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The Eighteenth Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour was a Big Success!



Over \$61,000 dollars was raised for Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) and Perception Programs, Inc. The money is split evenly be-

tween the two nonprofit social service agencies for programs that help people when they need it most. WAIM is comprised of 39 faith communities that provides fuel assistance, clothing and furniture to area needy families. Perception Programs, Inc. offers treatment, case management, education and housing to people with substance use and co-occurring disorders, adults involved in the criminal justice system and people living with AIDS.



Perception Programs

The First Baptist Church of Mansfield has been active member of WAIM for many years and continues to support its programs with an annual financial pledge and through fundraisers such as the Steeple Chase. The friends and members of the church support this annual event BIG TIME. The planning stages start in January and continue right up to and after the event. Many thanks to — — Lee Salina for organizing the Rest Stops of which there are ten (10) including the Holy Cow Shelter on Bassett's Bridge Road, thanks to David Stevens and Ally Austin for organizing and running that stop with help from Sandy Zerio, Charles Woody and the Stygar family. Thanks to all those that provided food for that stop especially Faith Austin who always bakes 12 dozen or more Steeple Chase Power Bars. Special thanks to Lisa Reas for again

spending the entire day of the tour at Windham Mills running the SAG Wagon team that patrolled the routes making sure everyone was safe. To the Sag Wagon drivers that spent the Entire day and at least a tank of gas running those routes — Sam and Ginny Shepardson, Gail Esty, Prescott and Alice Spencer, Denise Keane, and Dan Austin.

Thanks to all those that spent a shift on the finish line checking rider back in — Martha Davis, Hazel Rubins, Trish Baker and Olivia Baker and thanks to Lee Salina for seeing that that effort was set up and running.

Thanks to Millie Larkins for raising funds to sponsor her Daughter in Law, Devra Larkins, and to all those supporting riders and the event in any way. Thanks to Kerry Landek for riding in the Tour and raising funds for her team the Thread City Cyclists that came in second raising \$3,757.00 dollars.

Thanks to the Church Family for allowing the use of the church facilities in preparing the pasta salad that was used to feed the riders. Thanks to Ginny Shepardson for helping with that effort and overseeing the crew that came to put it all together.

Ed Austin — for the Steeple Chase Tour Committee



First Baptist Church of Mansfield

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

The gospel of Mark starts out with ;

"The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

That "beginning" is the words of the prophet Isaiah, through the voice of John the Baptist, saying "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. This call, a call to action, is for us as well. We are urged to make straight paths for people to find their way to Jesus. That means taking our faith, and the message of God's love outside of the church building. Our worship service outside last Sunday was symbolic of responding to this call to move our faith "outside".



Later in the first chapter, Mark tells us Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and the people were amazed because he taught, "as one who had authority", (verse 22). It is interesting that Mark did not record what Jesus taught. If it were today, we could have a CD or DVD made of this teaching, but that was not Mark's focus. In the following verse, he tells us exactly what happened next. A man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out "What do you want with us Jesus of Nazareth...I know who you are—the Holy One of God." Mark tells us that Jesus goes on to cast the demon out of the man. It is a timeless truth that actions speak louder than words. Jesus taught so much in actions. His greatest action was the act of love in the giving of his life on the cross.

We are called to live out our faith in action. We have many opportunities to do just this. I would love to see us reach out to the soldiers on our prayer list, and the college students who live near us, as well as the ones who have left home to attend colleges elsewhere. I want us to become more involved with helping provide food for the hurting in Willimantic through Covenant Soup Kitchen and First Baptist ministries. We do a great job of serving through WAIM, so let's keep that up. These are just a few of the opportunities we have to live out our faith. I know there are many more. Keep thinking and praying about what our community needs, and how we can have a part in meeting the needs.

The gospel about Jesus began long ago, and has been given to us to carry on. It is our turn. Paths still need to be made. We can and will make them in the grace and strength of God.



Pastor Ken

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee has had a very successful year so far as we celebrate our Church's 200th Anniversary. In a series of Heritage Moments we have brought our history alive with documents like the early stewardship letter from 1794, artifacts such as the foot warming stove that demonstrated how far we have come in making our church services comfortable, and worship events such as the sermon by Roger Williams (portrayed by actor Bill Hutchinson) and music with period costumes on Music Appreciation Sunday and Rally Day.

