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A Word from the Pastor

I am very excited about
Wednesday, September 22nd.

One day last week I was on the UCONN campus and struck up a conversation with a student. He is in his senior year studying Electrical Engineering. In the conversation he asked me where I worked and I told him I am pastor at the First Baptist Church along Route 195. He did not recall ever seeing it. I gave him detailed instructions how to get there. He then said "O yea, I have seen you guys protesting the war along the road." I told him that was a different church a little farther down the road. He thought some more but still could not picture where our church is. I asked him where he lives and he told me near Mansfield Center, right on Route 195.

In other words he drives Route 195 to UCONN, right past our church, every day, probably several times a day, and yet he has not once noticed our church. I hope that now he will notice it now, and maybe even stop in sometime.

The church is the people, you and me.

It is my hope and vision that people will notice us, will notice our church as we strive to serve Jesus and love

our neighbors. I am continually challenged by a question that was posed to us through the missional church project last year. "If our church had to close it's doors today, what would our community around us miss about it?" I think there are lots of things, and I want us to keep striving to serve, and witness, and love, and just be noticed. We have a wonderful historical building that we meet in, and I feel it is important that we keep it maintained and in good shape so we can continue to meet for worship. It is a tool that we are to use for ministry and serving God. It is an important tool for God's mission, our calling. It is my hope that we will continue to look for ways we can use it to glorify God and love and serve God and others.

I also want us to look for ways to live out our faith outside of the building.

This is where September 22nd comes in.

On that evening we are holding a church *vision and goal setting* event. Please mark the date on your calendar. It is our chance to dream about what our church, (which is actually God's church) can do and become. We will then take these dreams

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and form them into goals, and out of this process we will write a church vision statement.

As part of this process I would like to see us dream big. Even if the dreams are unrealistic, they can be a place to start a discussion. A few years ago when the Altnaveigh Restaurant beside the church was up for sale I had a crazy dream that we should buy it and set up a shelter for homeless. Now, I realize that couldn't happen for several reasons, but it started me thinking about what we might possibly do to minister to homeless people. We could be more involved with the no freeze shelter in Willimantic, or Habitat for Humanity. Recently I had another crazy dream of setting up a miniature golf course by the church and let people come play on it for free. Maybe it would become an outreach to students and other community folks. What are some of your crazy dreams for our church ministry together? Come share them on September 22!

We will be led in this process by Rev. Dr. Jeff Woods. Part of his biography is as follows.

"In his current role as Associate General Secretary for the American Baptist Churches, USA, Dr. Woods is responsible for encouraging the health and vitality of the 33 regional judicatories coast to coast throughout the U.S. Other denominational positions include serving as the Executive Minister of the Ohio Region and four pastorates within the Indiana region.

Dr. Woods earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1987 majoring in both higher education and educational inquiry methodology. He also holds an M.Div. from Southern

Seminary and a B.S. from Purdue University.

Also an author, his formal publications include six books and over thirty articles in various religious, academic, and business journals. His latest, On The Move: Adding Strength, Speed, and Balance To Your Congregation was published in 2009 by Chalice Press; and Better Than Success, Eight Principles of Faithful Leadership was published by Judson Press.

As a speaker, consultant, and resource person to congregations, regions and nonprofits, he has worked with groups in nearly every state and province in North America."

I am excited about September 22nd, from 5:30 to 9:00, at the church.

A meal will be provided and we will start the workshop at 6:00.

It is my hope that this will be a significant event in the beginning of the future of our ministry.

And by all means, pray. Pray for God's direction and inspiration.

Pray for the mission and ministry of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield.



Steeple Chase



Nineteenth Annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour had a banner year due to good weather and the hard work and enthusiasm of many volunteers. **Over**

\$70,000 dollars was raised to benefit Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) and Perception Programs. Inc. A total of 401 riders were spread out over five different routes, 100 mile, 62.5 metric, 50 mile, 35 mile and 20 mile, covering some of the most beautiful countryside in the State of Connecticut.

