



*The Summer 2008*

# *Landmark*

**The First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Guilford, Connecticut**

**An Open and Affirming  
Congregation**

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## **MONTHLY PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICE**

For the last two years we have had a "Prayer and Healing Service" twice a year. Many have found this a service of immense comfort, one that evokes strong feelings of closeness with God and the community gathered. The good news is that starting in September our "Prayer and Healing Service" will be held at 7pm in our sanctuary on the second Wednesday of every month. There will also be a service on Wednesday, July 30. We hope you will join us one evening and see if this could be a meaningful experience for you.

What is particularly interesting about this development in the life of First Church is that it is a nationally known physician who is supporting us in this endeavor. K.J. Lee, M.D., F.A.C.S., among many accomplishments in the medical field, has been president of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, chairman of the medical board at the hospital of St. Raphael, is author of the most widely read text book in the ENT field, and is a senior healthcare policy advisor to the U.S. presidential candidates. Yet, he, as his parents before him, is a firm believer in the healing ministry of Christ. He has looked for years for the kind of healing service we offer. Why, you might ask. Dr. Lee's father, C.T. Lee, at age 43 was near death, weighing under 70 pounds and with a still unknown ailment. He was treated with prayer and surgery by a Seventh Day Adventist doctor at the Penang Missionary Hospital in Malaysia. Subsequently, he lived a healthy life till age 81. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. K.J. Lee have made a gift to support our healing ministry.

The biblical witness is strong and the biblical witness is far-reaching that our God is a God who seeks and works for our restoration in body, mind, heart and soul. From the first book of Genesis where Abraham prays to God and God heals **Abimilech** and his wife to the last book of Revelation where God wipes away all tears and death is no more, we are constantly told about God's desire to make us whole, to make us sound, to make us well. The clear testimony about **Jesus** is that healing was a major focus of his ministry. **Matthew** tells us that "*Jesus' fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pain, those oppressed by demons, and he healed them.*"

Later in his Gospel Matthew reaffirms Jesus healing power: "*That evening they brought him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.*" The stories about Jesus' healings of individuals suffering in heart, mind, body and, and soul are prolific.

In our modern world much of Jesus' work of healing is accomplished by skilled physicians and psychotherapists, but we also know that God's spirit works in mysterious way. We hear about miraculous healings. They make no scientific sense, theologically they defy a sense of fairness, but they are real. Each week in our Joys and Concerns we hear how our prayers have helped another—for instance, a death defying surgery goes amazingly well and so does the recovery after she is prayed for by different people in 15 minute shifts for the duration of her danger.

Healing takes place on many levels and it does not always mean we are healed but that in some way we have been restored, renewed, reconciled. The most important healing for any of us is when our eyes are opened to be able to see the beauty of God, when our ears are opened to hear about the stories of God, when our hearts are unhardened so that we can feel the love of God.

Sometimes no matter how much we pray to God or others pray to God for us, or we for them the illness remains. **Jeremiah** laments: "*My pain is unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to heal.*"

**The Apostle Paul** talks often about the affliction of his flesh. **Jesus** himself cried out on the cross and death was his only release, until he was taken, as he said, into paradise.

At what level we will be healed, when or where we will be healed we do not know. But we do know that eventually that day will come, and we know that in every travail the peace of God that passes understanding can be ours. And, we do know that when we pray that Jesus' scarred hands cup our hands.

We invite you to join us at our upcoming Prayer and Healing Service as we gather now in the protective shelter of God's healing love, knowing that God invites our prayers, welcomes us, knows us completely, calls us by name, loves each one of us as a dear and precious child.

*Kendrick*

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday, July 13:** *Kate Ott preaching*

8:30 AM Worship- Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care

**Sunday, July 20:** *Sally Norris preaching*

8:30 AM Worship – Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery Care

**Sunday, July 27:** *Kendrick preaching*

8:30 AM Worship-Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care

**Sunday, August 3: Communion**

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care – *Susan preaching*

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service – *Rev. Todd Shipley preaching*

