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Faith's Firm Foundation

By Jeff Braun, Senior Minister

On Sunday, September 11, the First Congregational Church of Cheshire will celebrate the beginning of the 2011-2012 program year. We will mark the day with a single 10 a.m. service in our sanctuary followed by a picnic on our church green, as has become our tradition.

September 11 will be a chance to reunite, through prayer and song, after summer's refreshment. It will be a chance to carry the Spirit that rises during worship out onto our front lawn, so that all might see that God's love is alive in this congregation ... and so that other people might know they are welcome to join us.

September 11 will also be a day to remember. Ten years ago, the course of thousands of lives, and (without exaggeration) the course of our nation and the world, changed irrevocably. The incendiary images and scars from that fateful day will rightly be on our minds as we gather for Homecoming. The joy of our reunion will be unavoidably tempered by 9/11's legacy of loss, which continues to play out even today in the hearts of bereaved loved ones, in the health-care

struggles of first responders, and in the heat of distant battlefields.

9/11 is surely a call to remember. But it is no less a call to give thanks – and, indeed, to celebrate – the blessings of life, which 9/11's losses reveal as all the more precious.

The cataclysm of that day underscores the importance of community, the importance of God's love, and the importance of faith in a higher power. A faith in action. A faith in the loving Lord, whom we know through Christ, who can withstand hate's most withering assault. A faith that can heal no matter the wounds. A faith that can reach across political, religious, economic, national, and cultural divides. A faith that can rise up in the hope of the kingdom that is to come ... the kingdom of love and hope and grace to which Jesus bids us journey.

It is a sacred parcel of that beloved kingdom that we seek to remember and to build: on the anniversary of 9/11, on the occasion of our Homecoming, and in the

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newly begun process of discerning God's vision for our congregation. So, together, let us remember. Let us rally. Let us rise in the Holy Spirit in which all is possible, all is light, all is love!

God's Peace,
Jeff



Join in Homecoming

The church's annual Homecoming celebration will be Sunday, September 11. Please join us!

A single worship service at 10 a.m. will be followed by a picnic on the church Green. Bring family and friends and help get the new program year off to a good start.



Church Office Hours

Regular church office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, will resume on Tuesday, September 6, the day after Labor Day.

**Leave a legacy,
not just an empty pew:
Have you remembered
First Congregational Church
in your estate planning?**

September Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 4: Labor Day weekend; single worship service at 10:00. Alison McCaffrey preaching. Communion will be served. Food offerings will be received; the food of the month is canned corned beef hash.

Sunday, September 11: Homecoming Sunday. Single worship service at 10:00, followed by picnic on the church Green. Jeff Braun preaching.

Sunday, September 18: The regular schedule of 9:00 and 11:00 worship services resumes.

Sunday, September 25: Services at 9:00 and 11:00.

Church Calendar Online

You may now keep up with all upcoming events at First Congregational Church by going online. Visit www.cheshirecongregational.org and select "Calendar" from the boxes at the top of the home page.

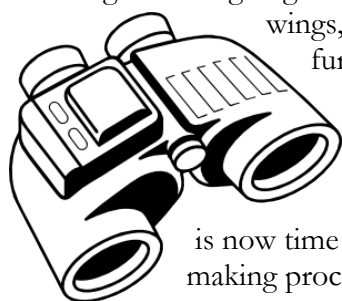
It's a quick and easy way to keep up with everything that's happening in our church, from the times of worship services to special events.

Also, the Church News feature on the right of the home page is the easiest way to keep up with what's happening at First Congregational Church. Visit it often.

Ready to Discern God's Vision for Our Church

At the July Executive Board meeting, Past President Ford Cole reported on plans for a new long-range planning process for our church. (According to our by-laws it is the Past President who has primary responsibility for long-range planning.) Here's a summary:

The interim period between settled senior ministers ended more than two years ago. Since then, Jeff Braun, Alison McCaffrey, and lay leaders have been discussing and, more important, listening to where and how our church should be moving. Are we going to soar on eagle's



wings, or paddle furiously just to stay in the same place? We are at a threshold moment, and it is now time for a decision-making process.

Mainline Protestant churches, in general, are not growing, and haven't been for quite some time. First Congregational Church is an exception to this trend. We are holding our own, but if we truly take advantage of the blessings we've received, we should be growing. We should be soaring, not just holding our own. If you have missed that message in Sunday sermons, you might need to listen more carefully.

