



# CHURCH LIFE

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## Pastor's Letter

Dear members,  
I share with you words from one of the great American poets. He describes this wonderful season.

After Apple Picking  
*by Robert Frost*

My long two-pointed ladder's sticking through a tree  
Toward heaven still.  
And there's a barrel that I didn't fill  
Beside it, and there may be two or three  
Apples I didn't pick upon some bough.  
But I am done with apple-picking now.  
Essence of winter sleep is on the night,  
The scent of apples; I am drowsing off.  
I cannot shake the shimmer from my sight  
I got from looking through a pane of glass  
I skimmed this morning from the water-trough,  
And held against the world of hoary grass.  
It melted, and I let it fall and break.  
But I was well  
Upon my way to sleep before it fell,  
And I could tell  
What form my dreaming was about to take.  
Magnified apples appear and reappear,  
Stem end and blossom end,  
And every fleck of russet showing clear.  
My instep arch not only keeps the ache,  
It keeps the pressure of a ladder-round.  
And I keep hearing from the cellar-bin  
That rumbling sound  
Of load on load of apples coming in.  
For I have had too much  
Of apple-picking; I am overtired  
Of the great harvest I myself desired.  
There were ten thousand thousand fruit to touch,  
Cherish in hand, lift down, and not let fall,  
For all  
That struck the earth,

*Pastor's Letter continued . . .*

No matter if not bruised, or spiked with stubble,  
Went surely to the cider-apple heap  
As of no worth.  
One can see what will trouble  
This sleep of mine, whatever sleep it is.  
Were he not gone,  
The woodchuck could say whether it's like his  
Long sleep, as I describe its coming on,  
Or just some human sleep.

Pastor Ken

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## TRIBUTES

We now have a way for you to make a donation and recognize a special event or loved one. It's easy! You will find cards and envelopes developed for this purpose in the Narthex or in the pews. Simply complete the card with the appropriate information, place the donation and the card into the envelope provided, then put the envelope in the offering plate, hand it in to the office, or leave it in the box in the back. (But please do NOT leave cash in the box in the Narthex.) You may also mail us the information with your check. You should include the following information:

*In memory of / honor of / celebration of (choose one):*

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*From:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if you wish to remain anonymous-please note this)*

*Comments:*

# The Sunday School Scoop

Our 2011-2012 Sunday School year got off to a great start on Homecoming Sunday! We had about 25 children participate in our outdoor activities. Our theme this year is “The Messiah”, and we talked about “The Promise of Hope for the Future”. The students got to know a little more about each of their classmates and discuss their hopes for the upcoming school year. We also collaborated with the youth group to make a giant poster! Each child added their hand print, name, and a hope for the future. Please look for the poster in the Sunday School wing upstairs to see their great work!

We began the year with the lesson of “David”. Thank you to our teachers for this lesson: Andrea Douyard, Lori Giannini, Marnee Palladino, and Kristine Zold.





We are looking for volunteers for the Nursery/Preschool Room during church. We are also looking for volunteers to teach our Sunday School lessons throughout the year. If you are interested in either, please see me after church or email me at [vbeard@middleburyucc.org](mailto:vbeard@middleburyucc.org).

Valerie Beard



Our children, with help from our youth group, created this banner on Homecoming Sunday based on our Sunday School theme for this year, "The Messiah". This year we will be learning about how the Messiah is the promise of hope for the future. Each child added his or her name, hand print, and hope for the future. It is now hanging in the Sunday School hallway upstairs.

# Sunday School Grade Schedule October 2011

	<u>Oct. 2</u> David Week 3	<u>Oct. 9</u> David Week 4	<u>Oct. 16</u> Isaiah Week 1	<u>Oct. 23</u> Isaiah Week 2	<u>Oct. 30</u> Isaiah Week 3
<b>Noah's Ark</b> 	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	K/1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Storytelling Tent</b> 	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	K/1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Bibleland Theatre</b> 	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	K/1 <sup>st</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Mary &amp; Martha's Kitchen</b> 	K/1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup>	K/1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Youth Room</b>	Youth				

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

MCC is once again making and distributing sandwiches to the needy on Monday, October 10 at the First Congregational Church in Waterbury. We have pledged 200 ham and cheese sandwiches, snacks, and juice boxes. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!** If you can make sandwiches, buy what's necessary to make them, purchase snacks or juice boxes, or make a monetary donation, please let me know. We have enough people to distribute them, but we need the goods to distribute! Contact [dballetto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dballetto@sbcglobal.net) or sign up after church. Thanks!

## CALLING ALL WOMEN OF FAITH (IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!)

Imagine being in the XL Center in Hartford with thousands of women who have one thing in common: FAITH. This year's Women of Faith event is called *Imagine*, and it's hard to imagine how this can be better than the 2010 event! The flyer says "Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged, and inspired. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever *Imagine*." The dates are Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. Ticket cost for this two-day event is only \$89, and you will definitely get your money's worth!

For more information, please contact Debra Balletto at [dballetto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dballetto@sbcglobal.net). Tickets are going fast!!!

## S.O.S. for SOLDIERS

A recent article on the front page of the Bee-Intelligencer showed photos of a Middlebury soldier, Phillip Strobel, with his dad and sister. The article stated that Phillip didn't find military food "very appetizing". When civilians asked what they could do to help, Phillip said, "Send SpaghettiOs."

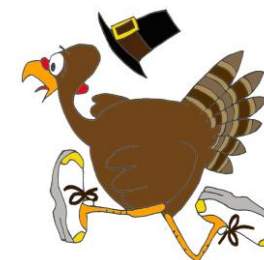
In response to Phillip and all our armed forces, MCC is sponsoring an **S.O.S. for SOLDIERS** drive (S.O.S. stands for **socks or spaghettiOs**.) Although white socks are appreciated, black, brown, or green are preferred. Also, any canned pasta, or chili is appropriate. The drive will continue until the Sunday before Veteran's Day, which is November 6. Thank you!!!



or



All turkeys:  
On your mark,  
get set, *GO!!!!*



Tony the turkey is ready to run in the

## 5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Pilgrim's Pace 5K Road Race

WELLNESS FAIR

Fitness Walk  
&  
Children's Fun Run

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Sign up any Sunday to walk or run in the event or to assist the road race committee.

We really need your help in raising sponsorship money from community businesses and interested citizens.

Check out the church website soon for race information, registration and sponsorship forms. Also you will soon be able to register on-line.

Karen Waranowicz, Race Chairman

## CHURCH RECORDS

### BIRTHS

*Nico Wiley, daughter of Asuka & Ross Sullivan-Wiley and granddaughter of Kent and Janine Sullivan-Wiley who was born in Japan on July 14<sup>th</sup>*

### BAPTISMS

*Andrew William Clark, son of Bill & Laura Clark, grandson of Shep & Pat Clark on September 18<sup>th</sup>.*

### DEATHS

*Howard Burke Watts on July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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*The Deadline for November  
Church Life:*

*Thursday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.*

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## AUCTION 2012

Yes, we are already thinking about next year's Auction. If at any time before next May you have things you would like to donate to the auction or flea market bring them to the church or give the office a call and we will make arrangements to pick them up. If you know of anyone; a neighbor, relative or friend, who is cleaning out, suggest they not throw those treasures away and call us instead. Don't forget to ask for a tax receipt. We are hoping that this will make next year's auction and flea market even more successful.

If you take pictures during a service or a function please email them to me for the Crier, Church Life, Bulletin Board and/or website.

Thank you! Jeanine  
(jbonaventure@middleburyucc.org)