First Congregational Church
2301 Main Street
Stratford, Connecticut 06615

May 1, 2014

MAY COURIER

May 4, 2014
CROP Walk

May 4, 2014
Rose Window Concert
Broadway Babies
Meredith Bump and guests
1:00 PM

New Members (Inquirer’s Class)
May 4 and May 18

May 11, 2014
Mother’s Day

Office Closed
May 26, 2014
Memorial Day Observed
“375 Years and Counting”

On April 14th, the Town of Stratford declared a proclamation in celebration of First Congregational Church’s three hundred and seventy five years of faithful service. It was an honor to receive the plaque with the proclamation at the town meeting from our Representative Ken Poisson and Mayor John Harkins. Receiving the plaque with me were Carol Lovell, Zoli Toman and Virginia Millington. But we were there to represent the faithful families and individuals who were and are a part of this dynamic community of faith.

With just 39 families, they settled here in 1639 on what is now called Mac’s Harbor. They came to live out their faith in freedom. They faced obstacle after obstacle, but it was their faith that kept them. One wonders how they survived. And yet almost ten generations later, give or take a decade, the church and the town are still moving forward living the ideals with which those early Congregationalists came.

What does it take to make that happen? I wish I had the answer. I could write that it was dedication and sacrifice; that it was an unshakable faith. But more than all that, I believe it is was and is a God who has been faithful to us, and has seen us through, even when we fell far short of God’s intention; a God who continues to call us into the future. Yes, it’s a good thing to remember and give thanks for all the wonderful things that God has done in the past, but we will always find God leading us into the future. As John Robinson, the Pilgrim leader who addressed that first ship leaving for Massachusetts said,

“We are now ere long to part asunder, and the Lord knoweth whether ever he should live to see our faces again. But whether the Lord had appointed it or not, he charged us before God and his blessed angels, to follow him no further than he followed Christ; and if God should reveal anything to us by any other instrument of his, to be as ready to receive it as ever we were to receive any truth by his ministry; for he was very confident the Lord had more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy word.”

Those early pilgrims left here, I’m sure never seeing their families again. But they looked ahead to a new land. They had a faith that looked to a God who was always leading them into the future. That same, none other than Jesus Christ, is still speaking, still calling us forward, with a future just as challenging and glorious as the one those early settlers faced.

-The Reverend Ed Rawls
Worship for May


May 11 – Mother’s Day — There will be a special Mother’s Day Celebration

May 18 – Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 23, I Peter 2:2-10, John 10:1-10
“The Lord is My Shepherd”

WOMEN’S SERVICE LEAGUE

WOMEN’S SERVICE LEAGUE MEETING...........

The next meeting of the Women’s Service League will be on Saturday, May 10th at 9:00 am. Remember, if you can’t come to the entire meeting, please feel free to come late or leave early.
You are welcome anytime !!!!!!!!.

Something To Look Forward To

Unfortunately, Women’s Service League finds it is best to postpone our "Festival of Tables" which was planned for this spring. It will be a very special event, therefore one to definitely look forward to.

It requires a lot of preparation! We will keep you informed of our progress.

SAVE THE DATE.

...Saturday. October 18, 2014: We have planned another “family” potluck supper. Look forward to seeing you all there. We will have some special entertainment.
Sunday School News
Submitted By Kristine Bacon
Director of Christian Education

During the months of March and April, the Sunday School was busy preparing for and celebrating the Season of Lent. We led Worship on March 30th, which was Children’s Sunday. We also participated in the Palm Sunday celebration on April 13th.

Children’s Sunday
March 30th, 2014 was Children’s Sunday and what a fantastic day it was!

The 5th & 6th grade class led us in the Call to Worship, the Prayer of Invocation and the Church at Prayer. The 1st & 2nd grade class shared a special Jelly Bean Prayer with us and handed out a sweet treat of jelly beans for the passing of the peace. The 3rd & 4th grade class delivered the Children’s Message on how we need to stop, look and listen to Jesus. They also collected and blessed the Church offerings. The Pre K/Kindergarten class led us in The Lord’s Prayer and the Benediction. The 7th & 8th grade class delivered the Sermonette, “A Journey from Lent to Easter”. We had several wonderful music performances including Jacqui Delgado singing “I Hope You Dance”; our Youth Choir singing “Hymn of Promise”; Ulysses Squitieri performing “Mennett in A” for the offertory; Meredith Bump singing “Pass It On”; and a Postlude collaboration with Dr. Joe and Ulysses Squitieri performing “Power Play”. We ended the service with our Sunday School Choir singing “We Have A King”. It was truly a joyful service!

