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Another Wonderful Family Picnic!

A great big Thank You to everyone who helped with our Family Picnic on June 13: Especially to Mr. Tom Lackman for hosting us at his farm in Ashford where he (and God! :)) graciously timed the calves births so we could see the babies and prevented the rain from starting until we were done celebrating! Mr. Lackman also provided a grill and brought in a load of sand for playing in on the pond. Also, many thanks to



the Social Committee.
Everyone had a great time!

Dana Yanaway for manning the grill. There was plenty of delicious salad and desert items brought to share as well as ice cream sundae fixings provided by



First Baptist Church of Mansfield

- - *Established 1809* -
- *A Word from the Pastor*

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of doing a funeral for a man who worked at Prides Corner Farm in Lebanon. This gentleman had never married and had no children, but was very close to his brothers and sisters and a couple of nieces. He was in his seventies. The family was not connected with a church in any way, but had felt the need to reach out to God in the midst of this painful and unfamiliar experience of the unexpected death of someone they loved. I was grateful that I could be part of it with them. There were about 40 people gathered for the service at the funeral home. I felt like it went well. We grieved together, we also laughed a little as we celebrated the life of their loved one.

There was great support from family and friends and we also connected with God in a very real way in the service. We then moved on to the cemetery in Lebanon, and the group thinned to about 20 people. It was a beautiful spring day, the temperature was cool and breezy. The Lebanon cemetery is surrounded by farm land owned by Pride Farms, where as I mentioned before, this gentleman worked. The casket was placed on the grave, and the small group gathered around it. I was standing at the head of the grave waiting for the cue from the funeral director to begin the committal. He looked at me and said "OK" when in that moment we looked across the field and noticed about five farm workers heading toward us. So, we decided to wait for them. They were dressed in their work clothes, jeans and flannel shirts that day because it was cool. Their worn clothes were quite a contrast to those of us gathered around the casket dressed in suits and dresses, dress coats and dress shoes.

The bright colors of their clothes was also quite a contrast to the black and dark colors we all had on. There was one other contrast and that was in skin color. The farm workers were migrant workers, and they were much darker in skin color than those of us who had driven from the funeral. But none of those contrasts mattered one bit. In fact, it made what happened next that much more beautiful. We waited a couple of minutes for the five workers to make their way across the cemetery, and when they arrived there was a grateful acknowledgement of their presence with smiles and nods. And as we settled to begin the

service again, we looked up and here came ten more workers making their way across the field. As they arrived and smiled and nodded we looked up and here came ten more workers, and then ten more, and then ten more, and then ten more.

They came in waves, these migrant workers dressed in their colorful work clothes. Before it was all done, there must have been sixty people surrounding this small family gathered around that casket. The gentleman who died had obviously touched the lives of these folks he worked with there at Pride Farms, and they took time out of their day to come and pay their respects with their presence. It was a very moving moment that brought tears of gratitude and joy, to mix in with the tears of grief and loss. I got choked up as I tried to begin the committal service. It was so moving to look over this crowd that had gathered and see this white family, dressed in black and grey suits and dresses, surrounded by the dark skinned farm workers dressed in colorful well worn work clothes. And we all blended together.

In those moments there were no differences. We were just people gathered to express love and grief and respect for a friend and loved one. I could feel God's presence in such a real and tangible way.

I composed myself, and on behalf of the family I thanked everyone who had come. I said the words, read Psalm 23, and prayed. There were military honors with a gun salute and taps. The flag was folded and presented, and then it was over. People greeted each other for a few minutes and then the workers went back to work, and the family went onto a reception, and I am left with a memory of an experience I will never forget. I feel very, very grateful.

This summer remember that you truly have an impact on the people who you come in contact with. The people you work with, and the ones you meet at the ballgames and picnics. Be gentle and share God's love in little ways. We are in this life together. Pray that we will experience the mysterious and wonderful presence of God this summer.

