
Elmwords

Elmwood Community Church

September 2011

PASTOR'S CORNER

September is a month of harvesting. We are not farmers, but many of us have gardens, and most of us like to eat. Roadside stands and farmer's markets offer an abundance of the freshest locally grown fruits and vegetables. Who has the room it takes to grow corn? Those who have gardens love this time of year. The hard work of breaking up the soil is over; no more weeding and watering; just getting out there and gathering in beans, squash, zucchini, eggplant, and tomatoes. Life is good!

God has created this beautiful and fruitful world for us to enjoy. We plant and cultivate and harvest. Naturally the process of planning, implementing, and obtaining the desired result is not confined to gardens; it applies in every area of life. The Psalms tell of a time when the people had just returned to Israel after decades of exile and servitude in Babylon. They wept with joy to be home, but when they saw their farms gone to wrack and ruin, they wept with despair. They worked long and hard and brought in a wonderful harvest. Psalm 126.6 "Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves." That was better than they could have imagined.

It is God's desire to give us more than we expect. God does not wish to punish our mistakes, God wants us to learn from them and grow. In Galatians 6.7 Paul says "...you reap whatever you sow." God's mercy is so deep that even if someone sows chaos and pain, God can and will forgive them. God can forgive them, but it seems to be true that whatever someone sends out into the world comes back to them. If someone spews out harsh words, if they never have a thought for anyone else, chances are few will be glad to see them coming. But a cheerful, kind person brings the best out in people. You want to help them; you want to follow their example.

In this season of harvest perhaps we might examine what we have sown. What thoughts, words, and deeds have we sent out? Have we planted briars and weeds, or have we planted healthy and delicious fruits and vegetables?

Peace,

Dave

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Rosli Glista
- 04 Betsy Smith
- 15 Marilyn Grenier
- 19 Trevor Bryden
- 20 Cynthia Carter
- 22 Layne Brown
- 22 Mason Ellison
- 26 Susan Giaccotto
- 27 Heather McLarney
- 30 Brian Cardalico



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 06 Sally & Allan Waite
- 14 Betsy & Dave Smith
- 19 Kristina & Bruce Wittchen
- 21 Gail & Mark O'Conner
- 22 Rosli & Kas Glista

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Lucas Teodoro
- 04 Dave Congdon
- 04 Grayson Carter
- 06 James O'Connor
- 08 Margaret Crowe
- 14 Geri Noonan
- 16 Anthony D'Angelo
- 20 Barbara Hesse
- 24 Kriss Brown

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Marilyn & Ron Grenier
- 09 Sharon & David Lamb
- 16 Deb & Carl Moskey

SYMPATHIES

Sympathies to the family of Louise Carlson upon her death on July 8th, 2011. A Memorial Service was held at Elmwood Community Church on July 20th at 11am. A reception followed in Conte Hall.

Sympathies to the family of Edie Gray upon the death of her brother on July 31st. A Memorial Service was held at Elmwood Community Church on August 7th at 1pm. A reception followed in Conte Hall.

.....

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will meet every Wednesday in September. All are welcome to join us at 10am in the Fellowship Room.

.....

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Choir will hold its **first rehearsal on Thursday, September 8th**. Please consider exercising your vocal cords on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary in preparation for Sunday worship services. No previous experience necessary, on the job training is available.

.....

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

RALLY SUNDAY will be **September 11th** with beginning of **Church School Classes** and a **Litany of Dedicating our Church School** during worship. **Parents will be invited to Church School Classes** at the end of worship (leave during the final hymn).

.....

THANK YOU!!!

I want to thank Ellen Bucchere and Colleen Peterson for covering the office when I was on vacation.

Gerri

.....

OOPS! TAG SALE

In the last *Elmwords*, Ellen Bucchere's name was omitted when I was acknowledging and thanking everyone for helping to make the "Tag Sale" such a huge success. Through the years, Ellen has been a faithful volunteer for **all** our fundraising events. She also has helped me organize the Historian Room, while misplacing her glasses and pens, we shared plenty of laughter. I just wanted to let her know how much her time and efforts are appreciated.