It took a lot of volunteers to help make this happen. There were (11) Rest Stops at churches including the Holy Cow Shelter on Bassett's Bridge road. (9) Sag Wagon Drivers to patrol the (5) different routes. At Windham Mills there were dozens of volunteers helping with setup, registration, food service and clean up there were well over 200 volunteers working on this event.

We wish to thank the First Baptist Church of Mansfield for the use of the church to prepare the pasta salad and to Ginny Shepardson for heading that effort up. Thanks to David Stevens and Sandy Zerio for heading up the Holy Cow Shelter and thanks to Sam and Ginny Shepardson, Ellie Trainor, Faith Austin and others for being on site that day and providing food for the event.

Thanks to the riders from our church: Charles and Devra Larkins, Kerry Landeck, Denise Keene and Bob Erickson. Thanks

to Millie Larkins for raising several Hundred Dollars for Charles and Devra and others who may have supported other riders.

Thanks to Lisa Reas for being the S.A.G. Coordinator again this year and to the drivers from our church family that patrolled the routes: Prescott Spencer and Dan Austin.



and Perception Programs

Thanks to Lee Salina for being the Rest Stop Coordinator again this year in lining up the Rest Stops and communicating with them throughout the event and seeing to the checking in of the riders at the end of their ride.

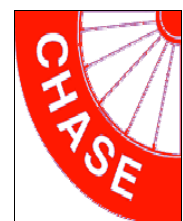
Thanks to Sandy Zerio for getting the (14) towns to sign on for the Tour and for working with the towns and the State Department of Transportation to get the Permit for the Tour.

Thanks to Morgan Baker, Warren Austin and Faith Austin for helping paint the Tour routes.

Thanks to all those we have not named, be blessed for God knows who you are.

Ed Austin — for the Steeple Chase Tour Committee

Also, Millie Larkins would like to thank everybody again for sponsoring Charlie, Devra and Maggie. All together the amount raised was \$820.00.



AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS

Friday October 15, 2010

at

Manchester Country Club

305 South Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040
(860-646-0226)



5:30-7:00 P.M. Preview Auction Items

Silent Auction Bidding Begins
Time with your Friends

6:00 P.M. Dinner with Live Music

Full Course Buffet with Three Entrée Selections!
Silent Auction Ends

6:45-8:00 P.M. Live Auction

The Friends of ABCCONN invite you to a fun, relaxing evening with your friends from all around Connecticut. For your enjoyment we begin with a **silent** auction, followed by a lovely full-course buffet dinner with live entertainment. After the meal we will have a fun, **live** auction on special items. All for \$20 per person! All proceeds go to the Friends of ABCCONN's efforts to raise \$50,000 for ABCCONN's 2010 budget.

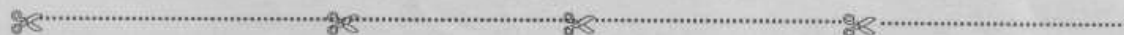
Deadline for RSVP is October 1st, 2010.

Fill out the form below and return as soon as possible.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Since this is a catered meal, late registrations cannot be accommodated.

For more info, contact Billie Lanz at ABCCONN by email: wlanz@abcconn.org
or phone(860-521-5421)



AN EVENING WITH FRIENDS Registration Form – due no later than October 1, 2010

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

of people in party _____ @ \$20/ea=Total included \$ _____
(make checks payable to Friends of ABCCONN)

Return this form and your check to:

Friends of ABCCONN, ATTN: Billie Lanz, 90A N. Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107-1924

☛ over for donation instructions and directions ☛



"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket, but on the lampstand, that it may give light to all in the house."

Matthew 5:14,15

Discipleship Fair 2010

Saturday, October 23

8:30 am—2:30 pm

Central Baptist Church, Hartford

Witnessing in the Way of Jesus

Something for everyone!

Many workshops morning and afternoon.

Children, age 4 through 5th grade:

Games! Drama! Music! Computer!