Paster Ron

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANSFIELD

Minutes of the Spring Business Meeting

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Meeting called to order at 12:40 with 26 members present.

Thanks were given to the Social Committee for coordinating lunch items.

Opening Prayer was made by Pastor Ron.

Pete Bradshaw presented devotional entitled "Keeping Focus"

REPORTS:

Pastor – Working on church wide meeting for developing vision/long range planning. Expect to have in the Fall.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer– John Riesen presented the Financial Secretary's Report. Meradith McMunn presented the Treasurer's Report. There was no discussion.

Trustees, Deacons and Christian Education

Trustees: John Riesen noted that officers for 2010 are: Chair-John Riesen, Secretary-Karen Hocking, Safety Officer-Nils Setterburg, Stewardship Representative-Nancy Flynn. The trustees are exploring changing electrical supplier, developing the trustee's role in the Safe Church Policy, and organized a successful Spring Workday, offering many thanks to all who participated. The trustees are also reviewing storage needs within the church. Please contact Nancy Flynn with storage needs.

Deacons: Terry Yanaway – No report.

Christian Education: Susan Figueroa noted that the board is currently developing upcoming events including Camp Wightman campership requests, the annual car wash/bake sale fundraiser, Mother's day and VBS.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Nominating – No report.

Music - Bill McMunn – invited any developing keyboard players to sign up to provide special music.

Financial Examining – Examination occurred, waiting on report.

Ushering – No report.

Communications – No report.

Flower – No report.

Spring Business Meeting Minutes

Missions – Lee Salina, Chair, noted that Laura Austin is secretary. Lee also noted that the monthly assistance at the soup kitchen has been well supported. The committee is working on providing a supper at the First Baptist Church of Willimantic, the group who attended the Overlook Farm Trip will be having a potluck on May 2, the WAIM work day is coming up, and Mercy Barnes, missionary in Baja Mexico requested to meet with the church. This is scheduled for June 15 at 7 pm. Laura noted that an easy internet format for missionary donations can be found at the ABCUSA missions website.

Memorial Gifts - No report.

Pastoral Relations - No report.

Stewardship – No report.

Church Heritage - Bill McMunn noted that we are still collecting items for the time capsule. The committee is hoping to add the Ladies Aid cookbook. Suggestions are always welcome.

Social Committee – Karen Hocking noted that Stacey Fulton and Jill Myette are co-chairs. The Social Committee helped with Family Fun night, with lunch today. It is requested that the date for any event the social committee is asked to serve at be given as far in advance as possible.

OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS:

Safe Church Committee – Tricia Baker noted that the committee of herself, Denise Keane and Laura Austin give

thanks to John Riesen for his assistance.

Ladies Aid Society – It was noted a meeting is scheduled for this Friday night.

Emma Gardiner Missionary Society – Betty Geissler noted they would be rolling bandages at the next meeting.

ABCCONN Delegates – No report.

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry Delegates – Charles Woody noted that Spring Fling tickets were ready and that gift baskets were being made ready by participating churches for auction. Tricia Baker noted that she was collecting gift cards for a basket from FBCM.

Pierce Memorial Baptist Home – Bill McMunn noted that he and John Riesen were on the Board of Trustees. Also that the Home is weathering the current state difficulties and is developing a rehab and home health care programs.

Youth Choir – Grace Riesen noted upcoming events.

ABCCONN History Committee – Bill McMunn noted that in sorting files at new office location several lost treasures have been found. Plan after sorting to provide files as resource to all churches involved. Also working on certificates for churches celebrating anniversaries.

Computer – John Riesen noted that the power supply on the church computer has been replaced.

Sound System – John Riesen noted they are currently working on where to place a screen for the visual/video portion of the project.

Missional Church Committee – Pastor Ron noted that the first RAD Kids program has been completed and was held at the church. The second round is coming up and are looking at the middle school as a location, but it has worked well at the church.

