



A Post-Easter Potpourri

- ✚ Easter has just begun. Post that on your fridge and be thankful!
- ✚ Forgiveness is a choice. Choose wisely. Live long and prosper.
- ✚ How can you do Mother's Day in a new way?
- ✚ A famous religious teacher—a saint, in fact—was passing through a small town. It was known that he carried with him the secret key to understanding the meaning of life. A certain pickpocket approached him, searched him with his talented fingers, found nothing, and turned away, empty-handed. All he had noticed were the pockets. (With thanks to Robert Fulghum)
- ✚ An Easter Thought, for the 2nd Sunday in Easter. (April 28, 2019). "We had hard baked potatoes for supper, and overspiced cabbage. I'm in favor of becoming a vegetarian only if the vegetables are cooked right. (What a hard job cooking is here! But the human warmth in the dining room covers up a multitude of sins.) Another food grievance: onions chopped up in a fruit salad, plus spices and herbs! A sacrilege—to treat foods in this way. Food should be treated with respect, since our Lord left himself to us in the guise of food. His disciples knew him in the breaking of bread." (With thanks to Dorothy Day)

- ✚ GWIM Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen. Dorothy Day would be proud!
- ✚ Did I say “Thanks!” to all the young families with children who brought their love to all of us on Easter Sunday? THANK YOU!
- ✚ “You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat. So I did sit and eat.” (George Herbert, 17th century English divine and poet, for whom “Love” was always the Christ who came and gave himself for us.)
- ✚ Heaven comes in the most unexpected ways. Watch for it!
- ✚ “The King of love my shepherd is...” we sing, and need more than ever to remember the “Shepherd of tender youth...” to whom we bring our children to teach them praise.
- ✚ My Grandfather’s favorite hymn was “How Beautiful Heaven Must Be,” and at Easter I sing it aloud to myself, or with my sister over the phone, for at Easter the gates of Heaven have been opened and the “fair haven of rest for the weary” awaits us all in the Risen Christ! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Peace to all,
Ken Frazier



POINTS TO PONDER

- ◆ The Board of Deacons offers Holy Communion for those who are homebound. Call the Church Office to let us know you would appreciate receiving Communion.
- ◆ When you are a patient at either hospital in Waterbury, please let the Office know that you are there. We can only check with St Mary's Hospital to see if any of our members are there. Waterbury Hospital will not give out that information. You are also encouraged to let the Church know if you are being admitted to a hospital if you would like the Pastor to come and make a visit.
- ◆ If you have recently relocated or are planning to relocate, or have make any other changes please notify the Church Office of your address change, etc. so that we can keep our records current and assure delivery to you of any Church related materials.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

GWIM FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Meats,
Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta &
Pasta Sauce, Juice, tuna, canned**

**soups-stews-chili, canned fruits, canned
vegetables, beans (canned or dried), rice pouches,
etc.** Other donations will be welcomed, but these will
be the main focus. The food basket will be available
each week in the Narthex.





Music /Youth Notes!

Grateful appreciation to everyone who attended or volunteered for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, again another fun filled afternoon with everyone who attended!

Rather than write the typical “what’s coming up email I felt it would much more appropriate to share with everyone who reads this newsletter a brief faith statement. Often I hear the comment “why go to church”? After pondering this question this is what I came up with; Growing up at First Church of Waterbury I developed a firm foundation for my future, a foundation on how to treat others, a foundation in Art, Music and Theater. My first piano lessons were held here every Saturday morning, I sang in the children’s choir, was involved in Godspell, Passion Play remembering Gilbert & Sullivan and the amazing scenic work designed by Bill Cone of which some of the scenery is still used in our annual Haunted House. Church also became my extended family and support system, still as important today as it was then. Students young and old were inspired by performances in this building some moving on to careers in music, art and even laity.