I am so proud of our Sunday School, our teachers, teachers’ aides, choir director and especially our children. Thank you to the entire congregation for your support of our Sunday School and to all of the parents and children who make coming to Church on Sunday, so much fun!
April 13th, 2014 the Church celebrated Palm Sunday. We tried something new and began our Worship outside, in front of the Church. Reverend Rawls delivered the scripture reading, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and then we waived our Palms and sang “The Palms”, as we all headed back into the Church. Rev. Rawls delivered a meaningful Children’s Message about Palm Sunday and its importance, as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus.

Lesson Calendar:
- May 4th - Doubting Thomas, John 20:19-31; Communion; Red Bag Sunday
- May 11th - The Ascension, Acts 1:6-14; Children’s Moment
- May 18th - The Holy Spirit, Acts 2:1-21, 36-42; Last Day of Sunday School/Teacher Recognition/Attendance Awards/BOCE Ice Cream Social

Sunday School – Where Faith and Fun Come Together!
Thank you Susan Yermes for leading our Seder this year. The kids (and adults) had a great time learning about the feast that Jesus celebrated.

We have been very busy helping our church family. We filled eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and helped put away chairs after the concert. But we always find time to play around.
Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 19, the BOCE hosted their Annual Easter Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt. Children and adults alike had a blast on the sunshine filled day. Special thanks to Bill Wilson for preparing the breakfast, PF members for filling the eggs, Reverend Rawls for a lovely prayer, and all the BOCE board members who set up and cleaned up the event.
Reverend Rawls, Carol Lovell, Church Historian, Virginia Millington, representing the Church Council and I as head of the 375th anniversary committee, and liaison to the Town 375th committee, found ourselves in Town Chambers, and also in the Mayor’s office on the evening of April 14th. It was a really great occasion. With the help of Carol Cabral, Town Clerk, and Ken Poisson, Councilman from the 6th District, who are all members of our church, we received a citation from the Town commemorating the founding of our church, and settlement of our town by Reverend Adam Blakeman and the 39 families known as Puritans from England. The first photo below shows Reverend Rawls, Carol Lovell and Virginia Millington in front of the founders’ mural in Council Chambers.
The second photo shows us all in the office of Mayor John Harkins, where we posed for an incredible photo op, with the Mayor, our little group and Ken Poisson. Discussion centered around the physical office of the mayor, on how it was formerly the office of the Town Manager, under the previous form of government. This info op showed how, through the course of human events, government is changed, yet remains essentially the same, to safeguard the community and support its continuity, while keeping a delicate balance. It was a lesson in showing how far we have come: from autocratic rule to democracy, to a separation of church and state, with the Creator’s blessings.
The third photo is in front of the Town Council. Reverend Rawls was called upon to give an invocation, to start the Council meeting. Then Council Chair, Joseph Kubic, called forth Reverend Rawls, Ken Poisson and Mayor Harkins to present the citation. Ken read the citation, Mayor Harkins presented it.

Respectfully submitted by Zoltan Toman, one of your church Librarians.
DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE….DOUBLE YOUR FUN….  DOUBLEMINT SUNDAY….  Sunday, May 4, 2014 the Board of Trustees and the Stewardship Committee are sponsoring DOUBLEMINT SUNDAY. DOUBLEMINT SUNDAY is a fund-raiser that is productive and fun. The idea is for every person or family who pledges or makes a plate contribution to ‘double’ your weekly amount for just this particular Sunday. This fundraiser is clearly a matter of the heart, and the incentive is simply one’s appreciation for our Church and its ministry.

The Board of Trustees and Stewardship Committee are thankful for all who pledge or contribute regularly and are twice as thankful for those who double their pledge on Doublemint Sunday.

For those of us who are too young to remember the jingle about Doublemint, it referred to Doublemint gum and went like this:

Double your pleasure
Double your fun with Doublemint, Doublemint, Doublemint Gum

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When we pledge to this Church, along with supporting the upkeep of our building, paying staff salaries etc., we are also reaching out to many important and worthwhile programs. This month's focus is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Alcoholics anonymous is well known for its 12-step program which has had much success in helping men and women fight, and recover from, alcohol addiction. We can be proud of our support to this program.