Note: Bill McMunn noted the information on Special funds that was distributed with the report on invested funds.

Information is noted on what the funds were to be used for and photos of some of the donors.

SPRING Business Meeting Minutes continued

Question: It was asked if there would be a church planning meeting. Pastor Ron said will try to plan one at the next Executive Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Assisting with Local Mission – Regarding serving dinner once per month at the First Baptist Church of Willimantic – The exact process still needs to be determined. Assisting another church as a trial remains a possibility that needs to be examined. There was no further discussion. Currently there is a May trial date.

In the meantime, we are continuing to send volunteers about once per month to help with Friday night dinner at the Soup Kitchen at St. Pauls.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from Lee Salina: Lee Salina moved that the Mission Special Offering Goals be changed to \$1500 each for the four offerings. Meradith McMunn seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Motion from the Executive Committee: John Riesen, speaking for the Executive Committee moved that the “Safe and Nurturing Church Environment Policy” dated 4/25/10 be adopted as the current version of this policy. There was some discussion. Changes noted were the addition of a parental permission waiver for transportation of youth, and that at youth events there should be at least two unrelated supervisors. Tricia Baker noted that this is an evolving document. It was also noted that an annual review might be advisable to be sure of compliance with evolving laws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Motion from the Clerk to send transfer of membership letter: Susan Figueroa moved that a transfer of membership letter be sent to the Marion Oaks Congregational United Church of Christ in Ocala, FL, for Dick and Carol Burnham. Laura Austin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion carried.

Committees and Boards were encouraged to meet as soon as possible.

The Minutes of this meeting were read. A motion was made to approve these minutes and was seconded. The motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Figueroa
Clerk

Camp Wightman/Sunday School/Vacation Bible School



Our annual car wash raised a little over \$500 to help send our kids to camp! This year we are sending six kids to camp. If anyone is interested in attending camp this summer, please contact Susan Figueroa or Stacey Fulton as soon as possible. Please remember our campers in your prayers this summer:

Jessica Figueroa, Acts2 - July 4-10, Sierra Yanaway and Rebecca Figueroa, Junior High 2 – August 8-14, Lyrica Yanaway and Amanda Figueroa, Junior Explorers – August 8-14, Kieran Yanaway, Primary 2 – July 21-24.

And everyone loves to receive mail when away from home! Please address mail to any camper with their camp title to: Camp Wightman, 207 Coal Pit Hill Road, Griswold, CT 06351.

Vacation Bible School

Sunday School has Ended for the Summer

Please congratulate our 3rd Graders and Graduates: Matthew Houman, Maggie Watson, Emily Bigl and Tyler Nilson were presented with bibles as they progress to the 4th grade; Jonas Burkhard, David Nilson and Sierra Yanaway graduated from 8th Grade; Dellon Myette, Jeanette Kloss and Claire Flynn graduated from High School; Kristen Geissler and Laura Flynn graduated from College.

Looking ahead - Join us for **Rally Day** and the first day of *Sunday School* starting at 9:30 am on **September 12!**

Mark your Calendars for our Vacation Bible School Program

Terrific Tuesdays start June 22 at the church and continue for four weeks - June 29, July 6 and July 13 from 6:30 to 8:00. We will sing, play, ask questions, learn answers and (of course!) eat a snack! Come Explore God's Word with us!

Update from the Video Projector Committee. The committee has met several times and has tested an 8' screen and found that it will meet the needs of our size sanctuary. We are gathering specific model and price specifications on projectors and the mounting system. A subcommittee consisting of Carol Bigl, Martha Davis, Allyson Erickson, Guy Myette and Lee Salina is working on a proposed design for the front of the church which will allow a screen and still respect the traditional decor of the sanctuary.

Church Family News

The Bradshaw Family proudly announce the birth of their second child, Aishlinn Grace Bradshaw on June 2, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 14.3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Everyone is doing well and very happy to be home. Bruce is a very good Big Brother to his sister. Thank you to all of you for your well wishes and cards.