Youth, grades 6 and up:

Teen Track: Leadership and Teen Life

Adults:

Bible Study—Witnessing—Faith & Art—Faith & Humor

Spiritual Disciplines

Workshops for Deacons, Trustees, Youth Leaders, Teachers

"So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14



Christian Ed News / WAIM

November 28 will be our an- nual *Advent* *Event!*

Please join us
after Worship
for an after-
noon of pre-
Christmas
crafting and



Do you want to have a positive
impact in the community?

Volunteer as a budget coach!

Make a lasting impact by helping
lower-income working families in-
crease financial stability!

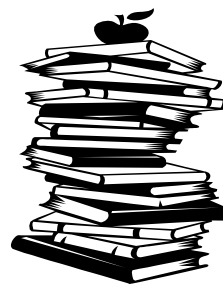
You will receive training and information
to work with families one-on-one to help
them develop a realistic budget, claim
tax credits and support services, and
build assets for a more secure future.

Contact Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

(860) 456-7270 ex. 11



This program is brought to you by WAIM, Co-
opportunity, Inc., and Windham Region United Way.
It is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Inves-
tor Education Foundation.



I am hoping to plan
a Library Work
day for anyone in-
terested, probably
on a Sunday after
Worship. There

are many old volumes that we may
not wish to keep and some rear-
rangement of the room is needed to
make it a more comfortable, wel-
coming spot!

Board of Christian Ed

Rally Day is TODAY, Sept. 12th.

Join us after Worship, we will celebrate
the beginning of our "School Year with
the (slightly revised!) Camp Wightman
theme of "Welcome Back to the Table"
with a picnic lunch and several group ac-
tivities. We will be grilling hamburgers
and hot dogs and the Social Committee
will be providing drinks and desserts.
Please bring a salad or side dish to share!

Sunday School

Samantha Figueroa will be
leading Pre-K 1st grade,
Susan Figueroa will have 2nd-5th
grade, Tricia Baker will have the
Jr. High Class (6-8th grade) and
Pastor Ron will lead the Sr. High
Class (9-12th grade). Doug
Whittemore and Pete Bradshaw
will co-teach our Adult Class.
Please pray for our teachers to
be able to effectively lead our
children to a greater knowledge
of God and to their own path in
God's Plan!

Vacation Bible School

This year we did hold a small Vacation Bible
School Program. For four Tuesdays in June and
July we met to learn about several of the lesser
known heroes and heroines of the Bible and ex-
plored how the Bible we know today developed over
the years, adding the events to a timeline. How
extraordinary to see what was happening in the
world as God's Word was handed down! We fin-
ished our program with a fan making session as a
home church service project. We hope you enjoyed
them this summer!

Church Family News

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards you sent to Harry and I as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. We had a delightful day.

Judy Conland



Camp Wightman Workday

November 13, 2010

8:00—4:00

Lunch will be provided

Come bring your skills to Camp!
It's that time of year to work on
the maintenance and beautification of your dear summer
home—Camp Wightman.

Contact Person: Karen @ 860-376-2179 x10

Beth Hocking

Please call the church office for
address.

Sarah Hocking

Please call the church office for
address.

Matthew Hocking

Please call the church office for
address.

Alyssa Geissler's Campus
Address:

Please call the church office for
address.

Clare Flynn's
Campus
Address:
Please call the church office for
address.

***The following is reprinted from the First Baptist
Church of Pittsburgh June 2010 Newsletter:***

"FBC's own Beth Hocking will be traveling to Germany this summer for a nine-week research internship at the University of Ulm. She will be researching "the catalysis of the oxidation of carbon monoxide by supported gold nanoparticles." (Sounds impressive!)

Beth was recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a "distinguished junior initiate." Founded in 1776, Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest & best-known collegiate honor society in the United States. Since its beginning, 17 U.S. presidents, 37 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, 1 NFL MVP and 131 Nobel Laureates have been inducted members. Beth is in good company! This was sent to the Newsletter by Mary Floyd."

Please Come!