**Sunday, August 10:** *Rev. Dana Lindsley preaching*

8:30 AM Worship- Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care

**Sunday, August 17:** *Susan preaching*

8:30 AM Worship – Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery Care

**Sunday, August 24:** *David Colton preaching*

8:30 AM Worship-Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care

**Sunday, August 31:** *Rev. Todd Shipley preaching*

8:30 AM Worship-Chapel

10:00 AM Worship/Nursery care

### THE SACRED CONVERSATION WILL CONTINUE

Kendrick began the Sacred Conversation on Race in America with his sermon on April 13<sup>th</sup>. In the fall we plan on actively pursuing this Sacred Conversation with multiple programs. CNN will be presenting a two part special on being Black in America on Wednesday, July 23 and Thursday, July 24 at 9. This is an excellent way to prepare for Sacred Conversations this fall. If you are interested in being on a committee to plan some of these programs, please contact Kendrick.



### BAPTISMS

May 25, 2008

Devon Grayce Bermond  
daughter of Danielle and Kurt Bermond

Addison Mango Parker  
daughter of Dana Mango and David Parker

Rocco Joseph Torcia  
son of Jennifer Fisher and Adam Torcia

June 7, 2008

Stephen Clark Turek

June 15, 2008

Brendan Mull  
son of Kari and Eric Mull

### DEATHS:

Robert W. Kallinich  
October 29, 1930 – May 28, 2008

Nan Nivin Gerber  
February 16, 1920 – June 18, 2008



### DEACONESS OF THE MONTH

**Deaconess for July** is Marilyn Leslie (453- 3295). Please notify Marilyn of births, adoptions, or anyone who may need a note of sympathy or encouragement. Pam Welch (458-2340) is the contact person for the Deaconesses' **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. New hands are always welcome to knit or crochet shawls; materials are provided. If you know of someone who would welcome a Prayer Shawl as a tangible sign of First Church's prayers, please call Pam. **CDs** of Sunday services are available to sign out in Spencer House kitchen.

### Thanks to Office Angels for June:

Betty Brown, Liza Catino, Beth Milliron, Alice Mitchell, Martha Rebuzzini

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 10, 2008

On behalf of the new committee "This Old House of Worship," Charles Reese presented to Council an audit of energy efficiency analyzing the heating, cooling and other energy uses in our church buildings. Joined by five other shoreline churches, this committee, comprised of Doug Scales, Bob Howard, Sarah Gerritz, Rob Bunting and Charles, participated in a six-week course, which was sponsored by a grant secured by Christ Church in Guilford. Charles provided a handout with many recommendations from the audit, and noted the areas of our highest energy usage are three old refrigerators and fluorescent lighting. "This Old House of Worship" expressed an interest in working with the Business Committee to follow through on the recommendations made.

Council Chair, Kim Beckett, introduced her husband Tom Beckett, Director of Athletics at Yale University as the guest speaker. With our upcoming stewardship campaign and more discussion about a possible future capital campaign, Tom was invited to share his experience in fund-raising at the university level. Tom spoke about the concept being more "friend-raising," in that friends who feel passionate about an idea will typically invest in it. He spoke about two acronyms that have been enormously successful in his career:

The first is **MAP**, which stands for:

- M – Create your Mission Statement
- A – Articulate your vision and the hidden passion of that statement
- P – Create a plan to share that vision

The second acronym is **FRIENDS**, which stands for:

- F – Find the 'difference makers' (the investors)
- R – Establish relationships with those 'difference makers'
- I – What is the investor interested in?
- E – Establish a plan. Make your case.
- N – Negotiate the deal. Identify someone who is comfortable asking for the investment.
- D – Details, details!! Follow through on the details you've promised.
- S – Stewardship. You cannot thank the investor enough or tell them too often how their investment is going.

Tom states that 90% of funds typically come from 10% of your investors, and it is critical that those investors are identified as sharing the same vision.

After Tom's talk, Council broke into groups with two assignments: 1) Create a plan to re-engage non-active members of First Church, and 2) Create a plan to encourage financial generosity. The conversation was energetic and lively, and many great ideas were generated.

Debbie Peluse reviewed the newly written check writing procedure, and shared that because First Church has been prompt in paying our health benefit premiums to UCC, we will receive one month free of health coverage.

In other news, Bet Cummiskey reported that only seven committees have turned in their budgets by the deadline of June 10. All boards and committees are asked to get this done quickly because Finance needs to create a 2009 budget for the Stewardship Committee to plan its fall campaign. Also, repairs to the narthex have been completed and the music room is back in business. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. and Council celebrated Daphne Stitt's retirement with cake.

