

# The Steeple

300 YEARS • GREEN'S FARMS CHURCH



## 300th ANNIVERSARY EVENT - APRIL 3rd and APRIL 10th

In response to our GFC survey, over 80% of members reporting claimed to be raised in other denominations than the United Church of Christ (Congregational)! Here is an exciting opportunity to learn the faith tradition that gave rise to Green's Farms Church and how that tradition has impacted the history of the United States.

To guide us in this learning adventure we are fortunate to have **the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee**, former chair of the Historical Committee of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, come down from Hartford Seminary to conduct a short course on two Sunday mornings on the history of our denomination - from its beginnings in England to its transplantation via the Mayflower to its drift down the coast to Westport. Then, on the second Sunday, Dr. Lee will outline how congregational churches like ours played an important part in the history of our country's development of its promise of freedom and equal rights for all.

Dr. Lee credits early nurture in an historic congregation (First Congregational Church of Stratford) which is even older than ours -- founded in 1639, less than two decades after the landing at Plymouth Rock -- for his lifelong interest in church history. Dr. Lee was raised and ordained in that church. He has served as a pastor to Connecticut congregations for 21 years and is now Chief Development Officer of Hartford Seminary and member of the adjunct faculty. He is also currently on the Connecticut Conference board of Directors, and chair of its Finance and Budget Committee.

### Details:

Dates: April 3rd and 10th Time: 9:00-9:50 a.m. Place: The Parlor

Childcare: On request

More information? Contact John Twiname [jdtwine@aol.com](mailto:jdtwine@aol.com)

This will be an entertaining and effective way to learn the story of our denomination from a scholar who has a passion for its history.



**300 YEARS × GREEN'S FARMS CHURCH** Many interesting, exciting and meaningful events are being planned as we commemorate our 300th anniversary. Be sure to check the church website [greensfarmschurch.org](http://greensfarmschurch.org) for more information and updates. If you would like to help, sign up for events or just get more information, please contact the church office or email [300years@greensfarmschurch.org](mailto:300years@greensfarmschurch.org). Finally, spread the word by letting family and friends know what we are doing and inviting them to attend.

**APRIL 3** *Stamford Symphony at GFC*

On Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meetinghouse, Stamford Symphony Conductor Eckart Preu and members of the Orchestra will present a chamber music concert for strings and harpsichord. The concert will feature music composed at or around the time of GFC's founding in 1711. Music to be performed includes Pachelbel's "Canon", Bach's "Air" from the Brandenburg concertos, works by Corelli and Vivaldi and a stirring rendition of "Yankee Doodle". The Meeting House acoustics are perfect for an ensemble of this size and music of this period. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow where you will have a chance to meet with Maestro Preu and the musicians.

**APRIL 3 & 10** *Our Congregational Heritage*

The history of the UCC and our Congregational heritage is the subject of a special two part series to be held on April 3 and 10 at 9 a.m. in the parlor, in lieu of Bible Study. The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lee of Hartford Seminary will lead a short course. Please see John Twiname's description on the cover page and plan to join us.

**APRIL 10 & MAY 1** *Sons of the Congregation Series*

The Rev. Dr. Peter Allen, son of Marge and Bruce Allen, will preach on April 10  
The Rev. Jeff Braun, son of Nancy and Dave Braun, will preach on May 1.

**MAY 1** *Orphenians in Concert*

The Orphenians, a select group of outstanding vocalists from Staples High School, will perform in the Meetinghouse at 4:00 p.m. The Orphenians will be joined for two numbers by various members of the Westport 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade choruses and students from the Columbus Elementary School in Bridgeport. A freewill offering will benefit the Music Department of this Bridgeport School.

**MAY 7** *Heritage Bike Ride*

GFC will sponsor a Bike Ride with stops at Fairfield Congregational Church, Saugatuck Congregational Church and GFC. At each stop, hosts will provide riders and interested observers with historical perspectives on each church. The ride is open to the public and will raise money and collect food for local food banks.

