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Women's Livestock Birthing Program on May 2, 2010



in other parts of the World in their Global village. It was an amazing time of fellowship for us. We learned so much that we would love to share with all of you. Please join us May 2nd following our worship service.

You are invited to lunch to hear about the Woman's Livestock Birthing Program on May 2, 2010 following the worship service. 10 Women from our church sponsored by the Board of Christian Education attended a 4 day program at Overlook Farm in Rutland MA which is part of Heifer International. We assisted with live births of lambs and kids (baby goats) as well as the chores around the farm. We learned about sustainable agriculture and how to make lots of delicious foods. We got a glimpse of what it would be like to live and run a household



First Baptist Church of Mansfield

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

I remember asking my college Sunday school class a few years ago what their favorite season was. One of the answers was, "Whatever is coming next." I like that! I think the one season I look forward to the most is Spring. I am so glad to see the sun higher in the sky, more hours of daylight, and of course glad to feel the warmth return. I believe we see the nature of God revealed in all of the seasons because there are many different aspects of God. The one aspect of God that is most clearly revealed in Spring is that of Creator. It is amazing to see the trees and flowers blooming again after their winter hiatus. The color of green in the grass and trees is brighter in spring than any other time of year. It is all very inspiring, and is a wonderful reflection of our God who creates and re-creates. I believe that is a theme throughout the Bible. God likes to create and re-create. II Corinthians 5: 17, "If anyone is in Christ she or he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."

There is another aspect to the season of Spring that comes along with the warmth and new birth, and that is mess. It is a messy season. There are sticks and leaves all over the lawn that must be picked up. There is dirt that needs to be swept up. And the messiest of all is the mud. As I walked down to "50 Foot" on the trail behind our house this morning I made my way through several places thick with mud and water, almost two weeks after the big rain. I guess it is a good reminder that creation, and re-creation are not always nice and neat processes. I think more often they are messy processes.

As I think about some Biblical characters that went through re-creation I realize that they were not nice, easy, 1,2, 3 step processes. I think especially of Joseph who

went from bratty brother to become the King of Egypt's right hand man. Now that was a messy process! It started with pride and jealousy, kidnapping and deception. It involved false accusations, unjust imprisonment, and ended with Joseph confessing that it was God's plan and leading all along. The whole mess was God recreating Joseph. You'll find the whole story in Genesis 37 through 45. He's not the only example. Peter in the Gospels can get pretty messy too. One minute professing that he will die for Jesus and the next denying he even knows Jesus. One minute Peter is stepping out of a boat and even walking on water with Jesus and the next moment he is nearly drowning because he experienced doubt. At the beginning of a conversation Jesus is telling Peter that he will be an important part of the future of the church because of his faith, and a few sentences later Jesus is saying to him, "Get behind me Satan!", because Peter completely misses the point. But Peter was eventually re-created - in a messy sort of way.

If re-creation was this way for these people, why would it be different for us? I believe God is re-creating us when life gets messy, when our plans don't turn out like we hoped, and when we feel like things are out of control. God is still working to make us a new creation. We are still in process. So hold on to hope, and keep the faith. Mud is a part of Spring, and messiness is a part of re-creation, and God is re-creating you. Remember Philipians 1:6," ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Paster Ron



Greetings FBMC,

As I survey our community, I see countless people in need of Jesus' love and healing touch. You may ponder, as I do, how you can reach out and make a difference in so many lives. It's a difficult challenge to take on as an individual, but I am convinced that as American Baptists working together, we can make a difference by supporting the America for Christ Offering 2010.

This year's theme—"With Willing Hands: Connect. Care. Celebrate"—is a powerful reminder that Jesus' public ministry was all about connecting and caring for people in need. Through the work of National Ministries, which is supported by the America for Christ Offering, we can participate with our Lord in connecting, caring, and celebrating the power of the Gospel:

- *as people come to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ;*
- *as children in poverty are reached through the Penny Project;*
- *as youth, children, and adults grow in discipleship;*
- *as communities are changed through Christian centers;*
- *as we increase church vitality through the Church in Mission trainings; and*
- *as we help to support and relocate refugees into churches and communities.*

The America for Christ Offering 2010 strengthens our churches by providing support to our pastoral counselors and chaplains, designing leadership workshops and conferences, promoting excellent discipleship resources through Judson Press, and providing opportunities for churches, individuals, and youth groups to participate in home mission through Volunteer Ministries. We will be taking up our offering on April 25, 2010. Our goal for this offering is \$1,200. Please help us reach our goal *"For the love of Christ urges us on..."* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

We are encouraged by this year's theme to come alongside people "with willing hands" to connect, care, and celebrate. How do we see Jesus at work in our community and country? How can we help Jesus with this important work?