The time has come for our church to begin a new process to develop a formal long-range plan. This will not be quickly accomplished, but hopefully it will be well

underway by the end of the year. Our first step is to work on a way to engage the entire congregation in discerning answers to the following questions:

- Who are we? Where are we going? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?

- Are we listening to Christ? Are we willing to follow Jesus when he calls us? (And he will call us; will we listen?)

- Looking five years down the road, what are our objectives?

- What are God's objectives for our church, and how do we discern them?

- Are our objectives in line with God's objectives?

- Does our budget meet our long-range goals – and if so, how? Or does our budgetary process (or many processes) impede our progress?

These are challenging questions and, clearly, the Executive Board clergy, and staff cannot answer them alone.

Equally, we cannot answer them in a vacuum. Our internal conversations about where we feel God calling our congregation will need to accurately survey and, what's more, creatively respond to trends and realities within the world at large.

This report is intended to announce to the whole congregation that the long-range planning process is starting, and to encourage all to be prepared to join in the discernment and decision-making.

The Executive Board

Columbarium Dedicated

Between services on May 21, members of the congregation gathered at the Columbarium for a dedication of this sacred space. The service was led by Senior Minister Jeff Braun and members of the Columbarium Committee. For many, it was the first time they had seen the Columbarium, and there were many positive comments. It is located in the back yard of the church between the Japanese chestnut tree and the Whiting House, and it is a place where you can visit, walk, pray, or just enjoy the quiet.

After many years of planning, construction was completed in the fall of 2011. The anticipated addition of two stone benches within the boxwood square will complete the Columbarium. The Board of Trustees has plans to do some landscaping work to the west of the site, which will enhance that area.

Sixteen of the 49 plots have been purchased, and three interments have already taken place. If you are interested in purchasing a plot, a packet of information and an application to purchase may be picked up at the church office, or you may ask the office to send you one. The packet lists the cost and what is included, rules and regulations for purchase and interment, gift opportunities, etc. If you have questions, a member of the committee will be happy to talk with you.

The Columbarium Committee: Nora Adams, Martha Lape, Jane Richards, and Kevin Ross.

Think about Christmas?

Of course, no one wants to think about Christmas now! -- but all of those wonderful people who coordinate the various areas of our Christmas Fair are doing just that. The Fair is Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and already ideas are being tossed around and workshops are being planned. We've got an idea to get men involved in a workshop, too!

Do you have an idea for a new kind of booth, or something that would sell really well, or would you like to help with an existing booth? Then please plan to come to the next meeting of the group on Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the church parlor to share it.

Save the date – we do appreciate your coming to shop and have lunch with us! And in December, don't forget to bring the kids to see Santa, make a craft, and do their shopping.

Help Support Josh Budd

One of those our church has been praying for this summer is wounded Cheshire veteran Josh Budd, who lost a leg in Afghanistan in July. A benefit event to raise money for Josh will be held Sunday, September 11, from noon to 6 p.m. at the VFW, 218 Cheshire Road, Prospect.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Danielle Dorin at 203-314-2270 or Peggy Baker at 203-272-2575.

Pastoral / Staff Relations

The best kept secret in our church may be the newly-formed Pastoral/Staff Relations Committee. We are now meeting monthly to strengthen the relationships between the congregation and paid clergy (Jeff and Alison) and staff (Joe, Carroll, Todd, Leslie and Fred).

Our church by-laws charge us, as a subcommittee of the Deacons, “to support, advocate for, and advise clergy and staff.” We also want to advocate for you, our members, as you interact with our ministers and staff. We have begun meeting regularly with Jeff and Alison to offer them a confidential place to express their hopes and frustrations. We are also becoming a sounding board for the staff as they work with our ministers and church members.

We invite you, the congregation, to approach any of our committee with concerns, and to request time to express them in a confidential meeting. We want to be a bridge between clergy and the congregation, so that they and you can better understand each other’s needs, express disappointments, resolve disagreements, and find ways to improve our shared ministry. We hope to foster honest, constructive communication.

