAS RETURNED!

October 22nd from 11:00 - 3:00 many of us will be at church enjoying the fellowship of this fun and fund raising activity. We hope you will join us or at least contribute your talents to our effort. There will be a delicious luncheon served beginning at 11:30 and continuing until we run out of food or people. We will also be selling homemade goodies such as cakes, cookies, breads, candy, jams and anything else delicious that YOU can make. Our wonderful EGCC crafters are invited to make anything you think someone else will buy. Everything should be brought to church on Friday October 21st by 7:00pm.

Many people are needed on Friday and Saturday to contribute their time. (Talent is not necessarily a requirement.) Please contact the person listed to volunteer.

- Kitchen:** Judy Saxton (688-7419)
Friday 3:00pm - Food preparation
Saturday 11:00am - Food service
- Dining Room:** Polly Storm (623-1023)
Friday 7:00pm - Set up
(need some muscle help)
Saturday 11:00am -
Cashiers, servers and bussers
Saturday 3:00pm - Clean up
(again need some strong people)

There are many opportunities here for teenagers to be involved. We would love to have you join us.

- Food Products:** Linda Harrold (653-2677)
Betsy Mack (653-3794)
- Crafts:** Judy Goff (653-7747)

We need lots of goodies to sell. Please contact the above people and share your talents.

The most important ingredient is customers. Please spread the word and bring all Your friends to the AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

Judy Saxton, chairperson

Church Family Notes

Betty Guinan needs apothecary jars to fill with partridge berries to sell at the Autumn Festival. Please leave any that you would like to contribute in the church office.

Thank you

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Dear Friends,

Ted is now almost back to his "old" self after a second stroke. He now thinks he can start running again—but I won't let him!!

We appreciate all your prayers, cards, special treats, phone calls and visits. Many Thanks.

God loves you all and so do we.

Ted & Betty-Anne Holly

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We thank **John Kallen and His Crew** of volunteers for a great dinner on Saturday, September 17. The fellowship was a true gift.

Soup Kitchen

Mark Your Calendars

On the following dates we are scheduled to serve dinner at the Immaculate Conception Shelter in Hartford. Please volunteer to help as you are able. Contact Lauren Farley at 860-651-3946 with questions.

- Wednesday, October 26**
- Wednesday, November 23
- Tuesday, December 27
- Tuesday, January 24
- Tuesday, March 20

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

- 1 **Kathlyn Parrick, Paul Marin**
- 2 **Bill Skinner, Thelma Sherwood**
Anthony Leadbeater
- 3 **Bill Caterino, Ruth Ostrander**
- 4 **Kohl Russell**
- 6 **Dot Willoughby**
- 7 **Gayle Wilcox, Lauren Stuck**
- 9 **Karen Wessner**
- 10 **Brad Wolfe**
- 11 **Mae Mullen, Alexander Cannon**
- 12 **David Houghton, Chauncy Waller**
- 13 **David Kelly, Neville Judd**
- 14 **Stu Babcock, Sandy Houghton,**
Fran Perkins, Ben Fisk
15. **Samuel Rhodes**
- 17 **Jon Daggett**
- 18 **Devon Jubrey, Dinny Wileikis,**
- 19 **Lauren Farley**
- 21 **Linda Harrold, Dave Hasenbalg**
- 22 **Melanie Ann Kellogg**
- 24 **Kyndall Robinson**
- 25 **David Rapuano**
- 27 **Bob Perkins, Scott Bolliger, Gary Vick**
- 28 **Chris Connelly, Heather Wilmot,**
Tim Schwartz
- 29 **Megan Weber, Evelyn Sharp**
- 31 **Bea Adams**

Happy Anniversary to:

- 1 **Tom and Shellee Horner**
- 1 **Sean and Lynn Healy**
- 14 **Dave and Kelly Hasenbalg**
- 17 **Robin and Kevin Bach**
- 23 **Dustin & Megan Weber**
- 24 **Jim and Jolene Crane**
- 28 **Jeanne and Dick Daggett**
Ruthie and Steve Holton
- 31 **Leonard Bates**