**MAY 22** *We Remember*

Justin Wiest has created a plaque honoring ministers who have served GFC. The plaque will be unveiled during the worship service and following the service, Allen Raymond will lead a discussion of the history of Westport and GFC in the Parlor.

**JUNE 10** *GFC Art Show*

Members of the GFC family will display their art during an exhibition and reception under a beautiful tent on our church property. Everyone is welcome to participate and it is not too late to sign up.

**JUNE 12** *Celebration Sunday*

There will be a special worship service, special music, special guests and an all-church luncheon catered by Jonathan Mathias. Look for your invitation in the coming weeks and don't forget to RSVP!

# *Holy Week Services*



## *At Green's Farms Church*

*Maundy Thursday  
April 21—8:00 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday  
April 24—9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*



## *Community Services*

*Good Friday  
April 22—12:00 p.m. at Christ and  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

*Easter Sunrise Service  
April 24—6:00 a.m.  
at Compo Beach*

## MUSIC NEWS



Dr. Eileen Hunt, Minister of Music

Late winter and early spring finds musical events galore at GFC, and it is a very exciting season for the Music Ministry. During the month of March, we enjoyed the GFC Bell Choir and I want to thank everyone who participated. If you might be interested in joining us for a future Bell Choir event, please speak with either Eileen Hunt or Nancy Braun, or drop us a note via email or the Interest Sheet at church. We hope to convene again in the fall. On March 27 we enjoyed a marvelous morning of music featuring the third and final musical premiere, part of our 300th celebration, with Composer in Residence Edward Thompson. "Totally Thompson" featured our choir and soloists, along with the Saugatuck Choir, and Caesar Storlazzi, English Horn soloist, with the composer conducting. Our beautiful Meetinghouse was filled with the glorious sounds of this newly composed music. It was such an honor to have Ed with us for this momentous event.

April will bring many more musical elements, as well. On this coming Sunday, April 3 at 4 PM, members of the Stamford Symphony will present a concert of music from the Baroque period featuring works of Pachelbel, Bach, Handel and Vivaldi, along with some pieces from the American colonial era. The concert is free and open to the public. Please come and invite your friends to enjoy this outstanding musical afternoon. On Palm Sunday, April 17, we will enjoy music of Gounod and Bach featuring our choir and soloists, accompanied by strings and organ. Maundy Thursday features our beautiful service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae, with our choir, soloists, and flutist Jane Shelly. Easter morning, April 24, the joyous music of Handel, including the magnificent "Hallelujah Chorus" will fill our Meetinghouse. Our choir and soloists will be joined by strings, trumpets and timpani as we celebrate the Resurrection. If you would like to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" with us, come to one rehearsal, either April 7 or 14, at 7:45 PM in the Choir Room. We have plenty of extra *Messiah* scores, and we will save one for you!

The music continues in the month of May. On May 1, at 4:00 PM, the Orphenians, an elite singing group from Staples High School will grace our Meetinghouse with a concert of outstanding choral music. They will be joined by Westport 4th and 5th graders for two musical pieces and also by students from Columbus Elementary School in Bridgeport. There will be a freewill offering to benefit the music program at Columbus School. Please come and bring your friends.

It has been such a great pleasure and honor for me to work on the musical components of our 300th celebration year. As you can see, the Music Ministry has had a very busy and full season!

Much more special music will occur in the month of May, so watch for more details. And on June 12, the culmination of our 300th celebration, we will recap all three musical premieres, works of Gertmenian, Woodman and Thompson. The Arlberg Brass Quintet will be with us again, and it promises to be an inspiring and exciting day in the life of our congregation.