The church provides a place for meetings. No rent is charged but they give donations to the church several times a year as an expression of gratitude.
TRUSTEES CORNER

A very special thank you to the following people who are participating in our fund raiser with Ambit Energy. Our church will receive over a thousand dollars from Ambit this year based on your involvement.

We have the potential to double that next year with increased participation. Please encourage your friends and family to join us. You do not need to be a First Congregational Church member to be part of this fund raiser. Every little bit helps to balance our budget.

Ron Tichy will be more than happy to review any U I bill and calculate whether or not it is a savings for you. He can be reached at 203-260-1838 or on email at info@apexambitenergy.com.

The Board of Trustees thanks the following for their support and commitment to the First Congregational Church of Stratford.

Trygve and Judy Angell, Richard and Irene Breault, Cynthia Buckley, Steve and Cynthia Bump, Roger and Sabra Burritt, Dorothy Cain, Greg and Paulette Carleton, Beverly Burns and Susan Collazo, Chris and Mallory Companik, Don and Vicky Coulson, Ruth Desrosiers, Walt and Gerry Dunbar, Dr. Rawlin Lauren Firimonte, Brian Haberlin, Bill and Barbara Sandra Kish, Carl and Judy Vincent and Jean Martire, Millington, Patrick and Robert and Shirley Porter, Sam Rawls, Meredith and Norma Fairbaugh, John and Kim Goodrich, Bill and Carol Hickey, Kevin Hickey Gene and Larsen, Carl and Anne Larsen, Ed and Tracy Matosian, Virginia Sandy O’Neill Ted and Lynne Pert, Bob and Lynne Preto-Rodas, Ed and Ripley, Dick and Carolyn Ross, Raymond and Charlotte Severance, Rodney and Lucia Smith, Marion Speer, Mary Tompkins, Beth Turner, Fred and Gale Whittemore.
Mercy Touch Mission – Zambia Orphanage

The Mercy Touch orphanage in Zambia serves a critical need, providing safe, healthy environment for orphaned and needy children.

In 2012, seven children were in boarding school and the year also marked a milestone as the first child went to college. In May, a team from Edmonton worked with Mercy Touch and made 15 bunk beds. They also refurnished the existing houses with brand new stoves, fridges, and living room furniture.

Mercy Touch is grateful for all the donations that they receive from well-wishers and regular Mission supporters. This work is only made possible by your generosity.

First Congregational Church has been a generous supporter of Mercy Touch and all of the money donated goes directly to help the orphanage as there is no overhead cost. Your gifts help provide a loving environment for children who are orphaned or have parents unable to care for them.

A Special Offering for Mercy Touch will be received on Sunday, May 11, 2014. Special Offering Envelopes will be available for your use. Please remember to write your envelope number on the special envelope and write “Mercy Touch” on the memo line of your check.

You may also mail your gift to: First Congregational Church, 2301 Main St., Stratford, CT 06615.

YOUR BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP
IN THIS GREAT MISSION OF SERVICE TO MERCY TOUCH.
Sunday May 11th marks the date for the annual special offering for Mercy Touch Mission International. First Congregational church has been a sponsor for the Zambia-based organization since 2001. Zambia, a country in Southern Africa, has been devastated by poverty, AIDS, and other diseases. It is estimated that the country has over 1 million orphans and that 20% of all children in the country have lost one or both parents. The goal of Mercy Touch Mission is to provide a safe, healthy environment for orphan and needy children. They do this by providing housing, education, and spiritual guidance to over 100 children. In fact this year two new houses are being built to allow 20-40 more children to be cared for. In addition, Mercy Touch has organized a feeding program every Friday. Malnourished children ages 5 and under are provided healthcare and nourishing meals. Parents are educated and sent home with high protein nutritional supplements to last through the week. Take a look at the Mercy Touch Mission International website (www.mercytouch.net) to learn more.

For Our Church Courier  Publicity about the 375th Anniversary Chain and Call for Volunteers/Groups within the church.

Volunteers Needs for 375th “Chain Gang”

In order to celebrate the 375th Anniversary of the founding of our Church (and the Town), a 125 foot Chain made up of wired fancy ribbon in 375 “links” labeled with each year hopefully will be produced.

The chain will be part of our participation in the town parade on Saturday, September 20th. We will need church groups and individuals to step up and volunteer to help make the chain, the icons that will be attached to it that will represent key events in our church history, perhaps “historic hats” that would be worn by the 16 people needed to carry the chain in the parade—our older youth and adults. Planning meetings will be held on Sunday June 1st and June 8th—very brief—after church service in Upper Packard Hall. Sign up with our church office and indicate how you would like to help. During the summer and by early September, the chain will be produced. It will be used for the parade and also for our church sanctuary/collection in the Fall.