Please join me in giving generously to the America for Christ Offering 2010 and help us to reach our goal. Together we can touch and change lives for the cause of Christ. Together we can make a difference.

Sincerely in Christ,

FBCM Missions Committee

Laura Austin, Pastor Ron Baker , Joy Erickson, Denise Keane, Lee Salina & Doug Whittemore

Medical Mission to Honduras

Medical Mission to Honduras

Doug Whittemore will be traveling to Honduras to work as the sole Urologist at Hospital Evangelico during the last two weeks of April. It is a 70 bed hospital located in Siguatepeque, 80 miles north of the capital Tegucigalpa. This will be the first trip that he has made to Honduras.

Patients frequently come to Hospital Evangelico from distant parts of the country, as well as locally, for the compassionate and quality care given there. Dr. Whittemore anticipates treating a wide range of Urological pathology, including prostate obstructions, kidney stones, infections, and cancer. Challenges that he will face primarily relate to treating complex problems with limited technology. The missionary surgeon must always remember that he treats, but Jesus heals!

Here are the ways that you can help.

First and foremost, PRAY. Pray for safe travel, health, and strength to deal with all of the work that he will face. Pray for the wisdom he will need to know how to manage all of the problems in a setting with limited resources. Pray that Jesus will work at his side to bring healing to the many patients.

Second, if you wish to contribute financially to this work, you can send a check made out to World Medical Mission and include on the check that it is for Project Account #003706. Mail it to: World Medical Mission, attn. Robin Jenkins
PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607



Hospital Evangelico

A Mission Letter: The Christian Mission

The scripture passage chosen to inspire this year's America for Christ campaign is 2 Corinthians 5: 14-15: "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." This passage speaks to the heart of what Christian mission is all about.

First Baptist Church of Mansfield has a long tradition of mission spirit and mission work. Many have gone before onto mission fields locally or beyond, compelled by Christ's love, taking up their cross, dying to themselves to live for Him. There are many in our midst who have far more experience than I do about the reality of this and can speak to it better than I can. All that I might offer is perhaps a few humble thoughts about what God tells us in His Word about mission in general.

It is the Apostle Paul who speaks the words in the above passage. The New Testament presents Paul as the man of mission par excellence, so he certainly deserves our attention when it comes to this activity. Paul makes three points in this passage. First, he tells us that his motivation is Christ's love and, moreover, this love compels him.

Paul catalogues the list of what he suffered on his missions later in the letter (11:24). Once he was even stoned (and survived!), and Acts 14:19 tells how he then got up and went back into the city where it happened! When we see Paul do this and then go to one city after another to face even more tragedy over and over again, it is hard to believe that anything else would be adequate motivation.

The second point that Paul makes in this passage is that he (as well as any believer) is convinced that Christ died for all so that all might in turn die to their old lives of sin and become new creations. This is what it means to be saved. Implicit in this statement (and crystal clear in many other parts of scripture) is that it is only through Christ's death for us and resurrection, and our faith in Him, that we are saved. Since it cost Him so much, it is only natural that God provided only that one door to being saved. And it is only through that one

door that we find Christ's love in our hearts. Do you believe this? Are you experiencing this new thing in your heart?

The third point that Paul makes is the saved believer ("those who live") no longer lives for himself but for Christ. This would imply an obedience to Christ rather than to our own desires, and that sounds hard to do. But the marvelous thing about this is that Paul does not state that this is something we should try to do but that we are enabled to do. In fact, the believer finds that he no longer even wants the things he used to, but rather finds himself wanting the things of Christ. That is why Paul says in Romans 8:16 "The (Holy) Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children". That is how the believer can be assured of his salvation. Do you have this assurance for yourself? God wants you to.