**March 13th Worship Service**  
**Featured our Bell Choir Ringers of All Ages!**



**Update on September Bigelow:** September reports that she has completed her chemotherapy sessions for now, and is feeling well. She is looking forward to the birth of her son in April, and she will then undergo a vigorous 12-week round of radiation, followed by surgery. Through your great generosity, we have been able to send her **\$19,794.00** to help with her staggering medical expenses. She is so very grateful for your kindness and expresses her deep appreciation. She hopes to be well enough to travel to Westport in the fall of 2011 to thank you in person, and to introduce us all to her husband and new son. Please keep September, her husband Alex, and their son in your prayers.

*Thank You!*

*We would like to thank all of our GFC friends for the many expressions of sympathy on the death of my mother, Alice Hunt. Your notes and cards are deeply appreciated, and we are so grateful to all of you who attended her memorial on March 6 in the Meetinghouse. The beautiful service of scriptures, prayers and music was a wonderful tribute to her life, and it was very meaningful to us. Thank you for being our church family!*

*Love, Eileen Hunt and Mark English*





# Icthus Youth Group

Well March came in like a lion and out like a lion! What's up with that?

We had a busy month starting off with our Mardi Gras for Mission Trip Fundraiser and Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service. We also had our first upper classmen dinner and prayer circle for this year. Peter Allen, from Simply Smiles, spoke to the group about the new Simply Smiles projects in Mexico and South Dakota.

April's calendar below is short, but full. We will be stuffing eggs and organizing the amazing hunt on Easter morning. We will be watching a documentary on youth leadership in Israel. And, we are trying to put together a white water rafting trip on the weekend of April 30-May 1 but it will depend upon interest and availability so check your calendars and let Karen know.

Hopefully, the weather will begin to warm up soon and we will be able to move back outside for our meetings. In the meantime, we will continue to meet in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited to participate in the CROP Walk on Sunday, April 10th, see details in this newsletter. We hope to put together a walking team of high spirited youth to help raise money for this great cause.

Thursday, 4/7	7 p.m. Icthus Meeting @ GFC Documentary about Youth Leadership in Israel
Sunday 4/10	1 p.m. Crop Walk
Thursday, 4/14	7 p.m. Icthus Meeting @ GFC Stuff the Eggs for the Great Hunt!
Maundy Thursday 4/21	8 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service/Spring Break
Easter Sunday, 4/24	9 a.m. Hide Eggs for Hunt which begins at 10 a.m.
Friday 4/29 – Sunday 5/1	Camping & White Water Rafting in Pennsylvania



## Confirmation

Tuesday classes have been fun and fulfilling. Our overnight retreat to Incarnation Center was a blast! Thanks to Joanne Reeves for stepping in as guest leader at the last minute. On Ash Wednesday, the class hosted a pot luck supper for Confirmation families, Icthus members, Education Department members, Choir members and Lenten Study participants...over 90 people shared a meal before heading into the Meetinghouse for an inspiring Service of Ashes. Confirmation 2011 will participate in CROP Walk for Hunger on April 10. Everyone is invited to join us for this fun event and worthwhile cause. Gather at 1 p.m. on the front lawn of Saugatuck Church on Sunday, April 10. And the fun continues...on Palm Sunday, April 17, we will reenact the Walk through Holy Week for the Sunday School classes.



## Mission Trip

The airline tickets have been purchased, lodging reservations have been made, money has been raised and we are on our way to New Orleans in just three months! Thank you to everyone who participated in, contributed to and supported the Mardi Gras Gala last month. It was a great success thanks to everyone's efforts and generous donations. Watch your email for specific details.

# CONFIRMATION RETREAT





**You're invited to help end poverty and hunger in the world!  
How? *Contribute to the cause and/or sign up to walk.***

## **What's A CROP Walk?**

**Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

For over 60 years community-based and interfaith groups have joined forces to help fight hunger and poverty locally and internationally. Our Middle Schoolers, along with other youth at area churches, synagogues and local organizations are spearheading this year's **CROP Walk**. So much is possible when we join together! Walk with us on **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** and we can make a difference. Join us and put your faith into action. The CROP Hunger Walk is great way for us to participate in the 300<sup>th</sup> challenge. Plus it's good exercise, setting a great example for our children and a lot of fun!