Contact Richard Elias or Zoli Toman, chairman of the 375th Anniversary Committee
Scholarship Opportunities

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following scholarships are now available:

The Kate Sterling Bunnell Scholarship Endowment Fund – This scholarship was established through the generosity of the late Catherine T. Mitchell. It offers financial assistance for college expenses to Stratford-resident students, based on financial need, without regard to academic achievement, sex, race or creed. Graduating high school students and undergraduate college students may apply. Applications are available at area high school Guidance Offices or can be picked up in the Church Office. **Deadline is May 23, 2014.**

First Congregational Church Scholarships – The following scholarships are available to those undergraduate students who are members of First Congregational Church as of Jan. 1st of the current year.

The Frances C. and Harriet B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship of $2,000 given by the Board of Trustees. This is in recognition of their devotion and generosity to First Congregational Church.

The Jim and Ella Cebik Memorial Scholarship of $500 is funded by a grant from their son, the late Roy Cebik.

The John Miller Edward Zorn Memorial Scholarship of $250 if funded by a grant from his father, the late Bob Zorn.

– The Carol Lawlor Memorial Scholarship of $200 is given by her children, Kristine Bacon, Jacki Potter, and Joe Lawlor. For a student majoring in Nursing as well as based on financial need.

The Joel and Mary Vodola Sacred Music Scholarship of $2,000 is funded by a grant from Rev. Esther Vodola. Limited to a student at any level majoring in music, or secondarily, education.

The Edna Viner Memorial Scholarship(s) of $2,000 or more, funded by a bequest from the late Edna Viner, is for graduate students only.

The criteria for judging the first three of these awards will be scholastic achievement, church and community activity involvement, leadership qualities and achievement potential. Applications can be picked up at the church office. **Deadline is June 1, 2014.**

Carol Haberlin, Chairperson, Scholarship Committee
Submission of information for the Courier:
The June 2014 Courier deadline will be May 15, 2014. Send all submissions for the Courier via the church email at firstchurchofstratford@yahoo.com to help make the production of the courier easier to process. For those of you who do not have a computer, your handwritten or typewritten articles will still be accepted, please have them in a few days prior to the deadline. In addition, if you would like to receive your Courier via email, please contact the church office 203-378-2644 and or check out the website for the Courier at firstchurchstratford.org.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation

Sandy O’Neill, Church Administrator

"The Town of Stratford is putting together a historical booklet for the town's 375th anniversary. It will feature a lot of the Congregational Church's history, and it will have articles about the town and its residents. It is being funded by business advertisements and individual sponsors. Any amount can be pledged, and the town will suit your needs as far as size, font and color, as well as any photos you may wish to include. There is printed information and a sponsor/ad sign-up in booklets on the table outside the church office, as well as some in the board-room in the librarian mail cubby. For further information please call the church office and speak to Sandy, or email Zoltan Toman at zoltantoman@sbcglobal.net or call him at 203-378-5400. You may go directly to the town's advertising executive. They have engaged Lisa Turner. She can be reached at Red Mat Publishing, redmat375@gmail.com, or call her at 203-540-5510."

Broadway Baby featuring Meredith Bump

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 PM, when Meredith Bump will give her first concert entitled "Broadway Baby." Meredith will sing a collection of Broadway hits and popular spiritual numbers. Dr. Joe Utterback will provide the accompaniment and there will be special guest performances by Allison Fay, soprano, and Joshua Toman, flute. Half of the collected proceeds will go toward the Sandy Ground Project, with the other half going to the First Congregational Church Special Music Fund.
375th Anniversary Church Chain Project: Richard Elias (eliasrichard@bellsouth.net), 4/19/14

Purpose:

To visibly show the amount of time that the First Congregational Church has been in existence and some of the key events in the churches history. For use in:

- Stratford Town Parade on Sept. 20th
- For a church celebration sometime in the Fall
- For display in our sanctuary
- For possible display at the Town Hall toward the end of the year.

Description:

The chain will be made up of 375 “links” made from fancy wired ribbon—moss green/gold and gold—4” wide—each circumference of link would be 8” with a 2” overlap. The total length of the chain would be approximately 125 feet. It would be composed of five segments, each 25 ft. long—and contain 75 years. A rope would be snake through each segment with loops to be used as handles/anchors for display every 8 feet.—i.e. four loops per 25 ft. long segment. Each link would have a year on it artfully adhered to the link.