Visioning Meeting

Wednesday September 22, 2010

5:30 PM

We are very fortunate to have Jeff Woods who is nationally known for his work helping churches to vision and find God's will for their particular church in these changing times lead our ALL-church visioning meeting on Wednesday September 22, 2010 at 5:30 PM. Supper will be provided. Nursery care will be available, and we are happy to provide rides. Just call John Riesen (860) 429-7569 or any one of the Executive Board. Old, young or in between, Church officer or someone who only comes on Christmas and Easter, we want your input in this process. We have benefited from the planning of our forebears who have had great vision for this church over the last 200 years. Now it is our turn and this is a great opportunity for you to help us plan for the beginning of the next 100 years. Please try to come if it is at all possible.

Kristin Geissler is a
full time graduate
student and will be
living at home this
semester.

**Happy 50th
Wedding Anni-
versary to
Francis &
Charles Woody!**



A Mission Committee Letter

The best ways to give through the World Mission Offering...

Dear Congregation,

Earthquakes and God's people. How the scriptures connect these two!

An earthquake shook a mountaintop. And through a still, small voice, God spoke to Elijah, sending him to do God's work and speak God's word. (1 Kings 19:11-16)

An earthquake shook Jesus' tomb. And through an angel, God spoke to the women, sending them to tell the amazing news that Jesus is alive. (Matthew 28:2-7)

Earthquakes will shake the earth in diverse places. And through words to the apostles, Jesus has spoken to us, sending us to tell and demonstrate the good news of God's kingdom in the whole world, to all nations. (Matthew 24:7,14)

This year's earthquakes have left behind countless deaths, injuries, ruined homes, and disrupted lives. The devastating January 12th earthquake in Haiti profoundly impacted our nation and our churches. American Baptists have worked in Haiti continuously for the past 87 years. Four International Ministries missionaries were already serving in Haiti, and additional short-term missionaries were there when the earthquake struck. Following the quake, we quickly increased our personnel and ministries in Haiti as you and others responded by praying, by volunteering or encouraging others to go, and by giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. *We thank God for you and for God's work through your response in Haiti.*

The 2010 World Mission Offering is paying special attention to Haiti because it mirrors the ministries IM missionaries and partners are also doing elsewhere. ***The World Mission Offering is more crucial than ever to sustain those ministries "in Haiti and in the World."*** God's abundant resources are sufficient for all that Jesus asks us to be and do.

100% of your church's gift to the World Mission Offering goes to support the work of partners, projects and missionaries

Please join us as we take up the World Mission Offering on September 26th and help us to reach our goal at FBCM of \$1,500 for this very timely and important mission.



Yours in Christ,

The Missions Committee

Mission Letter

Mission Letter: What Grabs Your Attention?

As I write this letter, I am in the midst of my own overseas mission experience at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon. It's in a remote area of a very populated region of the country. The countryside has a raw, unrefined look to it—similar to the suffering and death evident at the hospital compound. The community is very spiritual with Church on Sunday, a devotional service every morning of the week, and a desire to be obedient to moral standards at all times. They have a clear foundation of faith, understanding Christ as God, believing that as Lord He requires our obedience in a personal faith relationship with Him, and that the Word is from Him and informs our walk with Him. Yet, there is no attempt to hide the fact that victorious miracles are not at every turn. Several times a day a procession in mourning passes by behind a coroner's gurney. Large hospital wards full of patients, and their families helping to care for them, are wide open displays of everyone's problems and pain. People weep openly and often, when they receive bad news about loved ones. Yet, the two things that impress me most about attitudes in Africa is gracious patience in the midst of crushing poverty and suffering, and unexpected smiles and laughter.