Our members welcome your calls: John Afman, chair (203-235-6294), Carol Warner (860-349-3032), Kerrie Dunne (203-250-8383), Mark Hall (203-272-1187), Jan Cowles (203-272-8441), and Bob Mead (203-248-9576).

John Afman

Columbus House

On June 29, Bill and Marianne Eagleson, Karen Gravino, Lisa Canas, Lynn Hackett, Jane Richards, and Joe and Jan Garthwait traveled to New Haven to serve a wonderful meal to almost 100 guests at Columbus House. They enjoyed meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and homemade pie with whipped cream and some July 4th mints, and were thrilled that we had plenty for second helpings of everything.

Thanks again to all of our faithful cooks who always generously provide what we need to make this possible: Jan Cowles, Millie Farrell, Emma Norback, Toni Moldenhauer, Kathy Duffendack, Brian Castler, Theresa and Glenn Nowie, Ken Anderson, Carol Cummings, Karen Gravino, the Eaglesons, Henry McNulty, Nora Adams, Eleanor Gager, Sally Ziegler, Janet Moore, Teena Griggs, Lisa Canas, Nancy Brunetti, Carroll Cyr, Pam Euerle, Beth Ross, Patty Strazzulla, Martha Lape, and Shirley Albanese. Pam and Ken Euerle hosted a wonderful meal and time of fellowship for the servers afterwards.

Jan Garthwait

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at the church? Check
cheshirecongregational.org
every week!**

All About our Meals Ministry

What is the Meals Ministry? It is a team of volunteers who provide meals to members of our church family in times of need.

How does it work? The Meals Ministry Coordinators are made aware of a need, either through a direct request for help, or through referral by the ministers or Parish Care coordinators. Volunteers are then contacted and asked to provide a meal (home cooked or purchased) and to deliver it to the recipient's home.

Whom do we serve? First Congregational Church families and individuals in times of need, such as after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, during times of crisis. Basically, any person for whom having a delivered meal would be a help.

How can I help? The Meals Ministry is an excellent way to meet other people from church and make a difference in someone's life, with a minimal time commitment. Meals do not have to be homemade. It is definitely "the thought that counts." The purpose is to help someone in need by providing a helping hand in meal preparation, not to dazzle anyone with your culinary skills. In times of need, a friendly face and a meal is a true gift. Come and be a part of this caring ministry.

What are the meal guidelines? We provide a complete meal, and deliver it to the recipient's home. It can be store bought, homemade, frozen, or just about anything! The meal does not have to be

fancy or 'gourmet.' We attempt to accommodate allergies and food preferences. We strive to work out a schedule that benefits the recipient the most while working with the schedule of the volunteer.

Whom do I contact if I am interested? The Meals ministry coordinators are Jackie Cole, jackie.cole@cox.net, 203-271-9041; Bobbie Porter, bobbieporter@gmail.com, 203-699-9988, and Marianne Eagleson, marianne.eagleson@cox.net, 203-271-2850.

What do I cook? Taking the dietary requirements of the meal recipient into account, plan a menu. Some cooks just prepare what they would normally have for their family meal and make a little more. It could be as simple as a casserole and a salad or could be planned around a bought rotisserie chicken. There are many convenience foods in the grocery stores to plan a meal around. Even if you aren't an accomplished cook, you can participate in the Meals Ministry.



How often do I need to cook? When it is convenient for you; what fits your schedule. There is no expectation or requirement that anyone cook a certain number of meals. Some cooks may provide meals every month; others not as frequently. Whatever you do is much

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appreciated.

How am I contacted if meals are needed? The Meal Ministry Coordinator sends a group e-mail to all who have volunteered to cook. The e-mail will provide the dates that meals are requested, any dietary restrictions, and contact information of the meal recipient. You will be asked to select “Reply All” to this e-mail if you are able to cook indicating the date of your choice (so everyone is aware of which dates are taken). Those who don’t have e-mail are contacted by phone and provided the same information.

How much time do I have between the notification of a need for a meal and the day the meal is delivered? Typically, the e-mail includes several dates that meals are needed depending upon the need of the individual. Therefore, depending on the date you choose you could have as little time as a day or two up to several weeks. Once again, it is your choice, and you do what works for you.

When and why should I contact the person receiving the meal? It is important to contact the person receiving the meal a few days before the assigned date to set up a time for the delivery. Do not begin to cook until you have made this contact to verify that nothing has changed and that the meal is still needed. Situations can change, and the Meal Ministry Coordinators may not always be aware of these changes.

