

4 Sackett Hill Road, Warren, CT 06754

Phone: 860-868-7106/Fax: 860-868-1067

Carol Knight, Editor

Email: wcongregational@gmail.com

www.warrencongregationalchurch.org

Pastor's Cell #860-638-7512

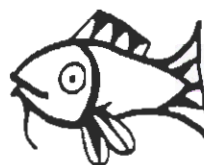
Lenten Issue

Roast Beef

Dinner

3rd Dinner in the Men's
Winter Dinner Series
will be held on

March 13th from
4:30~7:00pm



prayer - fasting - almsgiving



March 14th

Set clocks ahead the night before.

Choir rehearsals

Sunday School

Worship

Roast Beef Dinner

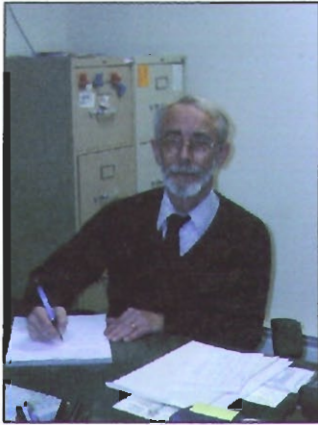
9:15am Sundays

10:15am Sundays

10:30am Sundays

March 13th 4:30-7pm

From Pastor Dave



THE INTERIM PASTOR'S PENCIL



Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have 31 except for lent which has 40, not counting Sundays. The season of Lent is far more than an old memory devise. It is a time that each of us can set aside to focus especially on our relationship with God.

When I was a child growing up in Lexington, Massachusetts, several of my friends talk about giving things up for Lent. At the time it was a new concept to me. It is a teaching of the church that I only once successfully attempted. And that brought rather serious physical consequences. Therefore, I have given up giving things up for Lent.

I urge all of us instead to ADD something on for Lent, something that can enhance living the Christian life. Living the Christian faith is a matter of relationships. Attending services of worship that our church offers, going to the Sunday Bible studies and increasing time at prayer. These are excellent ways to ADD on for Lent.

Pastor Dave

Conference News

Resignation

The Reverend Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree has been our Conference Minister since 1996. She grew up in the Litchfield Hills, near us. She will retire this May as our Conference Minister. If you wish to know more I will have copies of her letter.

Pastor Dave

Conference Spring Meeting

If you have ever wanted to influence the policies and practices of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, I have a meeting for you.

"God's Church in a Strange Land: 7 Ways to Thrive"
Workshops, worship and time for fellowship.

Saturday, May 8th

In

Madison

Interested?

See Pastor Dave

Warren Congregational Church ~ Mission Statement

Motto: "Loving hearts, serving hands, growing faith."

Vision Statement: The vision of our Warren Church is to build and nurture a fellowship of faith and love, reaching out with both to proclaim Christ and to care and serve in practical ways to make God's love visible.

Mission Statement: Acknowledging God's love, the mission of the Warren Congregational Church is to know and make known God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit through:

- Reaching out to welcome all people
- Offering a loving, supportive community of faith
- Providing a place to gather regularly to worship God and celebrate the Sacraments_
- Experiencing and responding to God's love
- Growing together through the good news about Jesus.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek to serve Christ and to minister in His name, both here in Warren and in the world at large.

LITTLE LAMBS OF GOD NEWS

I know you've all probably been wondering where the "Little Lambs" are. Well, I can tell you ...they're still here practicing and you will be hearing from them shortly. The weather, and the vacation times, have really set us a back a bit, but the children have managed to get in a practice here & there. They will be singing for the congregation during the month of March alongside the Senior choir for Palm Sunday. They are planning on singing for you before that as well, but if scheduling conflicts don't permit that, don't worry, they'll be back for the Easter celebration, and of course for the moms & dads on the respective days in May & June when we parents are honored by our miracles from God. Not only are we working as a group, we are also trying to get a couple of brave souls to sing solo for you as well. Things are slow in progression at times, but I can guarantee you these talented children are worth the wait. Thank you for your continued support of our children with this portion of our music ministry.

**** One quick footnote... My apologies to Carl Hetzel** for inadvertently leaving him out in last month's newsletter. Carl was responsible for editing the version of "Here Comes the Son" (sung by Kirsten & Jenna) to fit in to the Christmas Eve service. With all his other obligations, he found the time to help out on that project to which I'm grateful for his help. My brain was a blank when it came to that & he did a great job with it. You're tops in my book my friend. Thank you so much!!**

Singing praises to our Lord through song....