Our major exhibit at the Mansfield Historical Society Museum has gained the attention of many townspeople and visitors who were previously uninformed about our church, causing one Historical Society member to remark, "I've lived in Mansfield for more than forty years and I never knew there was so much history in the Baptist church." If you have not yet seen this exhibit, you should hurry because it will close at the end of September. The exhibit is open to the public every Thursday and Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 through Sunday, September 27th. The Museum is located directly across Route 195 from the Church. Be sure to pick up a free copy of the Exhibit Guide, available at the Museum and in the Church Office, and sign the Museum's guest book.

Elsewhere in this and previous issues of the *Bellringer* you will find articles and photographs showing some of the 200th Anniversary events.

Ongoing Heritage Committee projects include:

- A 200th Anniversary Cookbook.
- A 200th Anniversary Tote Bag.
- Oral history interviews with members and friends of the church.
- Collection of objects, photos, and information for a book on the history of the church.

Now, as we come to the culmination of the year-long anniversary, we are looking forward to a special day of celebration on Sunday, October 18th, the anniversary of our church's official recognition by the Hartford Baptist Association. Please mark your calendar for this event.

With thanks to everyone in the church who has helped to make our anniversary year such a success,

The Heritage Committee

Nancy Flynn, Meradith McMunn, Bill McMunn

Ethel Larkin, Church Historian

Meradith McMunn Awarded Thorp Professorship Special Presentation Tuesday, September 22

Meradith McMunn has been awarded Rhode Island College's highest honor, the Mary Tucker Thorp Professor-



ship, recognizing outstanding teaching, scholarship, and service at Rhode Island College, where she is Professor of English and Medieval Literature. As part of the Thorp Professorship award, she will present an illustrated lecture on her research on medieval manuscript paintings titled "The Mirror in Her Hands: Women Patrons, Producers, Readers, and Critics of the *Roman de la Rose*" at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, Alger Hall Room 110 on the campus of Rhode Island College in Providence. Her presentation will be preceded by medieval music on the subject of her research, performed by the College Chamber Singers. A reception will follow Dr.

McMunn's presentation. This event is free and open to the public. All members and friends of the First Baptist Church are cordially invited to attend and celebrate with Meradith. Maps with directions to the College will be available in Church on Sunday, September 20th, or

from Meradith. The following official statement has been published by the College in its publicity for this event:

"MERADITH McMUNN believes that the most interesting questions and the liveliest discussions in medieval scholarship and teaching are often in the sectors where the traditional disciplines overlap. As an undergraduate, she majored in music and in French literature. Her interest in medieval literature began when she studied the poetry of the troubadours in music history courses. With an M.A. in French literature and a Ph.D. in Medieval Studies, Dr. McMunn has formal training in literary and linguistic analysis, palaeography, codicology, textual editing, history, and art history; she reads ten medieval and modern languages. Her doctoral dissertation, written in French, was a critical edition of the *Roman de Kanor*, an unpublished thirteenth-century prose romance. Dr. McMunn is an expert on the medieval manuscript book, especially illustrated manuscripts of the *Roman de la Rose*, the subject of her Thorp lecture.

Meradith McMunn Awarded Thorp Professorship continued

“Dr. McMunn’s research informs and enlivens her teaching and her work with students helps her to develop and clarify her ideas and insights. She is able to give students firsthand information about the thrills and disappointments of research and writing, including some “Indiana Jones” moments for which graduate school did not prepare her: setting off security alarms, supplying information to Interpol identifying the owner of a stolen manuscript, and helping to convict an international book thief. She always encourages students to begin presenting their own research, often helping them prepare papers for regional and national conferences and organizing sessions at a regional graduate student conference on medieval and Renaissance literature. To date, Dr. McMunn has 30 publications and has presented 27 invited lectures and 67 refereed research papers delivered at regional, national and international scholarly conferences, in the U.S., Belgium, Germany, France, Poland, Canada, the Netherlands, England, Scotland, and Ireland.”

The World Mission Offering will be taken on **Sunday, October 18th**. The World Mission Offering gives local churches a way to make a difference in over 70 countries around the world. It make ministry possible among many of the forgotten people, those overlooked by others, those ignored by the mainstream news, but who, nevertheless NEED and WANT to hear about the love of Jesus Christ. The World Mission Offering make God’s love known to the farthest corners of the earth by supporting new churches, training church leaders, promoting healthcare, creating economic opportunity, opening minds and empowering hearts, seeking peace and offering refuge. Please consider giving generously on October 18th.