### CONFIRMED:

Adam Freeman Dear  
Allison Millar Federici  
Kyle David Gaboury  
Hillary Marie Herr  
Colleen Celeste Hickey  
Evan John Ignatowski  
Sarah Margaret Kennedy  
Patrick Gregory Kinsella  
Patrick Joseph Mooney  
Olivia Annette Platia  
Zachary Hartman Schmidt  
Daniel Anthony Shank  
Chelsea Lane Zabel

### NEW MEMBERS

June 1, 2008

Paula (PB) Baraket and Nancy Ruther  
Ellen Connell  
Michael Garvey and Bryan Larrow  
Catherine Gilbert  
Pacific Giordano  
Jennifer Jones  
Susan and Robert Leete  
Noelle Winters

## BEQUESTS

### Simple, Yet Often the Most Meaningful Gifts

Of all of the gifts you could offer a United Church of Christ (UCC)-related organization, one of the most meaningful—and one of the easiest to make—is a bequest.

A bequest is a gift you pass to a person or entity through your will. There are several ways to write a bequest, each creating a slightly different result.

Charitable bequests are unique in that they enjoy unlimited deductions from federal and most state inheritance taxes. Leveraging this benefit can often result in a larger estate passing to your non-charitable heirs, such as family members and friends. If you decide to make a charitable bequest to the UCC, you'll need to choose the type of bequest that best fits your needs:

- **Specific bequest:** This kind of bequest specifies an exact dollar amount or specific asset from your estate, such as stocks, bonds, or real estate.
- **Residuary bequest:** This bequest directs that either all or a percentage of your estate's residue—what's left after the other terms of your will have been satisfied—be paid to the UCC.
- **Percentage bequest:** A bequest may be expressed as a percentage of your estate. Expressed in this way, your wishes are guaranteed regardless of whether your estate grows larger or smaller.
- **Contingent bequest:** Certain criteria must be met before a contingent bequest is satisfied. For example, you might designate that church or charity receives all or some of your estate only in the event you outlive all the other beneficiaries in your document.
- **Restricted:** You may wish to restrict your bequest for a specific purpose or to support a particular program (contact the organization to be certain your intent can be fulfilled).

You may use a bequest to set up charitable life income gifts (e.g., gift annuity or remainder trust) to benefit loved ones during their lifetimes, with church or charity receiving the remaining principal. You may also instruct that gifts from your estate be used to set up endowed funds that will pay church or charity an annual percentage in perpetuity.

Contact the UCC Financial Development Ministry for a copy of *Your Estate Planning Record*, which includes a leaflet of suggested UCC bequest language, or our Wills brochure. The phone number is 800-846-6822. You may also contact Tom Grant of the Deacons at 457-1816, who would be pleased to assist you.

## THE YOUNG IN THE SPIRIT!

We've met Sunday afternoons. We've met Friday mornings for breakfast. In July and August we will celebrate our "Spirited Togetherness" on Saturday mornings at 10:00am in the Minear Library – July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. What this refers to is the ongoing interest we all have in allowing the sweet pressure of the spirit to enable us to support and guide each other on a day to day basis. Our meeting name up until now has been "The Sunday Afternoon Gab Session" – SAGS for short, remember?

It has been fun and satisfying so far for those of us who have given the concept a "go." There is always room for new and more participation. We invite you to join us now that we have a name for our effort, "The Young in the Spirit." We have a flexible schedule; we meet when it works best for the majority and we have a group of wonderful people who make it fun to get involved with the sweet pressure of the spirit in getting daily obligations handled with dexterity. How about that!

Please consider letting yourself go and spend an hour with us on July 19<sup>th</sup> – take a short vacation from yard work, the soccer game, settle for a later morning tee-off time at the golf course. If July 19 isn't good for you, consider August 16<sup>th</sup> as there is still open enrollment throughout the summer. Consider bringing a gang – school teachers, dentists and doctors, singers, ushers and lawyers should be particularly interested in finding out more about this very wonderful way of life! Call me if you have questions as we have many of the answers – Charlie Cummings, 453-5568! Thanks

## FROM DAPHNE

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the staff, Church School, and congregation for helping me celebrate my retirement from my position at the church in such a joyful and memorable way over the past several weeks. I have been deeply touched by your kind words – both in person and in writing – and by your very generous gifts to me. It has always been a delight to work in partnership with you over the years, and I will never forget the love and warmth that I have experienced in this special place. As a "Good-bye" to those who attended the special evening for me a couple of weeks ago, I wrote this poem based on Longfellow's "Hiawatha", and share it again with you now.