Emily Bigl received 2 citizenship awards at Center school on 6/16. The school had a promotion ceremony as a celebration of the graduating third graders and Emily was chosen by her peers for the citizenship award for her class and was chosen by the teachers for the citizenship award for the entire third grade. One boy and one girl were chosen for the award which is given to a child who demonstrates outstanding respect, responsibility and caring.

Kristin participated in the University of Connecticut's Relay for Life this spring. It was the fourth year that Kristin participated on the team Huskies for Hope. This year she was relaying in memory of her dad and was the top individual fundraiser in the UConn event; raising \$1,310. Way to go



and Alyssa Geissler participated in the University of Connecticut's Relay for Life this spring. It was the fourth year that

participated on the team Huskies for Hope. This year she was relaying in memory of her dad and was the top individual fundraiser in the UConn event; raising \$1,310. Way to go

Kristin Geissler received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut on May 9th. She graduated from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in Communication Disorders. She has been accepted into the UConn Graduate School and will enter the AuD program in the Department of Communication Sciences this fall. She will be pursuing a Doctor of Audiology degree.

Congratulations 2010 Graduates

8th grade—Jonas Burkhard, David Nilson and Sierra MKercher

High school—Clare Flynn is attending the State of University of New York at Geneseo in upstate Finger Lakes region of New York. Clare will be majoring in History. Jenette Kloss is going to St. Lawrence University in Canton, NY.

College—Kristin Geissler

Kendall Barry 4-2-SBC-TR
38th Engineer Company

Tennessee May Pawelski was baptized at the All Saint's Episcopal church in Loveland, CO on May 9, 2010, while Grandma Denise was visiting.



A Mission Committee Letter

The theme for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing campaign is taken from John 21. Jesus, after his resurrection, is asking Peter, who is struggling with the guilt of denying his Lord, "Do you love me?" When Peter responds in the affirmative, Jesus then tells him "Feed my sheep." With that simple command, Peter knows not only that he is forgiven, but that his Lord entrusts him with an important role in His church. And this church is to go into all the world to spread the news of God's love through His Son and the salvation that is freely offered to anyone who believes in Him. Part of that expression of God's love is our compassion for the world's physical suffering.

While feeding the hungry has become an important element of ministry, and rightly so as we follow the example of our Lord himself who fed the hungry crowds, Jesus had even more in mind when he spoke these words to Peter. If His church was to go out into all the world, at great cost and risk to its participating members, then it would need more than physical food to fill a hungry stomach. It would need the Holy Spirit too. But that is not something that Peter would be able to provide. So what did Jesus mean when he told Peter to feed his sheep?

Now, first of all, his sheep refers to believers, not the world. Jesus made it very clear that it was His sheep that hear His voice and they follow Him (John 10:27). Also, this "Feed my sheep" was not a parable that needed explanation to Peter. He knew exactly what job the Lord had in mind. Christ had paved the way to the Father through the cross, and the Father was sending the Holy Spirit so that sinners who believed could be empowered to understand and follow God's will.

Peter's job, with the rest of the apostles, now was to give Christ (the bread of life) to the church. Peter had been with Jesus through the course of His ministry and knew the Lord intimately. He now had to translate that experience to the Church, through both word and deed. For the church that followed the apostolic era, that came to mean the written Word.

What does this have to do with missions? The Lord did not intend for us to simply go out and do good deeds. He meant for us to be fed by the living Word that we would "be transformed by the renewing of our minds." The apostle Paul wrote that "All scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching...so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16).

As we go out as a church to support One Great Hour of Sharing or to work on the mission field, locally or abroad, let us first remember to check whether our tanks are empty or full, to feed on God's Word which is meant to be not only sustenance to us, but also a "lamp to our feet". One of the secrets to doing mission for God is finding fuel and direction in His Word, rather than looking for it in ourselves.