As a child and in my teen years I was involved with scouting, little league and several other programs, but come Sunday morning, I was in church for an hour to spend time with the “family”. As I have learned over the years family isn’t always blood.

Moving forward through the years, my first job was in a small tech theater company as a stage lighting tech, later on down the road I cofounded the Waterbury Palace Foundation a group dedicated to saving and revitalizing Waterbury’s historic Palace Theater. As a musician for just over 30 years I have had the opportunity to perform in places where some may never.

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The past 6 years I have also worked in the Operations Department at Radio City Music Hall. All of this started here at The First Congregational Church of Waterbury, “church” goes beyond Sunday mornings. Fellowship through Coffee Houses, Haunted Houses, Easter Egg Hunts, Choir, Arts & Laughs, YES Week and now again the Fair. There are many opportunities for people to learn and share.

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The First Congregational Church of Waterbury



CAN THE CHURCH HELP YOU with YOUR MEDICAL & DENTAL BILLS?



The Blakesley Bed Fund is available for **active church members only** and their dependent children to help with medical bills.

Please submit bills to Roxanne’s attention in the church office. If you are not sure if a bill falls under the guidelines, submit it anyway, and the Trustees will determine if it is eligible for payment.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

ALL BILLS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE MEMBER NOT MAILED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY THE DOCTOR, HOSPITAL, DENTIST, ETC.

All Dental Visits from all three churches (to be put in their file at the dentist office) will need a letter (for each calendar year) from the First Congregational Church Office to be signed only by Rev. Kenneth Frazier in (call Roxanne at the church office 203-757-0331) before going to your appointment.



WISH LIST FOR

SAFE HAVEN SHELTER

- ◆ Liquid Laundry detergent
- ◆ Canned Juice
- ◆ Dish Detergent
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Jars of Baby Food
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Videos
- ◆ Nintendo Games
- ◆ Women's Underwear (new)
- ◆ Wash Cloths
- ◆ Gift Certificates
- ◆ Pillow Cases - Pillows
- ◆ Hair Brushes
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies
- ◆ Baby Cereal
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Large Bath towels
- ◆ Fitted twin sheets
- ◆ Children's Underwear (new)

Safe Haven currently provides the following bilingual (English/Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: up to 60 days of shelter for women and their children; individual and peer group counseling; 24 hour crisis hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault; legal advocacy information and referral; community education for adults and children; and court based family violence victim advocacy.

All information obtained through counseling remains confidential. They do not subscribe to Caller I. D. Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday of the

month.



Happy Birthday to the following Church Members:

Marilyn Dabbo 5/1
Amanda Liburdi 5/3
Lexie Sharma 5/5
Melissa Lundeen 5/7
John (Scott) Malone 5/9
Diane Mason 5/9
Jennifer St. George 5/11
Carol Hay 5/15
Garret Post 5/17

Jacob Allan 5/18
Benjamin St. George 5/21
Joseph Hughes 5/21
Dorothy West 5/22
Bonnie Odiorne 5/23
Jaclyn Sharma 5/23
Stewart Crouse 5/23
Brianna Guay 5/28
Cooper Sweeney 5/31



Scholarship Sunday News!

On Sunday, **June 9, 2019** following the service, the Scholarship Committee will be hosting a reception for Scholarship

Recipients, their families, and members of the church.

It would be greatly appreciated if members could help the committee by bringing cookies or finger sandwiches. You may drop them off in the kitchen before the service.

Thanking you in Advance!



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Patrons' Page in the Terrific Tuesday Program booklet!

A DONATION FROM OUR MEMBERS AND WATERBURY BAPTIST MINISTRIES MEMBERS. **A PATRON DONATION WILL BE \$25.00.** IF ANYONE IS ABLE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IN THE MEMO PLEASE PUT TERRIFIC TUESDAYS.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS WILL ALL COME TOGETHER AGAIN AS IT DID LAST YEAR!! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 17TH. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PAST THAT DATE. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU CAN DO!!