### **CROP WALK**

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

**1:00pm Registration**

**1:30pm – Start of Walk**

**Saugatuck Congregational Church**

**3.5 mile loop through Westport,**

**starting and ending at the Saugatuck Church.**

Need additional information? For more information, to join or to make a donation, please contact our Crop Walk coordinator, Georgia Rojas at [georgiaremg@yahoo.com](mailto:georgiaremg@yahoo.com) or 203-216-3158. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide--and right here in the U.S.--to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow.



This year GFC Sunday School is spending the season of **Lent** learning about 40 days of spiritual training by participating in classroom and take home activities designed to engage students and their families in the Christian practices of prayer, reading scripture, and reaching out to others with God's love. If you're interested in learning more about observing Lent at home, go to the Sunday School page at [greensfarmschurch.org](http://greensfarmschurch.org). Or, check out the big purple **Lenten Banner** in the Meetinghouse. For four Sundays in Lent, church school families are presenting a new banner symbol to deepen our understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Many thanks to **Cathy Rotondo** and **Jan Topercer** for their graphic skills and contagious enthusiasm!

The **2011 Bible Bee** was a rip roaring success! A record setting total of 19 students in grades 1-5 learned 1 - 3 sections of the "love passage" from Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth (**ICor 13:1- 13**). Congratulations to them and to all participating students who showed a remarkable understanding of the passage, which we hope will resonate with them for life. (See pictures on page 11.)

## Celebrating Holy Week



**April 10 Preschool Cherub Sing** 10:00AM  
Threes, Fours and Kindergarten students will be making a joyful noise during the worship service.

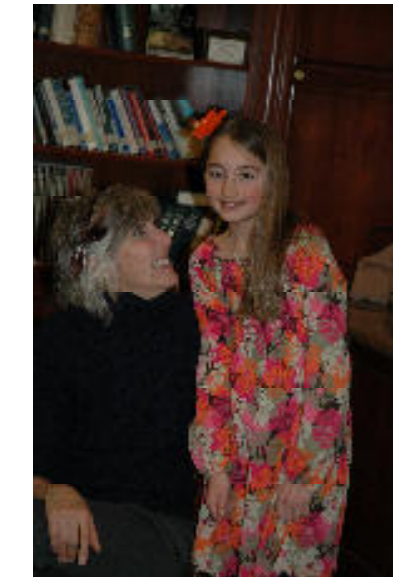
**Palm Sunday** 10:00AM  
Confirmation Class presents the Stations of the Cross to the Sunday School

**Easter Sunday** Worship at 9:00AM and 11:00AM,  
Childcare for Infant - Grade 5

**Easter Egg Hunt** immediately following the 9:00AM service  
Toddlers through Kindergarten on the front lawn  
Grades 1- 5 on the playground.  
Don't forget to bring your Easter basket!

Wishing you and your family peace as we prepare for the joy of Easter morning and God's gift of new life,  
Lynn Rider

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\* BIBLE BEE 2011 \*  
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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



**SOPHIA'S CIRCLE** is looking forward to its next retreat at Joan Burgess' home in beautiful Litchfield, CT. This is an overnight retreat, from May 6-7, and space is limited, so you need to make your plans early if you want to join us. It is always a fun filled time, with lots of conversation and laughter, interspersed between thoughtful moments of contemplation and spiritual enrichment. You will feel as though you have been gone for weeks! So make your plans to join us now, and let us know soon after the notice for registration appears.

