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Pastor's Page

***"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."
Luke 10:36-37***



A short time ago, I attended the ground breaking of a "Habitat for Humanity" project in Bristol. It was a very special occasion. We had religious leaders, politicians and community leaders from the city of Bristol attending. "Habitat" is a faith based organization dedicated to providing affordable home ownership to people who otherwise wouldn't be able to own a home of their own. It is not a large scale project. It just seeks to help one person and one family at a time.

Why should we be interested in helping one person we may never know? Why should we spend our time, talents and treasure on strangers who may not even share our faith? Why should we care about someone who comes from a different part of town and may even be a ... dare I say it ... Presbyterian?

One of the challenges that I have as a Pastor is to remind people that our faith is an ethical faith. It is not simply an intellectual exercise. It is a faith that needs to be lived out in our homes and in our community. It is good to believe in Jesus—it is good to place our trust in God's grace. But, does that faith affect how we act in our day to day lives? When we meet Jesus, and ask him to be a part of our lives, it is just the beginning of an adventure. It is an adventure which draws us out of ourselves and into service in God's world.

And that brings me back to "Habitat for Humanity" and UMCOR and Cub Scouts and the "Covenant to Care, DCF Christmas Party" and so many other important organizations which are vital for our community and world. If we really listen to God's voice, we will be drawn into a faith that is larger than ourselves and is lived out in our actions. We will act like the Samaritan who was a neighbor to the stranger lying, half dead, in the road.

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Every once in a while, usually after a crisis or a natural disaster, I hear the question, “where is God?” When we listen to God’s voice calling to us and we try to follow where God is leading, we really will have an answer. God’s here—you can see God. God is in that person over there putting a tarp over an exposed roof. God is over there with that woman who is “mucking out” a basement. God is with that man who is sawing a two by four. God is here with you whenever you look at someone and that person is no longer a stranger but has become a sister or brother.

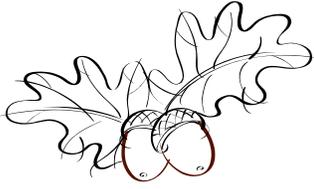
In future articles, I will be sharing about opportunities to find God in your service to others. I will be sharing about “Habitat” and other organizations that could use your help and your talents (and yes, God has given you all some talent). Remember, our faith needs to be lived!

Grace and Peace,

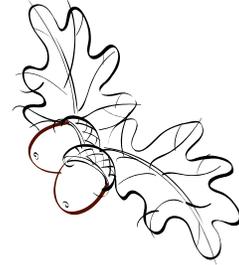
Bob Sorozan

Jesus said that the second greatest commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. Among our neighbors are those we share our building space with. Please respect and be mindful of their property.

Country Cupboard Fair



October 19
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



A wonderful selection of items!!!

Christmas Shop | Cookie Shop | Fudge | Homemade Crafts |
Apple and Pumpkin Pies | Other Baked Goods | and more.

A luncheon with homemade soups and sandwiches
will be available in the dining room.

We are asking for your help to make this year's fair a success.

- Perhaps a donation - Mail it to the church with a 'Fair' notation.
- Perhaps a baked good - Bring it to the church the day of the fair between 9 a.m. and noon
- Perhaps a craft item - Bring it to the Church before the day of the fair.

Don't forget to put the date on your calendar and bring a friend to the Fair.

Outreach Corner

Winter is a difficult time for those who are homeless and the economy has hit them hard. Help PUMC continue to reach those in need. PUMC will be putting together caring bags for the Homeless to show them someone cares about them. Items being collected are trial size toiletries (i.e. deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, razors, lotion), comb, Kleenex (trial size), and band aids. A drop off place will be available in Sessions Hall. See Jeanette Baker for questions.



Galatians 6:9: And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

HISTORY CORNER

■ GILDED AGE PROGRAM, LUNCHEON PLANNED

Kandie Carle, known for her one-woman shows on Fashion, Life and Etiquette during eras ranging from the 1860s to the early 1900s, will appear at Prospect Church on Saturday, November 9th, with a program on the Gilded Age — the 1890s.

The presentation is sponsored by the History Committee to help promote our historic preservation projects and Prospect's history. The committee selected the Gilded Age because Prospect's current sanctuary was completed during the 1890s.

A luncheon at Noon in Sessions Hall will precede the program, scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets, at \$15, will cover both the luncheon and program. Tickets will be available as of Sunday, October 13th, before and after the 10 a.m. service from members of the History Committee, including Vivian Brackett, Ron Baker, Charlie Ricker and Kathy Dube plus Jeanette Baker. You may also obtain tickets in the Church Office week day mornings and at the Country Cupboard Fair on October 19th. All tickets will be sold in advance. No tickets will be available at the door.