So this is what makes Christian mission unique and different from any other, for example, secular mission. You, and the church body, believes that Christ died for you. You are made new with a new heart. And you no longer want everything for yourself including the desire to glorify yourself, but now want what Christ desires-- which is why Christ's love is what compels you. The church wants to express its love for the poor, the sick, and the downtrodden because this is dear to Christ who lives in our hearts. But the church wants to do this work in a way that points to Christ, so that the rest of the world can experience our joy in Christ. And we also want to point to Christ because we love Him. That is how Paul sees Christian mission, and so should we.

Doug Whittemore, member of Missions Committee

"Gifts for Haiti"

"Gifts for Haiti"

God watches over his people no matter what happens. In January, when the terrible earth quakes hit Haiti our American Baptist Missionaries were on home leave or in another country. ABC-USA sprang into action and sent money immediately to the Haitian Baptist Convention

from One Great Hour of Sharing. Eventually over \$300,000 was sent for food, medical supplies and emergency shelters. ABCCONN pitched in with over \$9,000 donated. Here in our church we were able to send over \$1,800, 41 hygiene kits to Church World Service, and with help from WAIM—20 pairs of crutches, 10 walkers, and 2 leg braces for a hospi-

tal outside of Port Au Prince. Thank you for opening your hearts and caring for our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean.

Laura Austin,
Missions Committee



Ladies Aid Society

We have had two spirited and delicious pot-luck dinner meetings; one in January and one in March. In January we elected our officers for the new year. The officers are: Patty Geissler-President, Jill Stedman-Myette-Vice President, Laura Austin-Treasurer and Nancy Flynn-Treasurer.

We continue to research and work on the following projects-possible new carpeting in the narthex, new chairs with a storage unit for the conference room, new window treatments in the Pastor's office, and the cook book.

We are working on kitchen use guidelines for individuals and groups to refer to when

they use the church kitchen. Following these guidelines should help us keep our kitchen clean and in compliance with our food service license.

There are many people who have purchased the anniversary tote bags and are using them! There is still a supply available for purchase. A display is located in the conference room. There are large, blue bags with a zipper closure for \$15.00 and a smaller green bag for

200th Anniversary Tote Bags

In celebration of our 200th Anniversary the Ladies Aid is selling canvas tote bags with a screen print of the FBCM

\$10.00. Please see Nancy Flynn if you wish to make a purchase.

The book tote has an open main compartment that makes it easy to haul heavy items, like books. Carry a little, carry a lot...this tote can take it. In Forest Green.

The book tote is 100% cotton 12 oz. canvas.

Size: 10.5" x 14" x 5"

Price: \$10.00

The zipped book tote offers more security when you travel. It will keep all your belongings private. In Royal Blue.

The zipped tote is 100% cotton 12 oz. canvas.

Size: 17.5" x 15" x 4.5"

Price: \$15.00



Youth Mission Trip



We are having a Spaghetti Supper! Please join us as we plan and put on another delicious spaghetti supper fundraiser. We hope to raise needed funds for this summer's mission trip to West Virginia.

You are invited to help us by providing donations of food items or volunteering to help out with the supper. We also welcome folks to attend the supper! Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family too.



Warriors 4 Christ meets on Friday evenings. We have had such a wonderful group and it has been growing. When we started we had about 7 young adults on average and it has grown to 12-16 young adults. We have made a web page www.ministry4youth.com. The kids enjoy going on the page and blogging. Anyone that would like to join in is welcome to do so I know that they look forward to having other people. We all would like to thank those who have supported us from bringing in snacks to donations and of course the positive comments all mean so much.

Just to let you know some of the things we have done:

The supper will be held on **Saturday, May 15** from **5-7 pm** at the church. It will feature spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread and assorted desserts. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Signup sheets for donations will be available in the conference room soon. If you can volunteer to prepare, serve, or help with clean up, please speak with Morgan

We had a night of mall madness that was a wonderful lesson on the things of this world not mattering, that Jesus is to be our all. For Good Friday we had a dinner together and we had communion. Thanks to Pastor Ron for joining us on that. The whole night was about how it might have been on the night that Jesus had the last supper with the disciples and how when we take part of the bread and the cup not to settle for just knowing Jesus but wanting more, you can never have to much of Jesus. The more you want of Him the more He will give you. Ephesians 1:23 says And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things, everywhere with Himself.

