

*From the  
Pastor*



Good summer to you my brothers and sisters: I invite you to begin each day in prayer.

Real prayer is always more than begging; it is affirmation:

“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.”

That is prayer!

It carries up into the center of the soul convictions and reassurances that crowd out apprehension and fears. Prayers can blow trumpets in one’s spirit! An old legend says that after the angels had rebelled in heaven and had been cast out into their eternal prison, they were asked what they missed most and they answered, “The Sound of the Trumpets in the morning.”

That is prayer!

So take a moment out of your day and exercise your right to pray. The P’s of Prayer are a suggested guide if you so choose. God Bless you on your journey this summer.

Loving Peace  
Rev. Dennis

# **The P's of Prayer**

## **Posture**

**Find a comfortable posture for your prayer period.**

## **Presence**

**Imagine yourself in the presence of the divine.**

## **Preparatory Prayer**

**Lord, direct everything during this time to your praise and service.**

## **Petition**

**Ask God for what your desire**

## **Passage**

**Choose the passage and read it over slowly**

## **Place**

**Using your imagination, picture the scene, and place yourself in the scene.**

## **Pause and Ponder**

**Pause and ponder the scene, the conversation, the events and take part in them.**

## **Period**

**To conclude, have a conversation with Jesus as a friend would speak to a friend.**

**Then review what happened in your prayer Period.**

**This isn't Sometimes - This is Always**

# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



DON POWELL SCHOLARSHIP

Brook Iannone

GEBHARDT SCHOLARSHIP

\*Cassandra Post

KIRK SCHOLARSHIP

Gary Kozikowski

ETHEL CARD SCHOLARSHIP

Kyle Hensel

ALFRED MEYERHANS SCHOLARSHIP

\*Dylan Rodriguez

JOHN BRADLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Luciano D'Amelio

MARIE WELLS SCHOLARSHIP

\*Sarah Cooley

JOHN IRVING WEST SCHOLARSHIP

\*Kaitlin Post

YOUNG-GALLAUDET SCHOLARSHIP

\*Matthew Elwell

DONALD/RUTH KAPLAN SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Keating

JOHN BLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

\*Madelyn Chalker

HELEN SPERRY SCHOLARSHIP

Brooke Cyr

C. RUSSELL SUMPF

\*Jason Polaski

DOROTHY CAVANAUGH SCHOLARSHIP

\*Jillian Audibert

BARTON-CROUSE SCHOLARSHIP

\*Max St. George

ANN CASALY SUTHERLAND SCHOLARSHIP

\*Caroline McDermott

EMILY DOWNS SCHOLARSHIP

Sam Bermer

CHASE KIMBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Joshua Teixeira

ALLEN STEEL SCHOLARSHIP

Dan McDermott

THOMAS DOWNIE SCHOLARSHIP

Kevin Guerra

BETTY COUCH SCHOLARSHIP

Julia Mehlin

MCKENNERNEY SCHOLARSHIP

Alison Hensel

CARTER LEGGETT SCHOLARSHIP

Rana Aljamal

MARCIE GORDON SCHOLARSHIP

Adam Audibert

CHRISTIAN COTNER SCHOLARSHIP

Ahnaf Masharraf

FRANK & JEAN GENTILE SCHOLARSHIP

\*Jamie Baker

SCHLEGEL SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Tricarico

SILVA-CAPOBIANCO SCHOLARSHIP

\*Cayden Nadolny-Pallato



# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CON'T

## GENERAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Aysiaa Wujcik	Joshua Holland
Abrianna Dunn	Caden Effrece
Joshua Prashad	Alexis Aviles
*Tamesh Govinden	Jason Canady
Ava Sarasin	Savannah Jones
Alexia Rossi	Will Dupree

## KATHERINE PECK SCHOLARSHIP

Kelly Brodeur	*Megan Prescott
Isabell Myshrall	Joleen Once
Grace Perugini	Kerianne Rodrigues
Katherine Rodrigues	Julia Sullivan
Amanda Sullivan	Sophia Farias
Constance Larrandabure	Arielle Vargas
Ava Sedensky	Raeanna Byrnes
Jenna Tracey	Madison Brasche

\*Indicates First Church Member or relation



## JULY "BIRTHDAY" WISHES!

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members

Brandon Cooley 7/2	Jason Polaski 7/16
Claire Hughes 7/10	Kristen Perham 7/16
Brandon Brites 7/11	Layla Post 7/17
Beth Bartholomew 7/13	Leah Dabbo 7/19
Steve Chaivanik 7/14	David Crouse 7/29





## AUGUST "BIRTHDAY" WISHES!

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members

Christa Casey 8/2  
Linda Walters 8/5  
Kadi DeLauri 8/5  
Joseph Grzybowski 8/7  
Rodrique Cooley 8/13  
June Christensen 8/14  
Alex Rodriguez 8/17  
Heather Elwell Hirbour 8/18  
Elizabeth F. Sweeney 8/19  
Carol Martinez 8/20

Jana Feeney 8/21  
Eric Cotner 8/24  
Lois McClain 8/25  
Dana Sears 8/25  
Laura Munger 8/25  
Mary Doner 8/25  
Michelle Comier 8/26  
Brittany Currier 8/27  
Allan Lindsay 8/30



**August Worship will be celebrated here at First Church every Sunday in Clinton**

**Hall! If this changes we will let you know in church bulletins in July!**

**As far as the church picnic – keep checking church bulletins!!**



# **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 donations to the church.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
June 30<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> the Church  
Office will be closing at noon on Fridays.

## NOTES FROM OUR Director of Music



Wishing each & every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer as this will be the last newsletter until September. Please keep in mind Terrific Tuesday's are coming up quickly and there's a wonderful lineup of performers scheduled.

Upcoming dates to mark down:

October 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	Haunted House Halloween Party
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Church Fair
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Hanging of the Greens

Until then, keep stay tuned to our Facebook page and Website as there may be updates and events not mentioned in the newsletter.

As mentioned before, if anyone is interested in helping with some small projects around the building please contact me and we will set it up. Projects available: gardening, and other outside work.

Stewart Crouse  
Director of Music





**First  
Congregational Church & Waterbury  
Baptist Ministries present:**

*Sponsored in part by  
First Church Outreach &  
Waterbury Baptist Ministries*

<u>July 11<sup>th</sup></u>	6 pm "ROCKIN Heartbeats"
<u>July 18<sup>th</sup></u>	6 pm Mateo Macias
<u>July 25<sup>th</sup></u>	6 pm Will & Jan Band
<u>August 1<sup>st</sup></u>	6 pm Bomba Band

**Volunteers needed for:** Set-up, serving and clean-up from 5 pm to 7 pm Serving hot dogs, chips & beverage. Come, bring a friend, a lawn chair enjoy the evenings! We know that these are popular concerts and hope that you will use the opportunity for introducing your friends and neighbors to our lively and spirited church.

**We need beef hotdog donations!!**