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

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 7:00 pm—7:00 am Sunday—Senior High Youth Overnight
2 10:25 Worship All-Ministry Fair Following Worship 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:20 Sermon on the Mount Study	3 7:00 Fellowship Hall Rental	4 12:30 Women of the New Testament 7:00 Boy Scout Leaders, CEC	5 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 11:00 Worship Staff 5:30 Mark Study Dinner 6:30 Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:00 Knitting Group 7:30 Choir	6 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Yoga	7 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:00-10:00 Emmaus	8
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16 8:00 Men's Group, F.H. 10:25 Worship 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:20 Sermon on the Mount Study 7:30-9:30 Senior High Youth Campfire @ Boyers	17 7:15 All Ministries Gathering, Followed by Individual Ministry Meetings	18 9:30-12:30 Quilters, Fellowship Hall 12:30 Women of the New Testament	19 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 6:00-7:00 Visitation Team 6:30 Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:30 Choir	20 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00 Bell Choir 7:00-8:00 Yoga	21 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry Kitchen Prep for Fall Festival 6:00-10:30 Emmaus, CEC	22 11:00 am-3:00 pm Fall Festival
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Bulletin Information is due by Wednesday.

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.

October 2	Available
October 9	Randy & Lauren Stuck
October 16	The Mock Family
October 23	Nemeth, Marsele, Talbot, Gardner Families
October 30	Available

October Greeters

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

October 2	Available
October 9	Available
October 16	Available
October 23	Available
October 30	Available

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



October 2	Available
October 9	Available
October 16	Available
October 23	Available
October 30	Available

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

October 2	Bill Bowers
October 9	Tom Horner
October 16	Tom Horner
October 23	Marge Korhonen
October 30	Kevin Bach

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TURKEY SUPPER – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On Saturday night **NOVEMBER 5, 2011**, the **East Granby Congregational Church TURKEY SUPPER** will return after a 2 year kitchen renovations hiatus. The 'team' is excited to use the new facilities and tools and thanks all the members who supported the renovation. **Seatings will be at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** This is a **Fun Raising Event** for the Church sponsored by the Gatherers, of which all of you are members.

This is also a **Fellowship Opportunity for YOU!** It is an opportunity for you to exercise some of your **TIME** and **TALENTS** on a **TURKEY** event. In addition to your assistance below, please consider bringing the family or friends to the best Turkey Supper in the area.

There are **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** for you to consider which will help make this event a financial **SUCCESS** and fun evening for all involved. **PLEASE PLAN TO HELP** us with this project! **Thank you in advance.**

Please register your preference and drop it off in the Church Office Gatherers Mail Box
Or call Dave or Linda Harrold at phone #860-653-2677

PHONE RESERVATIONS (We will advertise your Phone # in a mailing and at church) _____

ADVANCE FOOD COOKING

BAKE A TURKEY _____

A 25 lb. Turkey and Stuffing will be provided to you. You will need to cook it, using a roasting bag provided which will reduce the cooking time to about 4 hours and return it to the church by 2:00 pm. We will have a carving team to finish preparations.

10 POUNDS OF MASHED POTATOES (please circle delivery time 4:15pm / 6:00 pm) _____

PIES 2 _____ circle type PUMPKIN APPLE OTHER _____

EVENT DAY PREPARATIONS

TURKEY DELIVERY 5-7:00 PM Friday **NOVEMBER 4** _____

DINING ROOM SETUP 9:00 AM Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

TURKEY CARVING AND KITCHEN SETUP 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

EVENT DAY STAFFING

DINING ROOM HELP (WAITER, WAITRESS, BUS) 4:00 PM – 8:30 pm Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

KITCHEN HELP (DRINKS, COOKING, FOOD SERVING, DISHES) 4:00 PM – 8:30 pm Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

DINING ROOM & KITCHEN CLEAN UP 7:00 PM Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

MONEY TAKER(1) 4:00 PM – 6:45 pm Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

HOST/HOSTESS (2) 4:00 PM – 6:45 pm Saturday **NOVEMBER 5** _____

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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.