Acts 2:28 You have shown me the way of life, and you will fill

Warriors 4 Christ

Baker, Patty Geissler or Pastor Ron.

Thanks for your support!

We continue to appreciate your support of our on-going bottle and can drive. The schedule of responsible youth is as follows:

April	Morgan
May	Dellon
June	Kelsey H.
July	Adrienne

me with the joy of your presence. All we have to do is ask Him.

We do have some very exciting things coming up which I will keep you posted on. Youth group will continue every Friday evening during the summer. I pray that even as the kids learn more about asking God to fill them that we all will take that time to ask Him to fill us that our cup may run over and that can say praise the Lord! Our God is an awesome God.

Love,

Rose Nilson

EGMS-ABWM

Church Women United

The Emma Gardiner Missionary Society-American Women's Ministries welcomed springtime by completing the White Cross requests from the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries. This Mission outreach serves over 300 families in a variety of ways: clothing, food, classes for young mothers, afterschool opportunities for all ages, fuel bank, counseling, and dozens of other ways. Our EGMS-ABWM recently sent 5 jump ropes, large sized crayons for pre-schoolers, construction paper, pencils, and more school supplies. We thank our White Cross Chairman, Lena Barry, for her time,

dedication and service to the Northeast Baptist Association Coordinating White Cross quotas with the Woodstock, CT. ladies who delivered our White Cross request along with theirs to the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries.

Additional White Cross requests come from hospitals overseas for medical supplies: roller bandages made from sheeting will be another huge activity for our group. We need old, but good sheets—or new cotton ones and help from ladies to roll these bandages. Please watch the bulletin for the times

and place for this work-day.

We look forward to the May 4th program on "Stress and Margins" to be presented by Ellie Trainer. Also, anticipate the June 1st Annual Friendship Luncheon at 12 noon. The program presenter will be Denise Keane: "Awareness of the needs of children and families in our local area." Come and join us—all ladies of the church are welcome for this eventful time.

*M*ay Friendship Day 2010

Sunday, May 2, 2010

3:00 p.m.

"Living the Vision"

Andover Congregational Church
Rte. 6 & Long Hill Road
Andover
(please park in back of the church)

The year May Friendship Day invites us to look at how we are living the vision presented by our founding mothers. The logo uses building blocks to help us identify different ways in which we can "build" our vision together. Our blocks may be



our vision together. Our blocks may be different, but all should include prayer, planning and people. Let us celebrate together! (A time of fellowship follows the meeting.)

At this program we will support the Dept. of Children and Families Foster Program by bringing any of the following items to the meeting: Diapers sizes 3,4,5,6; baby wipes; kids' socks (all sizes); kids' underwear (all sizes); washcloths; combs; hairbrushes; Children's' toothbrushes; toothpaste; and deodorant. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

Board of Trustees

Electricity

The Trustees after carefully considering the time and investment required and benefits to the Church and congregation have decided not to participate in the Viridian program for non-profits. They still believe that Viridian has a good product which is a compromise between use of renewable energy and low price. However, the First Baptist Church will not benefit from people signing up for their product. Since someone has generously agreed to pay the increase for the Church to join the Connecticut Clean Energy Options at the 100% renewable rate for one year, the Trustees have chosen to use the Dominion company so. rather than compromising at 20% renewable energy the Church will be using 100% green energy.

I believe that anyone who still uses the default "Standard" CL&P energy should change electric suppliers. Consider that 1) The CL&P rate is the second highest in the nation and you can save significant money each month by changing suppliers and/or get a significantly higher portion of your energy from renewable sources. 2) CL&P does not make a profit from the sale of electricity, only from charges related to distribution and service. 3) CL&P itself **encourages** their customers to choose an alternate supplier.

Two of the major considerations in choosing a company are price and % renewable energy. For a list of companies their rates and the % renewable energy they use see http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/display_rates.htm .

A good source of information about questions to ask when selecting a company is:

http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/dpuc_questions_to_ask_supplier.htm .

A good list of frequently asked questions can be found at:

http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/choosing_an_electric_supplier_FAQ.htm .