**THE WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP** has been having a great time reading and discussing Timothy Keller's first book, *The Reason for God*. There is a lot to talk about in this book, much to learn -- and much to either agree with or object to. Our conversations are lively and spirited. It never fails that we walk away having learned something new and having deepened our spirituality. Aside from all this, the Christian fellowship that is so much a part of this group is a special gift. Perhaps you should come and see what this group is all about. We meet on Thursdays at 10-11:15 AM in the parlor (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the Upper Room). Sign the Interest Sheet or talk to Diana Mrotek.

**BIBLE STUDY** While we're taking a pause in Bible Study during April for all the Lenten and Easter activities, this is a simple reminder that we will resume our study in Luke on May 1. For those who have not yet tried the class, consider this a free, no obligation invitation to come and see what all the fuss is about. Some have likened it to a Spiritual Gym, a brief but not too difficult workout that can lead to strengthened hearts and more resilient faith. Can't come every week? No problem. Each class is discreet for the most part and jumping in is welcome. So renew that gym membership and sign up for the Spiritual Gym at Green's Farms Church.

**24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD** is the name of our Lenten Series that is currently being held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:45 PM in the parlor. So far, we have discussed the following topics, entitled: *The Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, and Condemned by the Righteous*, in addition to reading daily devotions in the book that accompanies this program. On April 6, we will consider *Jesus, Barabbas and Pilate*; on April 13<sup>th</sup>, *The Torture & Humiliation of the King*; on April 20, *The Crucifixion*; and after Easter, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, *Christ the Victor*. Please consider joining us for the rest of this meaningful and spiritually deepening series, or come to any one of them, since they are all stand alone offerings. Sign the Interest Sheet or talk to Diana Mrotek or John Twiname.

**PRAYER CIRCLES** continue to meet faithfully each week to pray for those in our congregation family and friends. Please continue to request prayers by signing the purple Prayer Cards in the Meetinghouse pews, or talking to one of the staff. The Prayer Ministry in our Christian Community is a great gift to all of us, and we urge you to become a part of it by requesting prayers, joining a Prayer Circle, holding all those on the Prayer Chain in your prayers, as well as the Pastoral Care Team.

## GFC SENIORS UPDATED 2011 EVENT SCHEDULE

**April** – No events scheduled for April.

**Wed May 11** – Westport Playhouse – *Beyond Therapy*—2PM Matinee – We have reserved 30 rear orchestra tickets at \$20/ticket for this wickedly funny play. To sign up: contact Del Horsfall at 203 255-0806 or [delhh28@optonline.net](mailto:delhh28@optonline.net) by April 27. Del will then submit our master list of attendees to the Playhouse and you can stop by and purchase your tickets at the Box Office starting on April 28. Cancellations are permitted up to Monday May 9.

**Wed May 25** – Bridgeport Hospital – Staff presentation on colon cancer care. Also Kaye May will share some experiences of the Spiritual Care Department. Program starts at 11AM followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

**Wed June 29**- Boat Cruise on CT River

**Wed July 27** – Westport Playhouse – *Lips Together Teeth Apart*

**Wed Sept 7** – Westport Playhouse – *Suddenly Last Summer*

**Wed Sept 28** – Thimble Island Boat Cruise or a Trip

**Wed Oct 19** – Westport Playhouse - *Twelfth Night*

**Wed Nov 30** – Christmas Show at Radio City: Tickets will be available for purchase between April 7 and April 28. To date 25 have signed up as definitely interested. An additional 10 tickets will be placed on hold until April 28. Tickets are \$65 per person and include a backstage tour, approximately one hour, before the show. If you are interested, please contact Wayne at [wbalfanz@optonline.net](mailto:wbalfanz@optonline.net) or 203-762-2063

**Thur Dec 15** – Annual Christmas Luncheon

## FEBRUARY EVENT

### Tom and Elaine Long's Amazon Trip



Elaine negotiating for a picture.



Group fishing for Piranha from a boat on the Amazon.