Marie Elena Pecha - Director, Little Lambs of God

CHURCH NEWS

MENS GROUP

There will be a Roast Beef Dinner on March 13th—all the proceeds from the dinners go to new shutters and the painting of the Meeting House. We thank all who participated and look forward to seeing them all again on February 7th.

A Memorial Service will be held for

Connie Verbouwens

On Saturday, May 8th at 11am.

A reception will follow in the Parish House. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the Warren Congregational Church Book of Remembrance or the Warren Church Youth Group or to the Warren Ambulance Corporation.

MISSIONS NEWS

TORRINGTON FOOD BANK

The Food Bank in Torrington is in need of peanut butter, jelly, and paper goods. Thank you from the Missions Board



The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated on Sunday, March 14th. Your generosity may well save lives.

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to decorate the sanctuary for our Easter Service by purchasing flowers. The cost of the flowers will be \$8 each. We will be ordering **Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils**. Please complete the order form below and return it to the Church office no later than March 21, 2010.

Please indicate your choice of flowers and the number you would like to order. Please include payment with your order. All checks should be made to the order of the Warren Congregational Church. Thank you!



Lilies



Tulips



Daffodils

I would like _____ flowers @ \$8.00 each.

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

_____ I will pick up the flowers after church on Easter Sunday

_____ Please distribute these flowers to _____

DEACONS CORNER – FEBRUARY 2010

“A question of Faith”

No answers this month, just questions

What can your Church do for you?

Why do you come to Church?

Do you come to Church to be entertained?

Why don't you come to Church?

What are we not providing?

What are we providing that you deem valuable?

What should you give up for Lent?

What should I take on in Lent?

How much should sacrifice hurt?

Was Good Friday the last sacrifice of a living person or creature?

What does Easter mean to you?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Do our prayers make a difference?

How should we pray?

What is the meaning of life?

What is your vision of our Mission?

What can you do for your Church?

Shall we walk together?

Faithfully yours, John Pender-Cudlip, Scribe and Co-Chair

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2010

March 1st	Christian Ed Meeting	7:00 pm
March 2nd	Prudential Board	7:30 pm
March 8th	Confirmation	6:30-8:00 pm
March 7th	Special Meeting—Improvement at the Meeting House	
March 12th & 13th	Confirmation Class Overnight Trip to New York	
March 13th	Men's Roast Beef Dinner	4:30 pm
March 22nd	Confirmation	6:30-8:00 pm



Prayer Concerns

- Connie Verbouen's family
- Jo & Willard Vaill
- Linda Schiel
- All our Men & Women in Uniform



Should you have a prayer request, please activate the prayer chain by calling any one of the following:

Claudia Rahm: 868-7041, Kathy Newton: 868-1845,
Elaine Layman: 868-2761, Mary Miller: 868-2144,
Ruth Schnell: 868-7865, Carol Knight: 868-2751

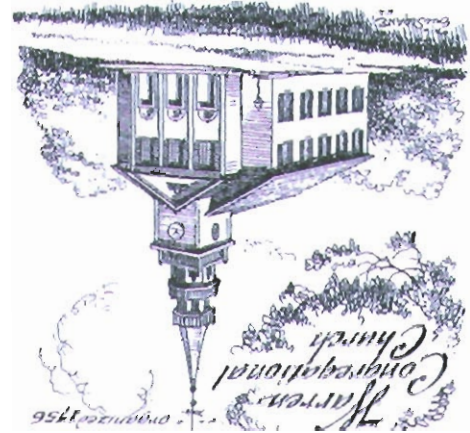
All requests will be confidential unless otherwise noted.

Newsletter Deadline for April is March 14th

Please email your articles to Carol @

wcongregational@snet.net

4 Sackett Hill Road Warren, CT 06754
Phone: 860-868-7106 fax 860-868-1067
Email: wcongregational@gmail.com
www.warrencongregationalchurch.org



NON PROFIT ORG
U S Postage
PAID
Permit No. 17
Cornwall Bridge, CT

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Connecticut Community Foundation (conncf.org) may be able to help you meet the expenses of Higher Education.

There is a fund for residents of Warren and one for members of the Warren Church.