Carle, from East Haddam, combines history, humor and high fashion in



her presentations, appropriate for girls, boys, women and men of all ages, but it's recommended for more mature children ages 10 and up. She is an accomplished actress, dancer and singer whose love of history led her to create a one-woman show entitled "Kandie Carle — Victorian Lady."

In addition to the Gilded Age, she also presents programs detailing life in the 1860s, the Civil War Era; the 1890s, the Gilded Age; and the early 1900s, the Edwardian Era.

While dressing in actual vintage and authentically reproduced undergarments, clothing and accessories, Carle adds humor, history and intriguing anecdotes about fashion, home life and etiquette of men and women from this era. The presentation is not a fashion show; rather, Carle takes her audience on a journey of discovery by using clothing and accessories as a tool.

She dresses in layer upon layer of the clothing of the chosen period and as each piece is added, she explains how it was worn, as well as when and where it was appropriate. Throughout the presentation she shares insights into the clothing, lifestyle, manners, etiquette and customs of men, women and children. Included are

interesting anecdotes and 'myth busting'. The performance is full of audience interaction, and edited for those in attendance.

Among the organizations she belongs to are the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism, New England Foundation for the Arts, CT League of History Organizations, Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums, CT Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Jane Austen Society of New England. She also is artistic director of the East Haddam Stage Company.

The program is open to the public.

STEWARDSHIP

■ THE BEAUTY OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources — basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

God is the source of all creation, including our lives. God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God

allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which



soon overflows with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave the increase. God's provisions and our labor brought the garden to its fulfillment.

Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

That is the beauty of stewardship.

Kids' Corner

■ RALLY DAY A SUCCESS

Rally Day was a resounding success at Prospect Church on Sunday, September 8th. Christa Zaldivar, Sunday School Superintendent, expresses "my heartfelt thanks to all involved in Rally Day 2013! During the worship service we honored our dedicated Sunday School teaching team: Eleanor Riker, Alecia Bohan, Mary Rogers, Victoria Budnick, Yaa Amoakehene, Terry Sorozan and Susan Thayer."

About 20 enthusiastic children participated in fun outdoor activities, which included making bubbles, cards, keychains, T-shirts, and playing games. During the potluck luncheon that followed worship, the congregation was invited to visit displays to learn about some of our small groups and committees, including Education, Worship, Finance, Staff Parish Relations, Faith in Action, Women of Prospect, Men's Fellowship and Stephen Ministries.

She notes, "Rally Day was a great testament to the rich variety of offerings we have at PUMC! Thanks to everyone for helping kick off our Sunday School year on a positive note!"

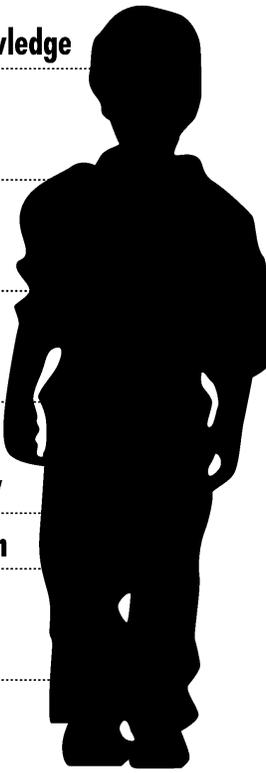
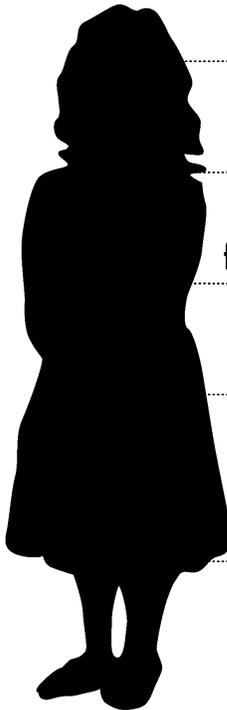




Growing Up!

You're growing each day in many different ways.
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

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$2\frac{1}{4}$ ft.	Lord		grow	$2\frac{1}{8}$ ft.
$2\frac{1}{16}$ ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	$1\frac{1}{4}$ ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

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 To $3\frac{1}{16}$ ft. be $2\frac{1}{16}$ ft. both $2\frac{3}{4}$ ft. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. ! 2 ft."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV



HARVEST DINNER

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99 Summer Street • Bristol, CT

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Continuous seating 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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or

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