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Far from shores of Gitchee Gumee,  
 By the shining big sea water,  
 By the waters of Long Island,  
 Lies the little town of Guilford,  
 Sleepy little town of Guilford.  
 There beside its green so spacious,  
 Rising up above the treetops  
 Is a spire whose pristine splendor  
 Dazzles all who come and see it.

White and gleaming in the sunlight.  
 White and ghostly in the moonlight,  
 Is the church that lies beneath it.  
 Wigwam of the town of Guilford.  
 FIRST its name in time and honor,  
 CONGREGATIONAL by nature.

Long ago an English parson  
 By the name of Henry Whitfield,  
 Led a group of pilgrim people;  
 Purchased land from the squaw sachem;

Founded here the town of Guilford;  
 Gathered here a congregation.

Through the years the town has flourished,  
 And our church has also prospered.  
 Families old are still among us,  
 Bishops, Nettletons, and Dudleys.  
 Newcomers have joined our circle,  
 Immigrants from many countries  
 Blending languages and customs.  
 A diversity of people,  
 Yet inside this church, united.

And within its mighty portals  
 Men and women, older, younger,  
 Little children by the dozen,  
 Gather weekly, work and worship.  
 A community of people.  
 A community of caring.

Inevitably, changes happen,  
 And so I end my work among you  
 Say goodbye to early Sundays;  
 Clear my office, take down posters,  
 Sort curriculum and papers.  
 Lost keys will no more be a crisis.  
 Thursday nights of calling teachers,  
 (Tom was always out at tennis)  
 Making crafts and planning programs;  
 Stamping passports for those "Journeys";  
 Trying to get Act 4 from Liza;  
 Memories to fill a lifetime.  
 Memories of joy and blessing.

A tree that fell one Christmas pageant;  
 An angel quilt dear Gen to honor;  
 Bouncy castles in the garden;  
 An Earth Day labyrinth and touch tank;  
 A festive Twelfth Night celebration  
 Complete with apple tree and wassail;  
 A "too-realistic" Advent supper;  
 Churchmice, both puppets, and the real kind;  
 Communion served with grapes for children;  
 Three baby goats in church for Heifer;  
 Killam's Point with Junior Highers;  
 So many times to be together.  
 So many moments to remember.

It has been a time of blessing  
 To have served this congregation.  
 And I thank you for your patience  
 Thank you for your love and kindness.  
 Friends among you I will treasure.  
 Friends who will not be forgotten.  
 Two hundred fifty Church School teachers,  
 Fifty Board of CE members,  
 Countless families and children,  
 Confirmands and Baby Jesii.  
 Each of you has been important.  
 I am honored to have known you.

And I thank our staff most gifted,  
 Who encouraged and supported  
 And who gave me utmost freedom  
 To follow paths of my own choosing.  
 And I thank five special women,  
 Who have joined in my endeavors:  
 Ginny, Liza, Kim, and Karen,  
 Andrea – amazing artist!  
 Each a treasure who inspired me.  
 Each a friend who stood beside me.

To Kendrick, friend, and boss, and pastor,  
 To Susan, new friend, and co-worker,  
 To all of you who here have gathered,  
 I thank you all, and wish you well.

And so we turn now to the future.  
 A brand new chapter is beginning  
 In our congregation's story,  
 And my thoughts and prayers go with you  
 As the ministry continues.

My life too will change direction,  
 But you have molded me and taught me.  
 And forever I'll be grateful  
 For the time we've spent together  
 For encouragement and kindness  
 For the journey we have shared.

**NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES**

The Music Search Committee is pleased to announce that after receiving and reviewing 49 resumes from potential candidates all across the United States, we have concluded our search for a new Director of Music Ministries with the hiring of Bill Speed. Bill is an accomplished church musician and brings a new dynamic to our music ministries. His first official day will be Tuesday September 2nd, but look for him during the summer months as he starts to do some planning and organization. Bill currently lives in Guilford and has been the Director of Music at Bethesda Lutheran Church in New Haven for the past ten years.