## JAPAN EARTHQUAKE/Tsunami RELIEF EFFORT OPPORTUNITY

Japan continues to suffer through the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that killed thousands and has impacted millions of others. Please keep the Japanese people in your prayers, as well as the many rescue workers who are risking their own safety to help. The UCC is supporting Church World Service in distributing food and other basic supplies for those in dire need. The Outreach Department has set up a special **Japan Relief Fund** and has made a \$2,500 gift from GFC's Bryant Fund. If you wish to make a contribution to this effort, please place check in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please indicate *Japan Relief Fund* in the memo section of your check or on an envelope, if cash is contributed.

## SKYPING WALTER

Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, Walter Eads was able to chat with his friends at GFC on March 20 and 27. Josh Lindsey-Noble, as part of his Eagle Scout project with Will Overton, set up his laptop and Walter's laptop at Wilton Meadows to be able to "SKYPE" with each other.



Walter would like to thank all of his GFC friends for the many visits, calls, cards, prayers and food sent to him during his stay at Wilton Meadows. He is very grateful and sends his love to all!



### Stewardship – Final Update for 2010 Campaign

Spring has finally arrived, although recent snow flurries make it clear that winter hasn't completely let go yet! Our 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is in full swing with the afterglow of Sunday's "Totally Thompson" celebration fresh in every in everyone's mind. This note will be the last for the 2010 stewardship campaign. (We can hear your disappointment!)

The budget for 2011 was presented and approved after the March 6<sup>th</sup> service. As the results at that time for the 2010 stewardship campaign were running about 5% behind last year, the budget reflected a more conservative plan for 2011 than originally envisioned. The number of families that have pledged (202) was down almost 12% vs. a year ago (229). Importantly, more than 40 families that pledged last year have not pledged in 2011.

Consequently, we took the unusual step last week of sending letters to those families that have not pledged but who consider Green's Farms Church to be their spiritual home. One of our goals in this year's campaign was to receive a 100% response from the members of our family of faith, and we're going to make one more push during Lent to see if we can get closer to our goal.

We understand that some families may have sent in their pledge card and it wasn't received, and we know that some have simply forgotten. We also understand that some families are not able or do not plan to make a pledge this year. Whatever your situation, we'd like to hear from you, please. If you haven't pledged yet, we are asking that you take a minute to return a pledge card. If you can't make a pledge, please just say so on the card. If you need another pledge card, please contact the Church office.

Each individual commitment of time, talent and money matters, and our pledges express our shared commitment to the 300<sup>th</sup> year of ministry as Green's Farms Church.

With best wishes for happiness and success in 2011!

Jennifer & Duncan O'Brien  
Jane & Mark Mastrianni  
2011 Stewardship Co-Chairs

## Message From the Treasurer

Please know that our stock contribution instructions have changed due to a reassignment of accounts within UBS. Please ask JoAnne LaBella in the church office for a copy of the instructions before making a stock donation. Also, please remember to inform the treasurer that the stock is on its way as UBS does not typically have the donor information. You can do this by emailing Andrea Register, [andrearegister@optonline.net](mailto:andrearegister@optonline.net) or phoning and leaving a message in the treasurer's voicemail 203-227-2728 x 106. Please email Andrea Register with any other questions.



**Calling Church Historians** — Do you like to sort through old documents, organize and put things in order? Then consider joining the church archive committee. Cheryl Bliss and Maggie Parkhurst are organizing the church archive as part of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is a big job sorting through 300 years of history. We need church members to help sort through documents, identify old pictures and track down missing pieces. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie Parkhurst at 341-9854 (home) or email at [jefmagparkhurst@aol.com](mailto:jefmagparkhurst@aol.com)

**Spring Cleaning?** If you have any old church documents such as old pictures, video or audio tapes, sermons, bulletins, Steeples, committee reports, mission trip notes, church party invitations, etc. — or anything that might be of archive interest, then please consider donating to the archive committee. Please label your donation. Contact Maggie Parkhurst at 341-9854 or [jefmagparkhurst@aol.com](mailto:jefmagparkhurst@aol.com) if you have any questions.