How many meals does the Meals Ministry provide each month? It varies

from 0 to as many as 10-12. Usually it is in the 6-8 range.

How do I package the meals for delivery? It is recommended that meals be sent in packaging that doesn’t have to be returned. Dollar Stores are a good place to buy aluminum tins for this purpose.

How do I sign up? Contact one of the Meal Ministry Coordinators (listed above) by phone or e-mail and provide your name, address, e-mail address and phone number.



Malawi Talent Needed

Got talent? Want to use it for a good cause?

The Malawi Ministry Team is recruiting singers, musicians, comedians, jugglers, and magicians. If you can entertain, we’d love to hear from you! Our annual concert is coming up again in November, and we are booking talent now.

Let one of our team members know if you are interested: Amy Webb, Barbara Voegeli, Pete Ploch, Kim Hester, Don Lee, Diane Visconti, or Deb Kelleher.



Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized or going in a nursing home, or you know someone in the congregation who is, please tell the church office. We want to reach out, but federal law prohibits health care facilities from disclosing the names of patients.

A Stewardship Prayer

This “Stewardship Prayer” was sent to the Board of Stewardship by Bob Giddings:

*My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.*

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

*It will make generous gifts to many
causes,
if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a church with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things
that I want my church to be.*

This prayer focuses on a key element of our worship life together, namely the parts that each of us must play to keep the church strong, relevant, vital, and engaged.

Our common by-laws actually recognize this fact. They list three, and only three, required duties of church members. It may surprise some to realize that these requirements do not include following a certain creed or affirming a set of beliefs; rather, they focus on specific actions – or, as the prayer says, things that “help make it what it is.”

Those actions are: (1) Regular attendance at worship, as you are able; (2) Engagement in the ongoing life of the church, as you are able; and (3) Financial support of the church, as you are able. Imagine what would happen if each member redoubled his or her effort to fulfill those requirements! The pews would be filled to overflowing each Sunday; there could be competitions for membership on boards, committees, and other groups; and our annual budget would be so large that we would be able to pursue our mission and ministries even more vigorously.

For this church year, let’s all strive to be more engaged members of the church: to dedicate ourselves to the task of being all the things that we want our church to be!

The Board of Stewardship



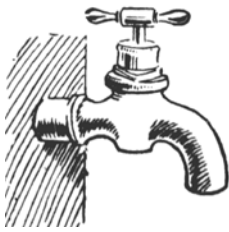
Missing ‘Orphans’?

Several items in the kitchen belonging to members of our church need to be claimed. They have patiently been waiting for their owners to bring them home. Please take them before they become true orphans and are given to strange households! There are two heart-shaped boxes containing a set of six matching teacups and saucers from this May’s Tea Party. They need to be reclaimed. There are also two pedestal glass cake dishes and many assorted platters, wooden bowls, and Pyrex dishes. Please come claim them – they want to go home.

Christian Education in September

Caroll's Corner: On the day I wrote this, for some reason my well shut off. No water! We lifted the handle turned the faucet and nothing came out. We had had water all day, but in the evening, when it was time to wash for bed, nothing. I couldn't understand what was wrong.

Nothing major had happened. The electricity didn't go out. Everything was the same as before, but no water. I went to bed and started to fret. My mind was reeling wondering how I was going to work this out; who I was going to call? and how much was this going to cost me?



I started to pray; after all, it was 11:30 p.m., so what could I do now? I had to get some sleep – it was out of my control. Everyday occurrences like these remind me of how God is really the only one in control. We like to think we are, but are we really?

Jesus is the vine we are the branches. We need to stay connected through prayer and live each day making an effort to better our relationship with him. After all, at the end of the day it's not the things we do or what we have, it's our relationships that are important, especially our relationship to our creator, comforter, and friend. This is where we get our strength and nourishment for all that comes our way in life. When we walk day to day in

our own understanding and by our own will we run out of water very easily.

Jesus told the woman at the well, drink from my well that will never run dry. It is by God's strength that we succeed and find peace. I am thankful that God cares enough about each and every one of us to constantly remind us how much He loves and cares for us. His well will never run dry!