The Mission Committee

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Greater Willimantic Unit of Church Women United invites you to a **Prayer Breakfast and Annual Meeting!**

**Saturday, October 3,
2009**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Program—
Leader, Tricia Baker
10:45 a.m. Annual Meeting

To be held at the Hampton Congregational Church located at 265 Main Street, Hampton.

Reservations are not necessary, but appreciated. Childcare is available!

If you are interested in attending this event, we will be car pooling. Please talk to Lena



Barry at 429-4431. This is always a very meaningful morning of prayer and sharing.

Church Women United *Interfaith World Community Day* is to be held on **Sunday, November 1, 2009**. Dessert will be at 2:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 3:00 p.m. The location of this

The Northeast Association of American Baptist Women

"BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER"

The Northeast Association of American Baptist Women will be holding their Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on November 1, 2009 at Pierce Memorial Baptist home in Brooklyn.

This service includes prayer for Baptist Women around the World and we all are invited to attend.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee members are Allyson Austin, Denise Keane, Bill McMunn (chair), and Charles Woody. The committee meets with the Pastor each quarter to review matters of concern to both the Pastor and to members and friends of the Church. This year our concerns have included how the Church and the Pastor can strengthen his ministry on Spring Hill and how we can minister more effectively to particular individuals and groups within the church. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th, 2009, after the morning worship service. If you would like to bring something to our attention, please contact any member of the Committee.

Bill McMunn

Ladies Aid Society

It seems like yesterday that we all enjoyed the anniversary Strawberry Shortcake Supper held for church family and friends. It is hard to believe that was back in June! What a fun and delicious time. The food tasted just like Doris Beebe had been with us on Friday and Saturday mixing beans and salads. Thank you to all who donated food items and helped with the supper. There were many whispers of "we should do this again"we'll see.

The group has had a quiet summer but with fall just around the cor-



ner, we are energized and ready to go. To start off we will be having an Apple Crisp Sale on Sunday, September 20th. Please support us by purchasing individual servings of crisp after the service.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 25th. We will start the evening at 6pm with a *pot luck supper* and finish with a business meeting. We have lots of projects that we are working on and fund-



Christian Education wing roof:

Work on the Christian Education roof has begun and will hopefully be completed by the time you read this. To date we have \$6,963 toward the approximately \$10,000 cost of the project.

Please consider contributing to the roof fund to help us pay for this expense.

Fall workday: A group of 11 dedicated workers showed up and got a tremendous amount of work done. The rain held off allowing us to do outside work consisting of fixing the back spotlight, washing windows, replacing window covers, and weeding the plantings around the church. The inside work consisted of painting the molding around

two of the sanctuary windows after the sash rope had been

eral deep cleaning of the Sunday School rooms in preparation for Rally Day. In spite of the hard work there was plenty of fun and fellowship. Thanks to all who attended, the Church is blessed to have talented and willing volunteers.

The Trustees



replaced earlier in the week by Prescott Spencer and Nils Setterberg (Thanks). Other inside work included a gen-



Notice: From the Trustees to all boards and committees to submit budget requests.

The deadline for submitting budget request this year is **September 27th**. This is earlier than past years and only shortly after meetings start up in the Fall for those groups that do not meet in the summer, so we are giving you this early notice.

You may want to get your budget together before you break for the summer or plan an early meeting in the Fall in which to prepare your budget.

Thanks,
John Riesen,
Chair of the Trustees

WAIM TAG SALE

*Wh*at do you get when you combine bright sunshine, really nice people, and a parking lot full of treasures? If you said **"FBCM's annual TAG SALE to benefit WAIM"** - you're right!!

On Saturday, September 5th, 15 families gathered in the church parking lot with car-loads of their priceless treasures ready to reduce, reuse and recycle! Lots of items were traded from table to table, but for the most part everyone carted away a MUCH smaller amount than they brought. Everyone selling agreed that it felt great to clean out closets, sheds and attics and purge those things taking up space but not being used. John Riesen commented that "Once you

decide you can part with something for a few dollars and get it out of your house, you discover you can live without it even if it doesn't sell!" Donating usable items was preferred over taking them back home again!

A group of male college students came by looking for unusual things for their apartment. Although they didn't find the mounted moosehead they had in mind, one family gifted them with several items that really excited them. They said they run track for UCONN and run by our church several times a week. Now when they pass, they will remember what kind and fun people they met here.