Pat MacDougall

.....

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The Chicken Barbeque was a huge success! A profit of \$410.00 was realized. Thank you to everyone who set up, cooked, collected money and cleaned up. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Mickey

.....

SOUTH PARK INN

On October 16th, members of our church will be serving dinner at the South Park Inn. Missions

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Elmwood Community Church will participate in Habitat for Humanity in October. A definite date will be announced soon. Missions

SAVE THE DATE!!

♥50/40 Celebration♥

On Sunday, October 23rd, immediately following worship, we will be honoring and celebrating longstanding members of our church; those members who have been with us for 40 years or more! Dinner menu and details will be forthcoming.

Help is needed with decorations, serving, and so on. Helping hands and ideas most welcome! Please call Colleen Peterson at 561-0205 and save the date!! Thank you.
.....

SCRIP

ECC members continue to purchase the **SCRIP** retail cards to do their shopping at stores like Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowe's. If you have a big purchase in your future, please consider paying for those purchases with retail cards purchased through the church. Orders are taken on the first and third Sundays of the month. You can leave your order/check (made out to ECC) to my attention at the church office. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 860-716-7346 or Barbhesse@aol.com. I would love to get 100% participation!!

KITCHEN RENOVATION

We need an Ad Hoc Committee of five to be involved with the Conte Kitchen renovation. We already have two; Pat Johnson and Susan Giaccotto. Please let Geri know, and she will let Council know. Thank you.
.....

NOVEMBER FAIR

We are having a Fair on November 19th from 9am - 2pm! We need: **Jewelry Table** - items that would be on a Ladies' dressing table - perfume bottles, compacts, jewelry, old and new. Picture frames, old and new, watches - working, not working, old hats, handbags, and gloves. **Treasure Table** - old vases, mixing bowls, tea-pots, pottery, games, and toys. Clocks, lamps, old books, pyrex dishes from the 50's and 60's, old tools, bird houses, flower pots, watering cans, old garden tools. We will need jelly jars to fill with jam, relish and jelly.

We are also looking for someone to co-chair the Holiday Fair with Susan Wiley. Please let the office know if you are interested. Thank you.

HISTORIAN CORNER

In 1950 men and women were counted separately by the head usher. On November 9th, 1954, Mrs. Shipman brought a box for the collection of old gold and silver to be given to the redecorating fund. In 1955, the discretionary fund was started. In 1956 food poisoning and liability were added to the insurance policy.

Pat MacDougall, Historian

FALL MUM SALE

The Missions will be holding a Mum Sale September 10th and 11th for HopeWorks. The mums will be \$8.00 a plant in yellow, pink, white or burgundy. Please make checks payable to HopeWorks. Deadline for ordering plants is September 6th. An order form is available below, as well as, in the Church Office. Please help support a good cause. Thank you.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

COLOR: _____ YELLOW
 _____ WHITE
 _____ PINK
 _____ BURGUNDY

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Please return form and payment to the Church Office. Please indicate "mums" on the memo line of check.
.....

The Elmwood Community Church
-----United Church of Christ-----
26 Newington Road
West Hartford, CT 06110
860-233-8203 fax: 860-233-4202
Secretary's e-mail: eccsecretary@snet.net
Pastor's e-mail: elmwoodchurch@snet.net

**PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY
DATED MATERIAL**

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4th.....Christian Ed Meeting
September 5th.....Office Closed for Holiday
September 6th.....Deadline for Ordering Mums
September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th10:00am Bible Study, FR
September 7th.....6:30pm Deacons
September 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th7:00pm Choir
September 10th & 11th.....Mum Sale
September 11th.....Rally Sunday
September 12th.....6:30pm Circle 6
September 14th.....6:30pm Trustees
September 18th.....Missions Meeting
September 18th.....6:30pm Youth Group Meeting
September 19th.....6:30pm Council
September 24th.....6:30pm Campfire
September 25th.....October Newsletter Available
October 2nd.....Blessing of the Animals at Noon