Teacher and Nursery Fall Meeting:

On Thursday, September 1, at 7 p.m. there will be an informational meeting for our nursery workers. Our Safe Church Policy requires that we have a meeting every year. We will do everything in our power to make this painless and fun. Everyone who has been or will be a teacher or a shepherd is asked to attend. It is mandatory that our records are up to date. It is also very important that our new Nursery Coordinator, Emilee Ziolkowski has a chance to meet and greet each one of you. Please plan to attend. The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Teachers and shepherds for our church school classes Pre-K through Grade 8 will have the same sort of meeting, Tuesday, September 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We have lot of great and exciting changes this fall! Again, it is Safe Church-mandated, so please make every effort to attend. For more information, see Caroll Cyr.

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Vacation Bible School: Our program went extremely well. With the energy of 57 children ages 4 to 11, our church was loud, lively and fun! We had more than 50 volunteers, before, during and after. There were so many who donated, cut, painted, prepped, cooked, decorated, taught, played, sang, acted and cleaned. It was a real pleasure to do ministry with you all. We were blessed with so many children, and some of us are already looking forward to next year. I received quite a few e-mails from parents stating just how much fun their children were having. They loved our stories, which made us, the seed-planting educators, feel great.

Operation Christmas Child: It is not too early to think about Operation Christmas Child. You may know this program as the Christmas Shoe Box project. If you are buying your children new shoes for school, please save the boxes. The collection is the third week in November. More information will follow next month; over the next month or two look for little items to fill your boxes.

Homecoming Sunday: Our church school kickoff is September 11. Our class placement will be changing, and all of C.E. is looking forward to our new school year together. Our teachers and shepherds are dedicated to bringing our children a quality program. We could always use more volunteers as subs and shepherds, so if you want to help, see any member of C.E.

Fall festival: Christian Education will be part of the Cheshire Fall Festival on September 10, so come by and visit us at

the First Congregational booth. The festival is at Bartlem Park, across from Cheshire High School.

Rebuild and Renew: In an effort to rebuild and renew, Christian Education is in the process of redecorating rooms 10 and 11. We have donated the computers from room 11 and there are three computer stands available for anyone who would like one, on a first come, first served basis.

Parish Care Changes

The Parish Care Committee continues to be a thriving and integral part of our church life. It is an intentional way of caring for one another in meaningful ways. The card ministry, the telephone ministry, the meals ministry, visitation, flowers, Stephen Ministry, and the bereavement group are just some of the ways we can reach out to someone who could use a loving reminder that he or she is not alone in crisis or in celebration.

Each member of this team is responsible for its being the wonderful program that it is. The leadership of this committee has undergone a small change. Jan Cowles has stepped down due to a new job opportunity, and will be replaced by Martha Lape. So the team is: Jane Montgomery, Pam Euerle, and Martha. Please feel free to reach any of them with a concern or a joy to share. The many caring ears of the church are what make this ministry successful.

A New Season of Music at First Congregational

This season's musical offerings will include Sunday morning worship, special events and services, as well as several guest artists, composers, and recitalists. Wednesday nights are music nights, so check out the times below, and come and sing.

Our music program offers three vocal choirs for children and adults of all ages. The choirs provide great musical experiences for all as well as opportunities to participate in the worship life of the church.

The Primary Choir is composed of children in grades K-3. Rudimentary concepts of music are introduced, including pitch association and simple rhythms. Music is learned by rote. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:30.

The Junior Choir is for students in grades 4-12. The choir focuses on basic music notation and concepts of melody, tempo, and dynamics. Children also gain familiarity with the church's hymnal and fundamental structures of Christian worship. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15. The choir sings once a month during worship as well as for other special services throughout the year.



The Senior Choir is for adults of all ages, starting with students in high school.

The Senior Choir performs a wide range of music that reflects the diverse musical background and tradition of our congregation. The choir leads the congregation in hymn singing and provides special music to enhance the worship experience. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30.

Memorial Music Sunday: This year, Memorial Music Sunday is November 6, at a single 10 a.m. service.

Every year, this special memorial service honors the memories of those who have passed on. The Senior Choir sings an extended choral work that offers hope, comfort, and inspiration to the congregation. This year's music is a trilogy for chorus and piano by the nationally known composer, Eugenie R. Rocherolle. She lives in Lyme, and will work with our choir in rendering the three pieces of her sacred trilogy: "A New Song," "Shepherd Lord," and "Clap Ya' Hands." Virgil Thomson's "My Master Hath a Garden" will also be sung.