We had a great time, welcomed back people we remembered from other years, connected with neighbors, made a little money. Every family donated part or all of their profit to WAIM for a total of a **\$400 donation** - the biggest result we've ever had!!! Kudos to all who did anything to make this happen! Keep the Saturday before Labor Day open for next year, because we'll be doing this again!

Youth Mission Trip

The youth mission trip to West Virginia was once again a great success. On the way down we spent the night at the First Baptist Church of Gettysburg and took the opportunity to tour some of the battlefields. On the trip on Sunday some of us had the opportunity to see Frank Lloyd Wright's house at Falling Water in Pennsylvania, while the rest of us spent time at a nearby waterfall in the town of Ohiopyle.



In West Virginia we were reunited with friends from other churches as well as folks we have worked with before in the village of Brownnton, and we made many new friends as well.

Our group was split into two and we were kept busy at both work sites. At one the group did a lot of cleaning and painting while they were waiting for some plumbing to be completed so they could finish a bathroom. At the other job they completed a deck on the front of a mobile home.

We could not have done any of



this without the support of our church family.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We will soon be looking at a project for next year.



Church News

College Student's Addresses
For privacy reasons we do not make this information available online. Please contact the church office for student addresses!

Kyra E. Whitehead

Laura Flynn

Alyssa Geissler

Kristin Geissler

Sarah Hocking

Beth Hocking

Matthew Hocking

CD's of Sunday services available: Most of the Sunday morning worship services are recorded. If you would like a CD copy for yourself or to take to someone not able to get to Church, just ask John Riesen (429-7569; riesen_john_w@sbcglobal.net) for a copy of the date of service you would like.

New Address

ABCCONN'S NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

ABCCONN
90 A North Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107-1924

Phone Numbers:
860-521-5421
860-521-5422

Fax Number: 860-521-3206

The Relay for Life of Windham Area is **Saturday, October 17-18 2009** at the Eastern CT State University Sports Complex.



New Directory

This summer Carol Bigl and Bill McMunn photographed more than 40 individuals and families for the new church directory. To complete the project we still need pictures of a few more members and friends and will hold a catch-up photo session this fall, on a date to be announced. We plan to issue the new directory before the end of this year. Please let us know of any changes in your family's address, phone number, or email address, so we can make the new directory complete and correct.

The Communications Committee

If you have not signed up to do coffee hour and like too, look for coffee up sheet on the tin in the conference room. We will be needing people to sign up for October.



Thanks, from the social committee

Music

Many thanks to all the singers and instrumentalists who shared their talents in special music during the summer months.

Our fall music program began on Rally Day in keeping with the historical theme of celebrating our 200th anniversary on Spring Hill with a lively anthem from 1804 sung by the Adult Choir at an outdoor service "under the tent," reminding us of the Baptist tent meetings that are so much a part of our tradition. See the photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

Welcome back to Melissa Rood, our Adult Choir director, who brings her enthusiasm and talent to inspire both the choir and the congregation. The Adult Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Please join us and help us "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

The Music Committee has planned an exciting music program for the fall, including historically appropriate music for Rally Day and October 18th when we will celebrate the culmination of our year of 200th anniversary events.

Also coming up will be a Youth Choir musical in November and a special musical event to celebrate Christmas on Sunday, December 20th. More details will be announced later.

As always, our special music will be varied in style and musical period, and this year we plan to have even more variety, ranging from the music of the middle ages to some very modern works, with lots of traditional music in between.

Bill McMunn for the Music Committee

Youth Choir Notes



Another year of Youth Choir is beginning. Youth Choir begins at 9:00 AM on Sundays in our music room at church. Youth Choir is for all young people from first grade on up. Last year we had a fun time doing a musical called "Radio J-O-Y!". I would like to do another musical this year called "100% Chance of Rain". This fun musical is about Noah and the flood. We will probably be presenting this musical in mid-November, which means starting rehearsals now. I hope I will see you all this coming Sunday morning at 9:00AM.

Love,

Mrs. Grace Riesen
(860) 429-7569

Grace.riesen@sbcglobal.net

Come One, Come All!
A Christian Music Concert!