A longer biography about Bill will appear in the September Landmark.

We also thank Jill Walthall for the outstanding job she has done as our Interim Director of Music since the end of April. We owe her many thanks and much appreciation. Jill will continue with us through the end of August before she assumes her new position as the Music Director at the Shoreline Unitarian Universalist Society in East Guilford, and we wish her well in that new endeavor.

*With much joyful noise,  
Stuart Wilkie, Chair  
Music Search Committee*

Dear Friends,  
I need your help. It has come to my attention that some of you are concerned about the direction and philosophy of our Pilgrim Fellowship. If this is the case with you, could you please let me know. Over the next few weeks, please feel free to speak to me after church, call me on my cell: 415-0470, email me at [Kendrickn@aol.com](mailto:Kendrickn@aol.com), or make an appointment to meet with me during the week, day or evening. Thank you for helping to keep our church moving forward in a healthy way.

*Kendrick*

**JOURNEYS IN A JET AGE**

We had a wonderful "Journeys" week this year with 19 children from our church and community, a group of dedicated and energetic teachers, and a lot of learning and fun packed into 4 exciting mornings. During the week, the children contributed school supplies to fill 10 Church World Service School kits to be shared with children in need somewhere in the world. Thank you to the teachers, parents and friends who helped make this a special time for our children.

*Daphne*

**\* PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS \***

Don't forget that in August and November we will be taking the photographs for our new pictorial directory. An up-to-date directory helps us to know each person in our church family, new and long-time members alike, so it is so important for all to be included in it. Please make note of the following dates and mark your calendar.

**Friday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00–9:30PM**

**Saturday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM–5:00 PM**

Anyone may sign up for these August sittings, but they are especially intended for families with children in college.

**Tuesday–Friday**

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>–Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00–9:30PM**

**Saturday,**

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM–5:00PM**

**Makeup date - Monday, Nov.24<sup>th</sup>  
3:00–9:30 PM**

A table will be set up in the narthex on Sundays where you may sign up for your time.

Questions? Call the Church Office, 453-5249.

**A HUMAN ORDEAL**

One of my treats as a church librarian is to keep in contact with Gladys Minear. As a former librarian and still a voracious reader, she is committed to advancing the library that carries her name and that of her late husband, Paul.

Recently she observed that of all the many works on grief, C. S. Lewis' *A Grief Observed* was still superior in her opinion. She has sent copies to grieving friends, so confident she is of the book's integrity. When I invited her to say more, she responded with the following paragraphs. In view of all the loss within our church family and in the wider community, her recommendation is timely and significant.

Who among us, having lost a spouse or dear friend, hasn't wished for a book which recounts, fully and honestly, the author's similar experience – loss, bitterness, loneliness, acceptance—coming finally to realize that the ordeal is normal, part of being human?

Such a book exists in *A Grief Observed* by C.S. Lewis (1963) a distinguished British scholar and literary figure better known for his other works. The Lewis' romance began when both were middle-aged and single, with careers of their own. The bond gradually became the center of their lives. Her illness was long and painful. His account of his wide-ranging feelings after her death leaves a reader moved and strengthened long after a first reading.

*A Grief Observed* is available in the Minear Library.

*Marjorie Colton and Gladys Minear*

**A VISIT TO SHARON CODY**

Following Sharon Cody's inspiring visit on Sunday morning, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Mann and I made plans to visit Mart's House, which is a residential setting for women previously incarcerated at York Correctional in Niantic. Our First Church Prison Resettlement Committee supports this program. These women are the recipients of the items we donate for the backpacks. When they arrive at the house, each woman is given a fully stocked backpack- complete with toiletries, gift cards for food and clothing, etc. It is a tangible indication that an extended supportive community surrounds them in their new lives.

Nancy and I were very eager to see Sharon, now employed at this transitional setting. This lovely home was owned and donated by Martha DeLaney. Eight ladies will make this their home. (There are four residents at the present time.) Sharon Cody and another staff member have their office there to manage the program.