A zigzag configuration would be used for the parade in order to keep the total length limited to about 25 or 30 ft.—composed of five segments. It would need 16 individuals—half adult and half older children/youths. Some practice would be needed to order to keep the chain taut enough not to drag.

On the chain at specific points in time, would be light weight tokens/representations of key events in our church history—ex. Founding/Meeting House in 1630,—a figure of that meeting house, or a liberty bell for the American Revolution in 1776—there would be 15 or 20 of these distributed long the chain.

Creating the Chain:

Using the wired ribbon that has been bought—cutting a 10 inch segment—forming a link with an inch overlap—thereby creating an 8 inch circle.—attaching a 2” x 4” date on the link and then joining it to the next link—ultimately creating a 25 foot segment of 75 links—then weave a rope beginning and ending with a loop and two loops in between at 8 foot intervals—each segment with 4 loops.—therefore we would need either 16 people or if the three individuals want to be at the interior connections and hold two ends of two segments, we would need just 13 people.

Time-Frame for Production of the Chain:

1. April/May—purchase of materials—ribbon already purchased, need to purchase good looking rope and good looking tape for the “year designation”
2. June—1st and June 8th—organizational meeting to work out production of the chain.—identify people
3. August/September—production of chain. And storage in a safe place to protect it—production of the icons/tokens for attachment on the chain.—line up volunteers to carry the chain for the Town Parade
4. Week of Sept. 13th—completion of chain and brief practice with it for the parade on Sat., Sept. 20th.
Just a brief update on the things that have last transpired and of things to come:

- A banner was designed by the Church Council, pursued by Tammy Langston and created by Olga Pena at Alliance Promotional Products. Ron Tichy hung it on the church building in the front, under the rose window.
- Carol Lovell, our church Historian, read a history of the church and of the Town during a service in January, dedicated to the 375th.
- The church choir, under the direction and inspiration of Dr. Joe Utterback, performed the Palm Sunday Concert in the afternoon, to 260+ in attendance. The first half of the program was the *Requiem in D minor* by Gabriel Fauré. The compositions in the second half of the program were written and arranged by Dr. Joe to reflect the sacrifices and struggles of the Puritans led by Reverend Adam Blakeman to settle in this place on the shores of the Sound and the “Oosatonic.” Text provided by Carol Lovell was read and music was sung and played which reflected the progression, with a ground swell of sound to the perfect end “We Are Not Alone.”
- The chancel committee decorated the sanctuary with forsythia, special for the anniversary. It expresses and sets the mood for celebration.
- The newly established Men’s Club will prepare and serve lunch for the Town’s first responders on June 21st. The church family is asked to supply salads and desserts.
- The Town Council presented Reverend Rawls with a citation for the church at a Council meeting on April 14th. It will be presented in church on Easter. State Representative Laura Hoydick will present a citation from the House at a date TBA.

The following is “in the works:”

a. A church service at Mac’s Harbor, to commemorate the founding.
b. An ice cream social, celebrating the 375th.
c. Special services done by ministers, who grew up in our church.
d. A children’s chain link of historical moments and figures in our church through the ages. This will be carried in the historical parade in September. Idea promoted by Richard Elias.
e. A tour of the Congregational burial grounds.

A contest: create the Victorian Lady’s fanciest hat. Asking all ladies, women and girls to participate, to be held on a date TBA.

Respectfully submitted, Zoli Toman, for the 375th ad hoc comm. of the Council.
**Puzzle**

Children have always had a special place in these mother's hearts.

Wish your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!” Proverbs 23:25, NIV

**Button Flowers**

For Mother’s Day, add a special touch to any bouquet with this easy craft.

**Your guide to making flowers and buttons**

1. Sack three buttons from the sack.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire.
3. Thread it up through one button hole. Then, thread another hole through the button holes.
4. Insert the “bloom” in the button stack to secure it in place.
5. Present this to Mom and process plan’s 2 and repeat the plan’s 5.

**Mother’s Day**

“May her happy mother’s prayers prevail in the process plan’s 2 and repeat the plan’s 5.

**Proverbs 23:25, NIV**

“... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!”
# May 2014

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**Notes:**
- IBADV: Interdenominational Bible Advancement
- FSBC: Fellowship Sunday Bible Class
- WSL: Worship/Worship/Life School
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That ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. (John 13:34)

Donna, Dick and Bonnie Reynolds

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