Saturday, October 3, at 7:30, we will be presenting a Christian Music Concert to benefit our youth programs: The Radical Servants, The Youth Mission Trip, and our VBS. Donations to be accepted at the door. If you can play or sing, know any one who can, individuals or groups, please contact Susan Figueroa asap!

Invite all your family and friends!

Sunday School News

2009-2010 Sunday School Classes

We look forward to seeing you! Sunday School begins with opening exercises in the Sanctuary at 9:30. During opening exercises we celebrate our time together by singing about God, by recognizing birthdays, and discussing the missions our Sunday School offering should support. It is a great way to get ready to learn more about Jesus in our classes.



Classes this year will be:

Karen Watson: PreK-3rd Grade

Susan Figueroa: 4th and 5th Grade

Ron Baker: 6th-8th Grade

Brian & Rose Nilson: 9th-12th Grade

Tricia Baker: Adult Topical Study

Doug Whittemore/John Riesen: Adult Class

Board of Christian

Stay Tuned for Other Programs:

The Board of Christian Ed is also hoping to plan a Girls Pizza Nite, a Boys Pizza Nite, a Family Movie Nite, and a ladies trip to a Heifer Project event. Watch for the new Radical Servants Schedule and our Library is still in process - any suggestions for new additions are welcome!



Rally Day Service & Luncheon

September 13, 2009 Rally Day 200th Anniversary Celebration

Many Praises to God for a great day! Not too hot, not too cold, not too windy and not a hitch!

With many dressed in lovely period costume, the Sunday School travelled across the street to the Mansfield Historical Museum to view the FBCM 200th Anniversary Exhibit. We had a great time wandering through the museum, viewing the Friendship Quilt and other textiles made by church members and the pictures and items used by our church through the years. Our sincere Thanks to Mr. Bill McMunn who answered all our questions and arranged for the museum to be opened especially for us!

Worship Service was held outdoors under a large pavilion with special lined out music led by Bibi Mama and a lovely a capella anthem by our choir (the Altnaveigh owner stopped by later to complement our program and asked if the singing was our choir or a recording, it sounded so good!).

After a delicious buffet lunch organized by the Social Committee, many adjourned back to the pavilion to join in making candles and tin lanterns, play with hoops and

Graces, sew books and write in them with real quill pens. Special thanks to Alison Erickson for lending the tent, to Joy Erickson for organizing activities, and to Stacey Fulton and the Social Committee for lunch and to everyone who donated food and material for the day!



Safety Committee

Safety Committee Report

The Safety Committee has been hard at work developing policies and procedures that will make our church a safe and nurturing environment for ALL. This past year we have focused on children and youth, and finished a proposal for the **Safe and Nurturing Church Environment Policy** which was submitted to the Executive Committee this summer. This is the result of hours and hours of work. The mission statement of this policy follows:

The congregation and pastor of First Baptist Church of Mansfield aspire to be a Christ centered fellowship where all can seek a closer relationship with God. We recognize that all persons are created in God's image (Genesis 1:26). Both the Old and New Testaments instruct the faithful to do justice and to care for all persons, including the young. To that end, First Baptist Church of Mansfield is committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children and youth who are entrusted into this church's care in order to foster a positive Christian learning experience."

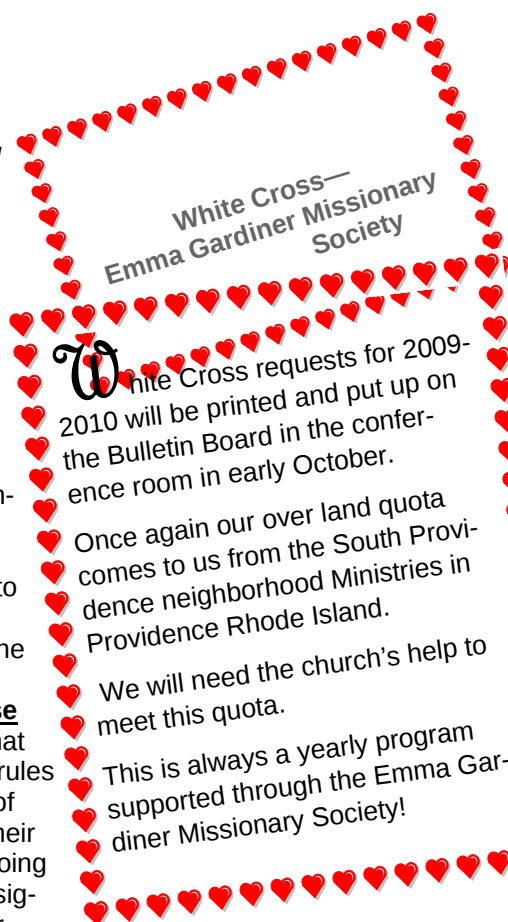
There is also a **Nursery handbook** available for parents, volunteers and staff to ensure a consistent and safe program for the youngest among us. Lastly, a new policy has been developed to address safety issues for all children who attend FBCM and for the adults who bring them. This is a one page form (**Safe Church Use Policy: Children and Youth**) that reminds children of basic safety rules and reminds responsible adults of the need to be aware of where their children are and what they are doing at all times. This form requests signatures from each child and their