A box will be in the foyer labeled Archives.



Limited Space Available! Sign Up Now To Come Join In The Summer Time Fun!

GFNS is buzzing with excitement about the announcement of Summer On The Green - this year's six week fun-in-the-sun summer camp for 2 -5 year olds. Children will enjoy daily age appropriate activities led by dynamic learning specialists, including Music, Cooking, Creative Movement, Water Play, Sports, Science, Arts and Crafts and more! Learning Centers spread throughout the spacious two playgrounds, large lawn, air-conditioned classrooms, and generous social hall/gym will accommodate small and large group activities and fun for all. Each carefully crafted day will be planned and guided by GFNS' renowned staff of highly educated, energetic nursery school teachers.

Wet and Wild Week! Where The Wild Things Are! Zoom Zoom Things that Go! The Great Outdoors! All Star Sports Week! Let's Go Green! SIX weeks of summer fun centered around these exciting themes, complete with special guests, weekly sing-alongs, and more. 4's and 5's campers also enjoy weekly field trips and weekly beach days!

New this year, we are also happy to announce camp Aftercare, available to all!

Call to Enroll Today! 203-227-9363

Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School Year also now rolling - call today!

## PEOPLE NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maren Hood and her family on the death of Maren's father, Paul Roth. We pray for healing and support for our brothers and sisters in faith: Susan Allen, September Bigelow, Betsy Blomfield, Lori Braun, Carol Brown, Gail Callandra, Katie Chase, Henry Chilton, Walter Eads, Francisco Estevez, Ethel Ferenc, Tony Fiore, Eleanor Groschel, Margot Hayward, Lois Lenfest, Jonathan Miller, Brad Myers, Annette Nielsen, Lori Redmer, Charlie Raymond, Ford Slater, George Taylor, Charlie Watson and David Hanson Wright.

We celebrate with Ashley and Brian Welker on the birth of their son, Colby William; and with Donielle, Stu, Sam, and Griffin Hawley on the birth of their daughter and sister, Harper Alethea!

## GREEN'S FARMS CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRY SURVEY

Green's Farms Church supports many local Outreach organizations. We have put together a basic survey in hopes that we can find a good fit for those of you who would like to take advantage of some of the many and varied outreach opportunities. Please review the [Survey Form](#) below, fill out what may be of interest to you and mail it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. A member of our Outreach Department is looking forward to discussing the opportunities with you.

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

*Profession (current and/or former)* \_\_\_\_\_

*Hobbies, Interests, Skills* \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in:*

- A one time project*
- Once a week volunteering*
- Once a month volunteering*
- Helping out for last minute jobs*
- Working with adults*
- Working with children*
- A beautification project*
- A small construction project*
- Cooking*
- Serving food*
- Using my professional skills to help others*
- Helping fund a project or cause*

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**EASTER FLOWER FUND**  
**and**  
**EASTER MUSIC FUND**



If you would like to contribute toward the Easter Flower Fund and/or the Easter Music Fund, please complete the following form and return it with your check by Sunday, April 17.

Checks should be made out to Green's Farms Church and mailed to:  
**Green's Farms Church**  
**71 Hillandale Road**  
**Westport, CT 06880**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flower Fund

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Music Fund



I would like the following dedication printed in the Church bulletin.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Did we miss your birthday?  
Let us know— 203-227-2728