Doug Whittemore
Mission Committee

Medical Mission to Camaroon

Doug Whittemore will be traveling to Camaroon, which is a country in western equatorial Africa, in August. He will be working from August 5 through August 30 at Mbingo Baptist Hospital, which is a 270 bed facility with surgical residents. Doug is a member of the Urology task force for PAACS which is a pan-African organization led by American missionary surgeons working to train Christian Africans to become certified surgeons in select hospitals across Africa, of which Mbingo is one. The task force has charged with the job of creating a curricu-

lum for teaching the residents Urology, of which 20% of their future work on the African mission field will consist. Aside from doing and teaching surgery himself, Doug will be giving lectures and otherwise mentoring the residents.

If you would like to support Doug on his mission, you can PRAY for him as he prepares to go as well as while he is there. Specifically, you can pray that God provides him strength to endure the long hours, and the wisdom to make good decisions in a foreign surgical setting as well as

how to mentor the residents. Let Doug know that you will be praying for him.

If you would like to contribute financially to this work, you can make a check out to

World Medical Mission and note on the check Project #003706. Send it to:

World Medical Mission

Attn. Robin Jenkins

PO Box 3000

Boone, North Carolina 28607

Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper

By late morning on Saturday, May 15th the wonderful aroma of spaghetti out the church we had held a successful public supper to raise funds for our Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the supper, helped set up, prepared the meal,

served the meal and came and bought tickets to the supper. It was a fun and delicious night and we raised well over eight hundred dollars toward our trip. Thank you so much.



Saturday, May 15th the wonderful sauce was making its way through building. By the end of the evening successful public supper to raise funds for our Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia. Thank



Emma Gardiner Missionary Society

Our year ended on an upbeat note! We along with our many guests enjoyed a Salad Luncheon, good food and lots of good conversation and laughter!

Our guest, Denise Keane, brought a very informative and interesting chat concerning the social services available to those in need! She even gave us the opportunity to participate with an exercise of what we knew about these services! What an education, and we were all given A's!!

Many thanks to Denise and the following is an update of her resume which you will find very interesting!



Denise Keane, CCDP (Co-occurring Disorders Professional), MATS (Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist), LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor), LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker).

Denise received her BA from Drew University with a dou-

ble major in Philosophy and Religion. Spent many years as a wife and mother, working part-time in day-care, and private and public schools, as a teacher and substitute teacher.

She received a MA from UCONN in Education, and began a long-term substitute position with the Windham School system, volunteering concurrently with the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM). Finding working with children whose basic needs far outweighed their ability to concentrate on school work mostly ineffective, she accepted a part-time position with WAIM as Assistant Director. During her five years with WAIM, she wrote the policies and procedures for the Fuel Bank, organized the first Walk for Warmth, started WAIM's connection with the SHARE food program, began the Holiday Adopt-a-Family program, began the holiday gifts from children to parents program, turned the Furniture Bank over to Neenah Shafer who is still running it today, forged WAIM's strong links to the Covenant Soup Kitchen and the Holy Family and Shelter, and was the Chair of the Windham Area Community Association Network for three years.

Wanting to spend more time in direct counseling, she accepted the position with United Services of Shelter Facilitator for the Domestic

Violence shelter in the Windham Area. In five years, she facilitated the safety of over 2500 individuals—women, children and a small number of men. She also was one of the key players, with Sen. Don Williams, who got legislation passed in CT to allow victims of dating violence to obtain restraining orders. During these years she began working on a MSW (Masters in Social Work).

Two months after completing her first internship for the MSW at Next Step, a program of Perception Programs offering work release and treatment to female inmates, she was offered and accepted the position of Director of Next Step. A year and half later, she was asked to move to the perception House program and develop it from a substance abuse treatment facility to a co-occurring treatment facility. Perception House became the first residential treatment facility in CT to be classified as providing enhanced Co-occurring Treatment to its clients by the national experts at Dartmouth Medical School.