Below are phone numbers and websites for three of the many companies that supply energy in Connecticut

Dominion 800-400-5574 (Levco Energy) <http://www.levcoenergy.com/> has consistently been one of the lowest priced companies.

Viridian 866-663-2508 <http://www.viridian.com/> consistently has been one of the lower priced companies and uses 20% renewable energy instead of the legally mandated 14%.

Discount Power 877-259-POWER <http://www.discountpowerinc.com/> offers both 50% and 100% renewable energy options and is still cheaper than the default CL&P rate.

A renewable option can be added to any power supply arrangement through the Connecticut Clean Energy Options program. See: <http://www.ctcleanenergyoptions.com/>

I am happy to talk with anyone about switching to an alternate energy supplier.

John Riesen

860 429-7569

John.Riesen@charter.net

Church Family News

Betty Geissler is a great grandmother once again. Her oldest grandson, Steven Ostrander and his wife Shana welcomed Aidan L. Ostrander into the world on March 31. Aidan weighed 8lb 6oz and was 22 inches long. Aidan joins big brothers Morgan and Aaron. Jean and Dick Ostrander are the proud grandparents. Congratulations everyone!

Thank you to all the church family for my lovely Easter Lilly.
God Bless, Love Betty Geissler

Dearest Martha, Chairman,
Flower Committee
and First Baptist Church of Mansfield
Friends,

Thank you for adding beauty to our Easter: I want you to know I appreciate your thoughtfulness expressed in the gorgeous Asiatic Lily you gave to me. We are enjoying whiffing it's fragrance especially.

I also admire your lovely Easter card which had an inspirational verse... and one to remember all year.

With appreciation,
Dottie Rose Gilliam

Dear Friends at the First Baptist Church of Mansfield,

Thank you so much for the lovely tulip plant you all sent me for Easter. It brightened up the room. After it has finished blossoming I shall plant it outdoors where I have planted other potted plants.

Sincerely,
Florence Palmer

Dear Friends at FBCM,

Thank you for the daffodil plant. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I have taken the plant and added it to my flowerbed outside my home. Where I can enjoy it year after year.

Sincerely,
Lisa Licata



Happy 95th Birthday!!

Harold Mattern

Philip and Lena Barry recently spent time visiting in San Francisco, CA with their son Douglas and family! While there, they entertained Liz Scotta and have brought back her best wishes to all at First Baptist.



Congratulations may be sent to the following address in honor of **Edith Blankson's** graduation on the passing of her RN of Ohio State's Exam.

Please call the church office for Edith's address.

Church Family News

GIFT RECEIVED!

Recently a knitted prayer shawl was started by a member of this church as a gift for Amanda Keene Pawelski and her husband Joe as a celebration of the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Tennessee May. The shawl was passed around and more than 20 people from this church knit stitches into it, with hearts full of rejoicing as they thought about and prayed for Amanda, Joe and Tennessee. Everyone then signed a sheet that became the opening page in a scrapbook. The scrapbook and the shawl were sent to Amanda and family. Following is the thank you note from them.

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for the shawl and scrapbook and also for your kind words of congratulations and welcoming for our little Tennessee. I think it is such a wonderful, meaningful idea for everyone to contribute to a common creation -- and it is an even better gift to receive. Many thanks,