Apr 1 Brittany Beispiel  
Apr 2 Suellyn Durkin  
Ginger Tobey  
Apr 3 Mary Courtney  
Danny Hlawitschka  
Harry Leitch  
Phil Lint  
Eric Olsen  
Apr 4 Jack Saltus  
Ann Wilbanks  
Apr 5 Neil Rattan  
Apr 6 Jeff Caffery  
Lisa Kammert  
Monica Mula  
Apr 7 Nancy Aldrich  
Zachary Mathias  
Apr 8 Edward Aldrich  
Caroline Howe  
Megan Thelen  
Apr 9 Will O'Halloran  
Apr 10 Sarah Menchaca  
Daniel Sellon  
Katharine Smith  
Apr 11 Courtney Reeves  
Nicholas Ribolla  
Apr 12 Bob Bowman  
JoAnn Davidson  
Cindy Doonan  
Alexandra Masiello  
Buddy Masiello  
Apr 13 Caroline Barney  
Steve Parrish  
Klaus Soennichsen  
Apr 14 John Hillhouse  
Donald McNeas  
Clay Parrish

Apr 15 John Demetres  
Apr 16 Emma Tait  
Apr 18 Bill Burgess  
Nina Card  
Apr 19 James McAlister  
Apr 20 Bill Hass  
Diane Hillhouse  
Sandy Kercher  
Chloe Randich  
Apr 21 Ann Barlow  
Aidan DeWitt  
Jon Duranko  
Benjamin Esser  
Samantha Long  
Nancy Weikert  
Apr 22 Lori Andrews  
Kathryn Durkin  
Leah Garzone  
Timothy Herold  
Apr 23 Dan Donovan  
Amy Gatta  
Apr 24 Ed Barlow  
Alex Collins  
Bryan Penwell  
Hope Penwell  
Apr 25 Alice Agovino  
Apr 26 Walt Schlenker  
Lauren Schmidt  
Linda Volckmann  
Apr 27 Lucy Parkhurst  
Pat Sherley  
Apr 28 Pam Clark  
Adi Leitch  
Samantha Mascia  
Debby Zindell  
Apr 29 Eliza Bowens  
Grant Dougherty  
Zachery Speed  
Apr 30 Ian Gillespie  
Richard Pascal



April 2011

THE STEEPLE CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					9:30 AM 300th Committee Mtg	
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent 3</b> 9:00 AM History of the UCC 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Childcare 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour  4:00 PM Stamford Symphony Concert	4	5	6	7	8	9
		7:15 PM Deacons Meeting 7:30 PM Outreach Meeting	5:00 PM Gillespie Center 7:30 PM Lenten Series	10:00 AM Women's Study Group 11:30 AM Prayer Circle 7:00 PM Icthus 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal		
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent 10</b> 9:00 AM History of the UCC 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Childcare 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour  1:00 PM Crop Walk	11	12	13	14	15	16
		6:00 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Worship & Music Meeting 7:30 PM Trustees Meeting	7:30 PM Lenten Series	10:00 AM Women's Study Group 12:00 PM Prayer Circle 7:00 PM Icthus 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	5:00 PM Gillespie Center	
<b>Palm Sunday 17</b> 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Childcare 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Confirmation Stations of the Cross 11:00 AM Social Hour	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<b>STEEPLE DEADLINE</b>		7:30 PM Lenten Series	10:00 AM Women's Study Group 11:30 PM Prayer Circle 6:00 PM Confirmation 8:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	12:00 PM Ecumenical Service at Christ & Holy Trinity	
<b>Easter Sunday 24</b> 6:00 AM Sunrise Service at Comp Beach 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship  9:00 & 11:00 AM Childcare 9:00 & 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt	25	26	27	28	29	30
		6:00 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting	7:30 PM Lenten Series	10:00 AM Women's Study Group 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM Icthus Camping Trip	

## April 2011 Worship Schedule

**April 3 Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey P. Rider preaching

**April 10 Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Allen preaching

**April 17 Palm Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey P. Rider preaching

**April 21 Maundy Thursday**  
8:00 p.m. Service of Communion & Tenebrae

**April 22 Good Friday**  
12:00 p.m. Community Service at Christ  
& Holy Trinity

**April 24 Easter Sunday**  
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Compo Beach  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
Rev. Jeffrey P. Rider preaching

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