Denise is currently the Associate Director of Perception Programs, one role of which is Clinical Director for the agency. She is recognized as a leader in co-occurring treatment in CT and is often asked to give presentations to, or mentor, other programs across the state by the Department of Mental

EMG Luncheon / ABW Annual Conference

Health and Addiction Services. She is often asked to supervise BSW and MSW interns, and is also an Adjunct Professor of Social Work for Eastern Connecticut State University.

Please make yourself know to Denise and Thank her for her God given talent !!

Emma Gardiner will not meet until next fall.



American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Conference

The American Baptist Women's Ministries Annual Conference was held on June 12th at the beautiful Mercy Center in Madison CT on Long Island Sound. Mercy Gonzales-Barnes was the missionary speaker who told about her work in Northern Mexico. Shown in the first photo are Laura Austin, Connecticut



ABW Ministries President with Missionary Mercy Gonzales-Barnes. The other photo shows some of the people from our church who attended (Left to Right: Judy Conland, Ellie Trainor, Grace Riesen, Mary Gouldsbrough)

Grace Riesen



FLOWER COMMITTEE / BOWLING???

Like to Bowl? I would like to get together a team to play in the City League at Willi Bowl. The season Runs from September unto April (30 weeks), cost is initial membership fee and then \$16.00/week, which covers lane fees, league fees, end of the year banquet, team prizes and individual awards. We play 3 games a night on Wednesday nights. Anyone interested, please contact Denise Keane.



The Flower Committee

It is that time of year when everything is blooming beautifully! How nice to have flowers in church each Sunday!! If you have extra blossoms from your garden or you would like to share a pretty plant or arrangement on a Sunday morning, please check the flower chart in the Christian Education hallway to sign up. Thank you.



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 VBS 6:30-8pm	23	24	25 Soup Kitchen 4pm Youth Group 6:30-9pm	26
27	28	29 VBS 6:30-8pm	30			

June 1—Pete Bradshaw
 June 2—Evan Fulton
 June 2—Aishlinn Bradshaw
 June 4—Thomas Lackman
 June 4—Ethel Larkin
 June 4—Jennifer Whittemore
 June 7—Lyrica Yanaway
 June 8—James Kloss
 June 10—Karen Hocking
 June 11—Bonnie Buscaglia
 June 11—Millie Larkins
 June 12—Frank Whitehead
 June 13—Michele Gagne
 June 13—Brendan Reas
 June 15—Meradith McMunn
 June 16—Faith Austin
 June 16—Guy Myette
 June 18—Lee Salina
 June 19—Karen Watson
 June 22—Pastor Ron Baker
 June 23—Quinn Yanaway
 June 25—Wendy Edwards
 June 28—Ryan Quigley

Happy Birthday!



July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 VBS 6:30-	7	8	9 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	31

Happy Birthday!

July 1—Andrew Gardiner
 July 4—Martha Davis
 July 7—Dana Yanaway
 July 8—Kristin Geissler
 July 8—Tyler Nilson
 July 8—Ellie Trainor
 July 15—Kendall Barry
 July 16—Joy Erickson
 July 18—Erin Flynn
 July 19—Jill Stedman-Myette
 July 22—Nicholas Donato
 July 25—Warren Austin
 July 27—Stephen Donato
 July 29—David Barry



Happy Birthday!