Amanda

Obituary

DAVIS, Richard Edward

Richard Edward Davis Richard Edward Davis, age 76, of Mansfield, died Sunday, January 10, 2010 at Hartford Hospital. He was born on February 12, 1933 in Hartford to the late Richard Kenyon Davis and Katherine (Troxell) Davis. He spent his childhood in East Hartford and Columbia, and graduated from Windham High School in 1950. He attended the Randall Art School, the Hartford Art School, the University of Hartford and the Hartford Artists' Co-op. Richard served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956. He was married to Martha Grundy on November 4, 1972. Over the years Richard worked as a commercial artist, typesetter, and silk screener and owned his own graphic arts business. At one point in his career, he worked at American Education Publications in Middletown where he set type for "My Weekly Reader" and proofread copy for it. He managed the Print Shop at the Mansfield Training School from 1986 until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of Polaski's Polish Club, the Willimantic Artist Co-op, the First Baptist Church of Mansfield and a past member of the Columbia Fire Department. Among his interests were painting, writing poetry, playing the piano, collecting antiques and playing cribbage with Don and Bill. Richard is survived by his wife of 37 years, Martha and their two children Michael Davis of Ashford and Kenyon Davis of Stafford Springs; four daughters from a previous marriage, Darlene Haddad and her husband, Peter, of Willimantic; Roxanne Hosking and her husband, David, of Andover; Dawn Davis of Canterbury and Donna Brandon and her husband, Dale, of Stafford, VA. He leaves nine grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers and their wives: Thomas E. and Pauline Davis of Martinsville, VA and Frederick A. and Carol Davis of Collinsville, VA. He is survived by one sister-in-law, Ann Davis, of Lebanon and many nieces and nephews. Richard was predeceased by his brother, Ronald L. Davis, Sr. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00PM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the First Baptist Church of Mansfield on Route 195 in Storrs. Burial will be at the discretion of the family. Memorial donations may be sent to: Windham Area Arts and Collaborative, P. O. Box 472, Willimantic, CT 06226 or to Curbstone Press, 321 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT 06226. For online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

Board of Christian Education

- **Camp Wightman:** Don't forget! Our camp season kickoff coffee hour was held on April 18. Please have your campership request forms turned in to Stacey Fulton by May 16.
- **Our Kids Need YOU!** We have openings for Sunday School Teachers in all grade levels. Let God work through you to help our kids grow in faith and find His path for them in our crazy mixed up beautiful world. See Susan Figueroa to help us plan for next Fall.
- **Library Project:** Our library is coming along, slowly but surely! We are almost finished getting our new/donated books ready for borrowing. We plan to have a weekly display which will include an electronic list of titles for

quick review and a set of legs (body attached of course!) to bring up titles for anyone who cannot navigate the stairs. The Board of Christian Education has planned for a percentage of our Sunday School offerings to be used as ongoing funds for increasing our library. Suggestions and donations of book or funds are always welcome!

Also: If anyone is interested in spending an evening or two reviewing our older holdings it would be much appreciated. Please see Susan Figueroa for details.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 2: Potluck lunch after Church with presentation and comments on Heifer Project's Women's Livestock Birthing Program at Overlook Farm attended by

several of our ladies in March.

Saturday, May 22: Car Wash/Bake Sale-Our annual Camp Wightman campership fundraiser! Please plan to help or donate baked items for sale. Rain date is Saturday, May 29.

Saturday, May 15: Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 30: Sunday School Mission Project - Instead of regular Sunday School class the Sunday School kids will participate in a mission project to be determined.

Sunday, June 6: Last day of Sunday School

Sunday, June 13: Church Family Picnic - A great day of Fun and Fellowship! Details available soon!

Church Family Fun Night

A great big thank you to everyone who came to and participated in our Church Family Fun Night on Friday evening March 5th. What a great time! - What a fun evening! What a lot of talent! Nineteen participants presenting everything from singing, dancing stand-up-jokes, a hilarious skit, gymnastics, to instrumental pieces on the trumpet, drums, piano and even a sing-a-long (in English and Spanish) were enjoyed by a full house. Fun Night is interspersed with mission moments focusing on a specific geographical area of study of American Baptist Women. This year's focus was Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Our Fun



Night "entertainment" was pre-



Kloss, Dellon Myette, Guy Myette, Cheyenne Nichols, Grace Riesen, Melissa Rood, Maggie Watson and Master of Ceremonies Bob

ceded by a delicious pot luck supper which included some tasty dishes from these countries.

Thanks to our social committee for coordinating the supper

Participants in the evening's program included Ally Austin, Laura Austin, Morgan Baker, Olivia Baker, Tricia Baker, Lena Barry, Amanda Figueroa, Jessica Figueroa, Rebecca Figueroa, Samantha Figueroa, Betty Geissler, Ashley Hooper, Dave

Erickson. Thanks to everyone. Well done!!



Daffodil Days

Birthdays / Events

Thank you everyone who supported the *American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days*!

This church family did a great job once again purchasing bunches of Daffodils (21), Bear and a Bunch (2), Potted Bulbs (2) and Gifts of Hope (10)! A grand total was sent totaling \$540.00 to help with Cancer recovery and so much more!