Annual Service of Candlelight Lessons and Carols: This Christmastime favorite will be Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Candlelight Lessons and Carols service matches scripture with music to tell the story of Christ's birth through song and word. Traditional carols, anthems, and hymns also will be sung by our Senior Choir and congregation. Please join us in the beauty of a winter afternoon for this festive candlelight service.

We Say Thanks

Thank you, church family, for all your kindnesses while I have been convalescing from a back injury: flowers brought by Don Lee, meals from the Meals Ministry, numerous calls and cards. I felt very cared for, and I thank you all.

Susan Mancinelli

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of mums and carnations given me on July 17. Nora Adams brought them, and my daughter and I had a nice visit with her. It's so nice to be remembered.

Mary Louise Sylvester

I'm always happy to have my birthday celebrated. It was especially nice that flowers from our church were delivered by Nora Adams. Thank you all, and keep those birthday wishes and flowers coming!

Emma Norback

I missed the service in the Chapel on August 7, but was so happy to have flowers delivered by Larry Pivirotto. We had so much to talk about, both of us long-time Cheshire residents. I can't tell you what it meant to me. Thank you!

Dot Hazard



Youth Group News

We are ready for a fun kickoff for the program year starting this month. Many new and exciting things are in store for the youth group. Keep an eye on the bulletin board and e-mails for up-to-date information. If you have not received e-mails from Todd in the past regarding

youth group news, updates, and events, please e-mail him at cheshireyutes@gmail.com to keep updated.

Service Along the Way: We will be looking for new ways to serve the communities around us this year, while also sticking with some things that have proven effective. Our first youth group SAW (Service Along the Way) event will be The Big Day of Serving in Danbury on October 15.

Here's an explanation of what to expect: "When you think about The Big Day of Serving, picture this: a thousand teenagers from youth groups in your area uniting to serve a neighborhood in need. They tackle an area the size of several city blocks and bring help and hope to people by working on projects like painting, home repairs, landscaping, cleaning and beautifying city parks. They'll be part of a new movement of Christian teens across the country who are uniting to show what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

To sign up, you need to: 1) Save the date, 2) E-mail Todd and let him know you're on board, and 3) Stay tuned for more details. You can also check out www.thebigdayofserving.com to read more about it. This is both a middle and high school event. If you're an adult, we need volunteers too.

Midnight Run: Middle School Midnight Run meets on Monday, September 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. If you're in Middle School, we encourage you to come check it out.

Todd Skrzyniarz

Milestones

in the life of our church family

Baptisms

Aubrey Payne, child of Sarah Payne and Michael Booth, June 26.

Maxwell Forlenza, child of Mitchell and Sandy Forlenza, July 10.

Emma Hallett, child of Keith and Kristen Hallett, July 10.

Lucas Nettleton, child of Brian Nettleton and Victoria Barry, July 10.

Deaths

Robert Moseley, June 13.

Lois Brown, at 101 the oldest member of the church, July 11.

Chelso Piviroto, father of Larry Piviroto, July 12.

Donald Beckwith, father of Carol Warner, July 13.

Patricia Williams, July 17.

Joan Kevorkian, wife of Hal Kevorkian, August 8.



Save a tree ...

**Get the Parish Post
by e-mail!**

**Send your request to
office@cheshirecongregational.org**

Lectionary for September

Sunday, September 4: Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 119: 33-40; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20.

Sunday, September 11: Exodus 14: 19-31; Exodus 15: 16-21; Psalm 103: 1-013; Psalm 114; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35.

Sunday, September 18: Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6; Psalm 145: 1-8; Jonah 3:10- 4:11; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16.

Sunday, September 25: Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 25: 1-9; Psalm 78: 1-16; Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32.

Calling all Women

We invite all women to join us for a Women's Book Discussion. The schedule of meeting dates and books that are being read is:

September 12: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghesse

October 3: *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones

November 7: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

The meetings begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and conversation, and move on to discussion at 7:30. Host homes are announced in the Sunday bulletin and the reminder e-mail that is sent the week before the meeting.