What this calls me to remember is that materialism and physical comforts are not the source of our happiness. But, when I see the joy in celebration of their faith and the way they talk about it, I consider what IS really the source of our happiness? And what else could be the source but God's own happiness? God is happy because He delights in Himself—there is no value greater than God. And when the Father sees Jesus, who is “by very nature God,” (Philippians 2) He sees His own image which is what pleases Him (Luke 3:22). Then, the good news for us is that in the face of Calvary, God sees His Son in us, not because we have done or could do anything to please Him on our own (which would always be a losing battle), but purely because of our faith and trust in Jesus. God's joy then becomes our own. Read Jeremiah 32: 40-41 when you get a chance. The church in Cameroon here jumps for joy in the midst of their burdens and suffering; so we should jump for joy. And this becomes the motivation of all of us who believe, as missionaries for Christ, to share and witness to those who do not know Jesus, not that they may be introduced into yet another religion, but rather liberated into a joyful relationship with the Father which hinges upon His seeing us through the blood of His Son. The world tells us that we are being exclusive in such faith. But they do not believe that God did it. How does God see it? After condescending to live on the earth an impoverished life of a servant, “he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross” so that we could live. Does it make sense to believe this and also that God would then say it's alright to come to Him through Mohammed, Buddha, or Moses? No one can be serious to think that God would suffer and be humiliated like Christ was for us, and then point to whatever prophet comes along that might appeal to us.

What is so comfortable in thinking that any path that you choose works is that you really don't have to pay much attention to what they all say. But if one chooses to believe that Jesus is the Lord of life, then that really tends to focus your attention.

Respectfully, Doug Whittemore

Music Notes

Thank you to all those who participated in our summer music program:

Ally Austin	Grace Riesen
Jessica Figueroa	Melissa Rood
Sarah Hocking	Willard Thomen
Frances Nichols	Erin Toy
Cheyenne Nichols	Sierra Yanaway
Brian Nilson	Terry Yanaway
Andy Noznick	Sandy Zerio



Willard Thomen, Jr., and Ally Austin on Sunday, August 15th. Willard is the son of former pastor Rev. Willard Thomen, Sr. He grew up in Mansfield and often sings in our church in the summer when he visits his family in New England. Willard is a soloist, music teacher, voice coach, and church choir director in suburban Chicago.

Youth Choir

Some of the Youth Choir members and families enjoyed a pizza lunch at church on Sunday September 5th and then traveled to Somers Golf Center in Somers, CT for a great time of playing miniature golf. After golfing we met at the home of the Hockings for ice cream sundaes and a time of gathering ideas for what we might like to do this coming year. Many thanks for all who



helped make this outing a fun time. We have some great miniature golf players in our group!

Please come to our first rehearsal of the year this Sunday September 12 at 9:00 AM. Everyone in 1st grade and up is welcome. We meet at **9:00 AM each Sunday morning in the music room.**

Let's make this a "Singing Season" for the Lord.

In Christ,
Mrs. Riesen



Adult Choir / Trustees

Notes from the Trustees:

The trustees have entered into a contract to replace the sanctuary roof after the church approved the expenditure at a special business meeting this summer. We expect the work to begin in October and to have at least one side done before the weather gets too bad to work on it. There will be a fund raising concert by the "Take Notes" this Fall to help start our fund raising activities.

The maple tree on the south lawn of the church has a large dead limb in the center. We have consulted with Bob and Sue Bauer and have learned that the tree has several problems and will most likely die in a few years. With expensive care it could be kept alive a little longer. The cost to remove the dead limb (and the liability of it falling and doing damage to someone or blocking the road which would result in expensive emergency clean-up) is about \$250 while to remove the entire tree is only \$100 more. We have therefore decided to remove the tree now and plant a new one after the work on the roof is completed. There have been many memorable moments and events that have taken place under the tree and I am sure many of us will miss it. I hope the replacement will be the asset to us in the future that this tree has been in the past.

A HUGH thanks to Prescott Spencer and Nils Setterberg for painting the Christian Education wing this summer and also to Prescott for a great job in keeping the lawn mowed and looking great. Thanks also to John Riesen and Nancy Flynn for painting one of the Sunday school rooms.

Adult Choir

Calling all adults who like to sing! Our adult choir rehearses **Thursday evening at 7:30 PM** in the music room with our director Melissa Rood. Come and join us as we lift our voices to praise God.



Notice to All Boards and Committees:

Please have your 2011 budget requests into the Trustees by

Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Please make every effort to not increase your budget because so far this year's income has been less than last year's income.