Daffodil shipments are delivered by Fed-Ex! Who donate their services for this event! Your dollars help fund programs and services and once again thank you all!



April 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	16 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	17 Choir Festival— Glastonbury
18 Camp Wightman Coffee Hour	19	20	21	22 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	23 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	24
25 Spring Business Mtg.	26	27	28	29 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	30 Ladies Aid Mtg. Potluck	

April
Happy Birthday!

April 4-Bruce Bradshaw
 April 4-Ronald Nichols
 April 8-Nitheesha Nakka
 April 15-Brian Reas
 April 16-Michael Davis
 April 16-Virgina Shepardson
 April 17—Dante Salina
 April 30-Samantha Gardiner



Birthdays and Events

May
Happy Birthday!



May 8-Bibi Mama
May 8- Priyanka Nakka
May 10-Kristin Gardiner
May 10-Harold Mattern (95)
May 12-Emma Barry
May 13-David Flower
May 13-Amanda Keane
May 15-Alice Spencer
May 16-Robert Bauer
May 17-Bill McMunn
May 21-Nils Setterberg
May 22-David Kloss
May 23-Kevin Reas
May 28-Germaine Mama
May 28-Nicole Nilson
May 30-Shirley Corcoran
May 30-Lisa Reas
May 31-Barbara Moore

May 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Trustees Mtg. Potluck Lunch Overlook Farm	3 Mission Mtg. 7pm	4	5	6 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	7 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Adult Choir 7:30 pm & Springhill Cem. Assoc. 7pm	14 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	15 Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Youth Car Wash/Bake Sale
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Sunday School Mission Project	31 Memorial Day					

June 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	4 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	5
6 Last Day of Sunday School	7	8	9	10 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	11 Youth Group 6:30- 9pm	12 Applebees Youth Mission Fundraiser Breakfast
13 Church Family Picnic	14	15	16	17	18 Youth Group 6:30- 9pm	19
20 Father's Day One Great Hour	21	22	23	24	25 Youth Group 6:30- 9pm Soup Kitchen 3:30-6pm	26
27	28	29	30			



Happy Birthday!
June

June 1-Pete Bradshaw
June 2-Evan Fulton
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

WAIM and Soup Kitchen Reports

Easter Pictures

Since the first of the year (1/12010-4/1/2010) the members of First Baptist Church of Mansfield have provided to the Covenant Soup Kitchen the following items:

1. 64 cans of vegetables
2. 62 cans of soup
3. 15 cans of fruit
4. 3 cans of meat
5. 54 lbs of various pastas
6. 15 packages packaged dry products

At least one load of used items have been provided for WAIM each month and frequently more.

WAIM has announced there will be a Spring Fling to be held **Saturday, May 8th** at the Willimantic Elks Lodge. This will feature Bruce John and the Eagleville Band; John Hinckley and the Outriggers; snacks and pizza from Fed's Brick House restaurant and lots of fun. Tickets are a minimum of \$15.00 donation per person for Adults and \$7.00 for students. The price includes free snacks. All profits will go to WAIM. You can call Shirley Shepard at 228-9871 for information (usually 4-6 pm is good).



Easter Worship Service Youth Choir 2010



Easter Worship Service Adult Choir 2010

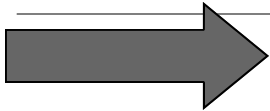


Sunrise Service and Guy Myette



Easter Breakfast

First Baptist Church of Mansfield



Dates to Remember

April 17—Choir Festival in Glastonbury

April 18—Camp Wightman Coffee Hour

April 25—Spring Business Meeting

April 30—Ladies Aid Mtg. Potluck

May 2—Trustees Mtg.

May 2—Potluck lunch—Overlook Farm

May 3—Mission Mtg. 7pm

May 9—Mother's Day

May 13—Springhill Cem. Assoc. Mtg.—7pm

May 15—Youth Mission Trip Spaghetti Supper

May 22—Youth Car Wash/Bake Sale

May 30—Sunday School Mission Project

May 31—Memorial Day

June 6—Last Day of Sunday School

June 12—Applebees Youth Mission Fundraiser
Breakfast

June 13—Church Family Picnic

June 20—One Great Hour

June 20—Father's Day

June 25—Soup Kitchen 3:30-6pm



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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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