responsible adult, and is aimed at raising awareness of safety issues and encouraging everyone to take responsibility for each other as well as themselves.

These documents have begun to be distributed, and are available to anyone upon request from any member of the Safety Committee or the pastor. Nursery handbooks are available in the Nursery.

The Safety Committee

Denise Keane
Laura Austin
Kim Setterberg



EGMS-ABWM

The EGMS-ABWM is pleased to announce Sarah Hocking received a college scholarship for 2009-2010 from the Edith M. Northrop Scholarship Fund of the Connecticut American Baptist Women's Ministries. Our EGMS-ABWM has contributed to this fund for many years.

Congratulations to Sarah. Our prayers and best wishes follow her college studies at Northeastern University.

October 6, 2009, 2pm initiates the autumn monthly meeting of the EGMS-ABWM here at the church. All ladies especially are cordially invited to join in this fellowship and mission efforts which enhance home, national and international mission outreach. We look forward to the program, "Little Miracles Can Mean So Much" to be presented by Lena Barry.

News of the ABWM Fall Retreat gathering, Sept. 12th will be shared by Lena and Ellie on Oct. 6th!

Looking ahead to the Nov. 3rd meeting at the church, 2pm we will feature the early history and minutes of the Emma Gardiner Missionary Society. This meeting will focus on our church's 200th Anniversary celebration. We will recognize the early history and beginnings of the EGMS. Excerpts will be given from the first secretary's minutes and notes taken from the address by Miss Edwina Whitney given at the 25th Anniversary of the EGMS held at the church, October 29, 1949. These treasured minutes and notes were written by Dorothy J. Gardiner, mother of Bob Gardiner and Shirley Gardiner Corcoran, members of our church. Again, White Cross requests from the South Providence Neighborhood Ministries in Rhode Island have been received. Please look for more information.

Women's Livestock Birthing Programs at Overlook Farm

March 26 – 29, 2010



Immerse yourself in the daily rhythms of a working farm while learning basic animal husbandry skills with specific focus on the birthing process of goats, sheep, swine, cattle, rabbits and the hatching of chicks. It's a beautiful way to spend your spring vacation and learn more about how animals can help lift families out of poverty.

Participants will experience a blend of facilitated discussions, experiential hands-on learning activities, direct interaction and work with farm animals, and the camaraderie of living and learning with a diverse group of women.

Join our group from the First Baptist Church of Mansfield for a few days as we participate in this program March 26 – 29, 2010. Registration has started and spots fill up quickly. I am looking for a small group of woman ages 18 and up to join me. There is a fee, (we have a sponsor), which includes programming, lodging & meals – dinner the first night to lunch on the last day. Deadline to let me know is September 27, 2009. Call or e-mail or see me at Church. Joy Erickson 429-5524, joy.erickson@uconn.edu

Calling all Girls

Sunday, October 11, 2009

5 PM—8 PM

Come make your own pizza

We will watch and talk about
"the TRUTH about GUYS"

By Chad Eastman.

Live from the Revolve Tour (the
sister tour to Women of Faith

for girls and teens). Chad
Eastman tells it like it is...to
girls...from a guys perspective.
Girls think they know what
makes guys tick, but they
couldn't be more wrong.

Thanks,

Joy



Soup Kitchen News

In July the emphasis was on rice and dry pasta. We received 18 pounds of rice and 11 pounds of dry beans. In addition there was a 2 pound bag of Frosted Flakes, three boxes of instant cocoa and 5 jars of sweet relish. In August the emphasis was on dry pasta. There were varieties of pasta with which I was not acquainted but most were the old standbys: 5 pounds shells, 8.25 pounds spaghetti, 5 pounds rotini, 2 pounds elbows, 1 pound Fiori (?), and a favorite of young people, 15 x 7.25 ounce packages of Kraft Mac and Cheese.