*Thank You,
Board of Trustees*

Warriors 4 Christ

Youth Group Corner:

This summer we remained opened for youth group. One of the songs that we would sing that became a favorite is a song called Light the Fire.

Let me tell you as the church heated up sometimes I really felt like someone lit the fire because as I watched the kids dance, and sing and be in the presence of God I knew that God had lit the fire in their hearts. What a wonderful way to spend Friday nights during the summer! Coming to youth group and having lots of water play and we certainly did that but then to come together and be able to praise God with our whole hearts. During the summer our group sometimes reached about 17-18 kids! It was awesome. We even had two students that came in from Switzerland!

To end the summer we went on a camping trip. There were 13 kids and 4 adults that went. Mrs. Baker joined us on Satur-

day to celebrate Olivia Baker's birthday and she brought the yummiest cake with her. We really appreciated all the donations that came in to us for this trip. Thank you to all who helped out Friday we arrived at the camp site. As the kids all rolled in at different times, it was great just seeing them again since we hadn't met for a few weeks. Since Friday was pretty much a catch up day we all just enjoyed each other with our awe-



some Chef Brian in the back cooking us delicious things to eat. A little time for night swimming was a highlight for those daring enough to go swimming in the lake at night with some adult supervision as well.

Saturday some were ambitious enough to play a little mini golf after a scrumptious breakfast of cinnamon rolls. We all met for a hay ride and then having lunch with a little birthday celebration. It was then time to hit the water slide! What a blast! Later we all got glow sticks

and had a glow in the dark parade led by the famous Yogi Bear and Boo Boo! Giant glow sticks galore! That evening we had some time for a message about preparing our hearts and some singing! All and all the trip was tons of fun!

A special thank you not just to those who donated but I would like to say thank you to Susan and Pastor Ron for taking time out of their weekend to help us out. I enjoyed their company and I found that this weekend was just full of blessings!

We started back up with youth group on September 3rd, it was held at the Nilson's house. I look forward to another year of God's blessings and growth in all of our lives.

For those who may not know I have started going to school as a full time student. I am going to John Wesley College. It is located in High Point, N.C. Although all of my courses are online there is still a lot to do and a lot of information to comprehend. I have already found in my first two courses some amazing things. I think it is really neat to learn about the bible in this whole new way of digging deeply into what was happening at that time. I would appreciate it if you kept me in your prayers. Lots of good things are happening.

Praise God!

Rose Nilson



ABWM-EGMS/Church Women United/COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN

EMMA GARDINER MISSIONARY SOCIETY

(American Baptist Women's Ministries)

Programs: 2010-2011

Tuesday, November 2

"God has a Purpose For Us"

Tuesday, December 7

Christmas Program

Tuesday, February 8

The Theme is Hope"

Tuesday, March 8

"Being Called by God"

Tuesday, April 3

"Women...Destined for God's Purpose"

Tuesday, May 3

"Giving Thanks for Our Gifts"

Tuesday, June 7

"Annual Friendship Luncheon
(12 Noon) Sharing a Fellowship
Lunch with Guests

**** All meetings are at the church at 2:00 p.m.**

(All ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend these gatherings.)

Church Women United—2010-2011 Gatherings and Celebrations

Saturday, October 2 (9 a.m.)

Prayer Breakfast/Annual Meeting

Host Church: St. Thomas Aquinas,
Storrs (Anita Powers & Susan Salesses)

Saturday, November 6 (9 a.m.)

World Community Day

Host Church: Calvary Baptist Church -
Willimantic (Cynthia Richardson)

Sunday, January 23 (4 p.m.)

Human Rights Celebration

(Snow date: Jan. 29) (Saturday)

Host Church: First Baptist Church of
Mansfield

(Lena Barry)

Friday, March 4 (9:45 a.m.)