For women recently released from prison, this home provides them with a fresh start. And it certainly has a feeling of home, very welcoming and peaceful. It is very clean and beautifully decorated in the community area. One can see how the physical place contributes to guidance and nurturing through the help of Sister Nancy, Sister Betty, Sharon and the director of the program, Debbie Rogala.

The program operates under the auspices of Community Partners in Action (CPA). Debbie helped to raise the funds of about \$10,000 from Martha DeLaney and other donors. Other donations included new furniture, appliances and labor to renovate the house, formerly called "My Sister's Place".

Debbie explained that some of the money donated from First Church helped cover the rent in the first month before the ladies had earned an income to support their stay there. The donation has also furnished the library and office with new computers, bookcases and supplies. On an on-going basis, it is used as back up funds for emergency situations. The donations from our church are very much appreciated and are put to very practical use in the daily lives of these women. Sharon was so proud to show us around and we took a few pictures in front of the dedication picture to Martha, on the wall near the Letty Russell Library area. Nancy saw some of the books she donated. I could see where some of my literature books will be housed in my next donation. We hope you can see the quality of the setting through some of the photos that will be posted soon to our web site.

For me, it was heart warming and reminded me of my

days in the convent as a young woman. Clean well kept and peaceful. The ladies all take turns in being responsible for chores and cooking. In the selection process while incarcerated, they have demonstrated that they are seriously interested in changing their lives and staying out of prison. This is a realistic goal, since they have the support of guidance and mentoring to get this fresh start. They are treated with respect and love. They are held accountable for standards that will help them to function in the outside world of work.

As a member of First Church, I became interested in the Resettlement Committee for Niantic prisoners. I am part of the prayer group, which prays on a weekly basis for the whole program along with the mentors and mentees. It has been greatly rewarding spiritually to be part of this prayer group. I have heard the women's stories. It has helped me witness the presence of God's Love and Wisdom working in the lives of all those I met.

On Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Nancy and I fulfilled our promise to Sharon when she was our guest at First Church. We wanted to take her out to dinner. Well, to say the least, we were blessed by this effort. It was so uplifting for me to see Sharon's humility and gratitude for what God has done in her life. I am grateful to Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson for seeing the need and addressing the need for such a program.

Through the First Church Resettlement Committee, we all have an opportunity to make a difference in these women's lives. We look forward to your continued support and generosity in helping rebuild these precious lives.

*Irene Kubitsky and Nancy Mann*

**OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION BASIC SUPPORT**

A large portion (~65%) of First Church's Community and World Concerns budget goes toward Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support. OCWM Basic Support provides funding for the work of the Connecticut UCC Conference and for the work of the UCC's national and global ministries. More than half of the money received by the UCC Connecticut Conference through OCWM Basic Support goes to support Mission, within Connecticut, nationally and globally. These gifts work throughout the US and globally, communicating the gospel through missionaries and ministries, schools and colleges, shelters and soup kitchens, scholarships and curriculum, grants to churches and community groups and in many other supportive ways.

*Linda Cantley  
Community and World Concerns*

## First Congregational Church, Guilford

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM LISTSERV – INFORMATION SHEET

A newly formed Communications Team at First Church is in the process of creating a database listserv for the purpose of sending electronic information to you in the areas of The Landmark, Church School, updates, emergency needs or requests, reminders and even pledge information if you so choose. Depending upon the need or service, communication from First Church could be as often as once per week or once per month. Besides being a "green" way of receiving vital information, you also know that you are up to date as you walk into church on Sunday morning. If you would like to participate in this database, please complete the form below by PRINTING the information requested. You may leave the forms in the Communication box located in the Narthex or leave it in the Church Council mailbox at Spencer House.

## THANKS FROM YOUR FIRST CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your preferred phone? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/Employer \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> e-mail \_\_\_\_\_**Would you like to receive E-mail from church?**

\_\_\_\_ Yes, send me the monthly Landmark newsletter by e-mail.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, send me general announcements, reminders, updates by e-mail.

\_\_\_\_ No, thank you, please just use my e-mail for committee work.

\_\_\_\_ If, in the future, First Church provided electronic stewardship/pledge updates (via e-mail), I would be interested in this.

How often do you check your e-mail?

\_\_\_\_ At least once per day    \_\_\_\_ Every few days    \_\_\_\_ Weekly    \_\_\_\_ Not often