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Youth Group Camping Trip	21 Youth Group Camping Trip
22 Youth Group Camping Trip	23	24	25	26	27 Soup Kitchen 4pm	28
29	30 Missions Committee 7pm	31				

Aug 3—Emily Bigl
 Aug 4—Rachel Sherman
 Aug 6—Sam Shepardson
 Aug 15—Laurie Gilman
 Aug 17—Elizabeth Hocking
 Aug 18—Ethan Fulton
 Aug 18—John Riesen
 Aug 21—Olivia Baker
 Aug 21—Julie Nicholson
 Aug 21—Dick Smith
 Aug 23—David Stevens
 Aug 23—Emily Whitehead
 Aug 24—Susan Bauer
 Aug 25—Wendy Parker
 Aug 26—Amanda Gardiner
 Aug 26—Rahim Samuel Mama
 Aug 26—Raman Emanuel Mama
 Aug 27—Jenette Kloss
 Aug 29—Chris Beaulieu
 Aug 29—Bob Gardiner
 Aug 30—Kim Setterberg



Trustees

The spring workday was a great success thanks to the many that turned out. We appreciate all those who contribute their time and talents to the work of the Church. Many things are done with no fanfare and few people in our congregation realize the value of the contribution, but would notice if it was not done. This news letter, for example, does not just happen, in addition to Lisa's (our Church secretary) time, much volunteer time is also necessary. . Another example is the care of the Church lawn done by Prescott Spencer, we all appreciate seeing the nicely mowed lawn, yet many just take it for granted. Take it upon yourself to notice their efforts and thank a few of our many wonderful volunteers for the jobs they do both small and large.

The Trustees are examining storage in the church and will be trying to get the most used items in the most accessible spaces. If you have any need for storage in the church and not already done so, please fill out a "storage needs form" (see

Nancy Flynn for more detail).

The trustees have decided that we can no longer stall on reroofing the sanctuary. It is a project we have considered for almost 10 years. It is uncertain just how old the roof is, but is well over 30 years and many be 40 or 50 years old. Regardless of the age, shingles are too frequently found on the church lawn and are very worn. We are currently in the process of getting bids. We are planning a major project fund drive to fund this project and are also planning on looking for some financial help from the community. Please keep this project and our church budget in your prayers.

Remember that church expenses (and the work of the Lord) continue throughout the summer, and try to keep your contributions up to date even if you are off on vacation. Contributions can be mailed to the Church by addressing it to Financial Secretary FBCM, 945 Storrs RD, Storrs, CT 06268-2618

We have had some really amazing nights here at First Baptist. The fun never seems to end including during worship time. The kids are growing and learning as well as Brian and myself. We have had a garden of Eden night that was a blast. We had a message delivered by Morgan that was awesome! We will be continuing youth group through the summer. The third weekend in August

we will be going on a camping trip they have clearly told me that they are looking forward to singing around the campfire. There will be a lot to do including miniature golfing and waterslides, boating and I am sure that we will be doing other things as well. We will be getting together twice a day for worship time together.

We still have some spaces to fill for that trip so if you are interested please see me.

We will be gathering some camping food if you are interested in donating to this wonderful event.

Thanks to all that have helped out.

Love,

Rose Nilson

Warriors 4 Christ

Car Wash

Church Car Wash - Huge Success!



Over 40 Cars Washed - WOW



Have to have some water fun!!

The Church Car Wash was a huge success. We washed over 40 cars while singing alone to music provided by enthusiastic washers. The money will be used as camp scholarships for those who are going to camp Wightman this year.



BYE!!



Dates to Remember

June 22—VBS 6:30-8pm

June 25—Soup Kitchen 4pm

June 25—Youth Group 6:30-9pm

June 29—VBS 6:30-8pm

July 2—Youth Group 6:30-9pm

July 6—VBS 6:30-8pm

July 9—Youth Group 6:30-9pm

July 13—VBS 6:30-8pm

July 16—Soup Kitchen 4pm

July 16—Youth Group 6:30—9pm

July 17 through July 23—West Virginia Youth Trip

July 23—Youth Group 6:30-9pm

July 30—Youth Group 6:30-9pm

August 6—Youth Group 6:30 –9pm

August 13—Youth Group 6:30 –9pm

August 20 through August 22—Youth Group
Camping Trip

August 27—Soup Kitchen 4pm

August 30—Missions Committee Mtg. 7pm



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MANSFIELD

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Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Church School—9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Thur. 7:30 p.m.



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