Additionally there was one very large box (14 ounce) each of Cocoa Puffs and Trix Swirls. Finally there were two cans chili beans, two cans soup and, from the Steeplechase, a 40 oz jar of peanut butter, a 32 oz jar of strawberry preserves, a 22 oz squeeze bottle of grape jelly and two loaves of bread.

The more prosaic items such as dry beans and

pasta are not very exciting but they provide a lot of nutrients cheaply. Beans are high in quality protein and are a very healthful food at a cheap price. Pasta is primarily carbohydrate, but when combined with a tomato sauce and a bit of meat or cheese provides cheap nutrients.

Both are excellent cheap nutrition.

There was one package of dry kidney beans repackaged in a zip-lock bag which is not acceptable to the Soup Kitchen. ***All food items must be in the original packaging and unopened.*** This is true of all food items so they can be sure the food is not contaminated.

I'm sure the beans are OK but they cannot make exceptions.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for your excellent cooperation.

September 2009

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 Ladies Aid Apple Crisp Sale PRC Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26 AB- CONN Missonal Church Mtg. WAIM Work Day 9-1pm
27 All Church Plan- ning Meeting	28	29	30			



Sept. 1—Farida Mama
 Sept. 3—William Hocking
 Sept. 4—Frances Nichols
 Sept. 4—Maggie Watson
 Sept. 6—Meredith Lindsey
 Sept. 8—Kristen Donato
 Sept. 8—Kolby Haggan
 Sept. 8—David Hooper
 Sept. 10—Ed Austin
 Sept. 10—Rebecca Figueroa
 Sept. 12—Justin Donato
 Sept. 13—Lena Barry
 Sept. 15—Lynn Gardiner
 Sept. 19—Tricia Baker
 Sept. 19—Randy Gilliam
 Sept. 19—Dellon Myette
 Sept. 21—Carol Burnham
 Sept. 24—Jan Barry
 Sept. 26—Grace Riesen
 Sept. 29—Mary Jo Jay Chisler
 Sept. 30—Patty Geissler

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 ^{7pm} Concert fundraiser for youth program sponsored by Christian Ed.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 ^{Columbus} Day	13	14	15	16 Bi-Centinal Celebration	17
18 ^{World} Mission Offering Bi-Centinal Celebration	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 ^{Fall} Business Mtg.	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 2—Amanda Figueroa
Oct. 2—Samantha Figueroa
Oct. 4—Daniel Parker
Oct. 14—Walter Palmer, Jr.
Oct. 15—Richard Sherman
Oct. 19—Richard Burnham
Oct. 19—Mary Ann Sheehan
Oct. 22—Laura Austin
Oct. 22—Jessica Figueroa



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 ^{Camp} Wightman Fall Work Day
8	9	10	11 ^{Veterans} Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 ^{WAIM} Walk for Warmth	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 ^{Advent} Event Newsletter Deadline	30					

Happy Birthday!



Nov. 2—Peg Barlow
Nov. 4—Karleen Donato
Nov. 8—Brian Nilson
Nov. 9—Ashley Hooper
Nov. 10—Andrew Noznick
Nov. 10—Kyle Whitehead
Nov. 11—Hazel Rubins
Nov. 12—Kyra Whitehead
Nov. 13—Clare Flynn
Nov. 15—Allyson Austin
Nov. 18—Prescott Spencer
Nov. 20—Jordan Gardiner
Nov. 20—Matthew Hocking
Nov. 20—Sarah Hocking
Nov. 26—Becky Austin



Dates to Remember

September 20—Ladies Aid Apple Crisp Sale

September 20—PRC Meeting

September 26—ABCONN Missional Church Mtg.

September 26—WAIM Work Day 9a.m.-1p.m.

September 27—All Church Planning Meeting

October 3—7p.m. Concert Fundraiser for Youth
Program sponsored by Christian Ed.

October 16-18 Bi-Centinal Celebration

October 18—World Mission Offering

October 25—Fall Business Meeting

November 7—Camp Wightman Fall Work Day

November 11—Veterans Day

November 22—WAIM Walk for Warmth

November 26—Thanksgiving

November 29—Advent Event

November 29—Newsletter Deadline



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



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