World Day of Prayer

Host: Douglas Manor for Nursing and
Rehabilitation

Saturday, May 14

May Friendship Day

(Morning Program & Salad Lunch)

WAIM and COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN

Contributions to Covenant Soup Kitchen have continued on a relatively even keel this year. In the approximately five months since I have made a report the following items have been contributed and delivered.

April 2010	54 cans of vegetables
May 2010	29 lbs of pasta 11 x miscellaneous
June 2010	4 x 10 qt boxes dry milk 1 x 3 qt box dry milk 12 x 4oz pkgs strawberries and raspberries
July 2010	13 x 28oz cans peaches 19 x 15-20oz cans various fruits 2 boxes mac & cheese dinners
August 2010	31 boxes dry cereal 6 miscellaneous items, include ing peanut butter & jelly left over from Steeplechase.

Additionally, numerous bags of used clothing and household goods have been delivered to WAIM.

Ladies Aid Society

The Ladies Aid had a number of very enjoyable and productive pot luck supper meetings throughout the spring and we last met in April. The summer was a time of rest and refreshment. We are now ready to get back to work!

At our April meeting we voted to purchase some new chairs and a storage rack to store the chairs on for the conference room. The chairs we currently have in the conference room are getting older and some have been removed because of problems with the seats or safety concerns. We hope to make this initial purchase in the near future and perhaps put together a plan to purchase additional chairs to replace all the chairs in the conference room. We have a sample chair that we would like to show you soon.

In order to fund the chair purchase and continue our activities, we have some fundraisers on the horizon. Fall is in the air and we are looking forward to making some very delicious apple crisp for an **Apple Crisp Sale**. We will be having a **Ladies Aid Meeting/Crisp Making Session on Saturday, September 25th at 9 am**. Individual servings of crisp will be for sale after the worship service on Sunday, September 26.

We will be sponsoring a **Butter Braid Sale** again this year. The selling dates are **November 10 through November 31**. It is always nice to have these delicious pastries on hand in your freezer. Order forms will be available for anyone who would like to sell to others and there

will be a church order form on the conference room bulletin board for individual orders. You must turn your orders in to Patty Geissler by Sunday, November 31st. Butter Braids will be available for pick up at the church on Saturday, November 13 at 9:30 am.

The **Rada Sale** that we sponsored last year was successful and we heard from many folks that they liked the products. We will be doing that again sometime before the holiday season. Be on the lookout for more details!

Last, but not least, we have been talking about an upcoming **Ladies Aid Cook Book** for quite some time. This is the final call for recipes. We have a deadline of the end of September for submitting recipes to the cook book company and we hope to have the books available for purchase before Christmas. Please see

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	3 Footsteps in Africa Charity Concert	4 Church Tag Sale to Benefit WAIM
5 Youth Choir Mini	6	7	8	9 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	10 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	11
12 Rally Day; Youth Choir @ 9am	13	14 Brd. Of Christian Ed Mtg. 6pm	15	16 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	17 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	18
19 Trustees Mtg.	20	21	22 Visioning Mtg. 5:30 pm (Jeff Woods)	23 Adult Choir 7:30 pm Fall Begins	24 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	25
26 World Mission Offering; Ladies Aid Apple Crisp Sale	27	28	29	30 Adult Choir 7:30 pm		

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

Happy Birthday!

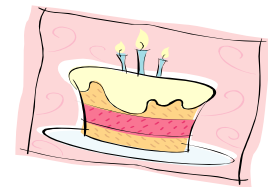


October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	2 CWU Prayer Breakfast &
3 2011 Budget Requests	4	5	6	7 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	8 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	15 YG 6:30-9pm ABCCONN's "An Evening w/Friends	16
17	18	19	20	21 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	22 Soup Kitchen 4pm YG 6:30-9pm	23 Disci- pleship Fair 8:30-2:30
24	25	26	27	28 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	29 YG 6:30-9pm	30
31 Fall Business Mtg Halloween						

Happy Birthday!

Oct. 2—Amanda Figueroa
Oct. 2—Samantha Figueroa
Oct. 4—Daniel Parker
Oct. 14—Walter Palmer, Jr.
Oct. 19—Mary Ann Sheehan
Oct. 22—Laura Austin
Oct. 22—Jessica Figueroa
Oct. 27—Charles Woody



November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 EGMS @ 2pm	3	4 Adult Choir 7:30 pm	5 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	6 CWU World Com- munity Day
7 End Daylight Savings Fall Back	8	9	10 Ladies Aid Butter Braid Sale Begins	11 Veteran's Day; Adult Choir 7:30 pm	12 Soup Kitchen 4pm Youth Group 6:30-9pm	13 Camp Wightman Work Day 8-4
14	15	16	17	18 No Adult Choir	19 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Youth Group 6:30-9pm	27
28 Advent Event	29	30				

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Nov. 2—Peg Barlow
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—Dottie Rose Gilliam
Nov. 15—Allyson Austin
Nov. 18—Prescott Spencer
Nov. 20—Matthew Hocking
Nov. 20—Sarah Hocking
Nov. 26—Becky Austin





Dates to Remember

Sept. 14—Brd. Of Christian Ed Mtg. 6pm

Sept. 19—Trustees Meeting

Sept. 22—*Vision Meeting 5:30 (Jeff Woods)*

Sept. 26—World Mission Offering

Sept. 26—Ladies Aid Apple Crisp Sale

Oct. 2—CWU Prayer Breakfast & Annual Meeting

Oct. 3—2011 Budget Requests are due

Oct. 15—ABCCONN's "An Evening w/Friends"

Oct. 22—Soup Kitchen at 4pm

Oct. 31—FBCM Fall Business Meeting

Nov. 2—EGMS at 2pm

Nov. 6—CWU World Community Day

Nov. 7—End of Daylight Savings Time—Fall Back

Nov. 10—Ladies Aid Butter Braid Sale Begins

Nov. 11—Veteran's Day

Nov. 12—Soup Kitchen at 4pm

Nov. 13—Camp Wightman Work Day 8-4

Nov. 18—NO Adult Choir

Nov. 25—Thanksgiving

Nov. 28—Advent Event

**** Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm is Adult Choir**

**** Every Friday evening is Youth Group from 6:30-9pm**



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Youth Group, Fri. 6:30-9:00 p.m.



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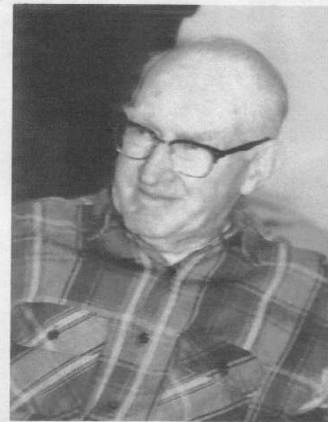
LOCAL AMERICAN BAPTIST-ARTIST-AUTHOR-RETIRED ARTS TEACHER

JACK B. ALLEN

Will be with us Sunday October 3rd to display some of his art work during coffee hour. On display will be five (5) oil paintings of his choosing and a number of prints of his paintings that he has donated to ABCONN for their auction to be held October, 15, 2010 at the Manchester Country Club starting at 5:30 PM. (See Judy Conland for more detail on that.) Also on display will be His children's book "The Fictional Path" containing several fully illustrated stories about children and animals that any child and/or parent will love to read. These books will be on sale for \$14.00 dollars each with one half the price \$7.00 dollars donated to Camp Wightman. Jack will be available to discuss his work and experiences before and after the service. He will also be making a presentation to the children.

A short Biography-

Born in Norwich, CT., Served in the Navy during WW II, attended the John Herron Art Institute now Indiana State U, taught art at Windham High from 1952 until 1985, taught for five (5) more years in various grammar schools, Jack and his wife Betty taught Sunday School, led church youth groups and worked with other Baptist Churches through the Macedonian Ministries' program, Jack has painted full wall murals depicting Bible scenes in several area churches including the design for the WAIM logo. You will see just a sampling of the dozens of human interest and animal oils that he has painted. Be sure to attend.



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Jack B. Allen