



**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory Sentences

Dedication Prayer

Offertory

\* Doxology

Offertory Prayer

“How Great Thou Art”(Hine/Boberg) *-Debbie Baron, alto*  
#46 Chalice Hymnal

\*HYMN

“We Call Ourselves Disciples” #357 Chalice Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 23:1-12 Pew Bible pg. 901

SERMON

-The Rev. Ed Rawls

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” #452 Chalice Hymnal

\*THE COMMON COMMISSION (Unison)

*Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all people, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

“The Lord is Good to Me” *-Gannon/Kent*  
*-The Cherub Choir*

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation”

**Before you leave, warmly greet those around you. Note and welcome visitors and newcomers. As a gracious host, help them find their way among us and invite them to join us for coffee hour. God cares about them and so do we!**

*Our Vision: Praising God and meeting the needs of people through worship, study, outreach and fellowship, in the name of Jesus Christ.*



***First Congregational Church***  
***2301 Main Street***  
***Stratford, Connecticut 06615***  
***203-378-2644 – Fax 203-377-6749***  
***Website: Firstchurchstratford.org***

***WORSHIP 10:00 AM***  
***Sunday School 10:00 AM – Sept. to May***

***Sunday, October 30, 2011***

The Rev. Edward Rawls, Minister  
Don Coulson, Financial Secretary  
Anne Larsen and Jane Hartigan, Parish Nurses  
Kristine Bacon, Director of Christian Education



*Gathered 1639*

Dr. Joe Utterback, Director of Music  
Bill Hickey, Facilities Manager  
Sandy O’Neill, Church Administrator  
Tammy Langston, Youth Director

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT (UUCGB)**

The Board of Trustees is delighted to announce that the UUCGB will begin worship services in our sanctuary beginning this afternoon at 4:30. As some of you may know, due to financial difficulties, the UUCGB had to sell their church on Chapel Street last month. They had worshipped there since 1961. Originally founded in Stratford in 1836, the UUCGB moved to and remained on Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport until 1961. Please join me in welcoming the UUCGB to our church as they celebrate their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We share many religious and core values with the UUCGB and look forward to a rewarding relationship for years and years to come.

-Bill Haberlin

Pastor's letter of the week:

Is a letter written by the Reverend Ed Rawls, sent via email, containing important information on the events that are happening at the church. We would like to send it to everyone who has email. If you are interested in receiving the Pastor's letter of the week, please fill out and put into the offering plate or email the church administrator at [firstchurchofstratford@yahoo.com](mailto:firstchurchofstratford@yahoo.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Let's Go Green and receive the Courier by email.**

It has come to our attention that we are using a great deal of paper each month in sending out the Courier by regular mail. We send out over 270 Couriers each month that are sometimes over fourteen pages long. Over a year, that adds up to a lot of trees. It also adds up to a lot of money. In a time when we seriously want to cut our deficit, switching from regular mail to email is a rather painless way to do it.

We know that some of you do not have email addresses and some don't use a computer. That's fine. We plan to keep sending it to you as usual. But for those who use the internet, we would like to encourage you to move from receiving your Courier by mail to email. Believe it or not, if over a hundred people would do this, it could save the world a lot of trees and save the church a lot of money.

If you are interested in helping the church save money by going green and receiving your Courier by email, please notify the church administrator by email at [firstchurchofstratford@yahoo.com](mailto:firstchurchofstratford@yahoo.com) or by leaving this notice in the offering plate with the following information:

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*Bulletin Supplement, October 30, 2011*

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**TODAY, October 30, 2011**

- 10:00am Worship with Sunday School
- 11:15am Fellowship  
Confirmation and Mentors  
Youth Choir Practice
- 12:00pm-3:00pm French Speaking Baptist Church-Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group
- 4:30pm-7pm The Unitarian Universalist Church-Sanctuary & Upper Packard Hall
- 6pm-8pm Trunk or Treat and Spook House-Parking Lot, classrooms and Lower Packard Hall

**MONDAY, October 31, 2011**

- 4:00pm Bell Rehearsal
- 6:30pm-8pm Girl Scouts-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts-Scout room and Lower Packard Hall
- 7:30pm Sister Cities Rehearsal-Choir Room

**TUESDAY, November 1, 2011**

- 5:00pm Table Tennis-Lower Packard Hall
- 7:00pm French Speaking Baptist Church

**WEDNESDAY, November 2, 2011**

- 7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous Planning Meeting-Boardroom
- 7:30pm Camera Club-Lower Packard Hall

**THURSDAY, November 3, 2011**

- 7:15pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Lower Packard Hall
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir room

**FRIDAY, November 4, 2011**

**SATURDAY, November 5, 2011**

- 9am-12pm French Speaking Baptist Church
- 10:00am Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Lower Packard Hall

**SUNDAY, November 6, 2011-All Saints' Sunday**

- 10:00am Worship with Communion and Sunday School
- 11:15am Fellowship  
Board of Christian Education Meeting  
Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00pm-3:00pm French Speaking Baptist Church-Sanctuary
- 1:00pm-3:00pm Self Defense Seminar
- 4:30pm-7pm The Unitarian Universalist Church Sanctuary & Upper Packard Hall
- 5pm-7pm Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Group-Candy Making for Fair-Lower Packard Hall

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**GOOD MORNING!** And welcome to worship at First Congregational Church. To all our guests and visitors: we are especially pleased you are joining us for worship this morning and hope that your spirit is uplifted, your soul nourished and you will be able to face the days and

week ahead. We invite you to complete one of the pew cards in the pew and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to meet with the Pastor, please complete the request card in the pew holder.

**Today Sunday School is in session, children are to go to their classrooms. Childcare is provided in our nursery for infant and toddlers.** For those parents who wish to keep their baby with them, we ask that if the child should become fussy, please feel free to make use of the rocking chair located at the back of the sanctuary. The glass doors, which are located at the bottom of the stairs leading from the Narthex to the lower level, will be locked on Sunday mornings. If you need access to the lower level during worship, please see an usher. The restroom is located out the doors of the sanctuary and to the left in the Narthex.

**USHERS:** Our Ushers today are Greg Carleton, Walter Dunbar, Andy Byrne, Don Reaney, Jim Perman, Bill Wilson, Liza Hickey, Steven Bump and Marilyn Francis.

**DEACONS:** Our Deacons today are Charlie Cable, Walter Dunbar, Carolyn Ross, Susan Yermes and Chris Companik.

**OUR GREETERS** today are Cindy Buckley and Virginia Millington representing the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee will be greeting every Sunday for the month of October. If there is a committee that you wish to serve on, please contact the Chairperson of Nominating, Virginia Millington at 203-378-1974.

**Nominating is looking for people to serve on the following boards and committees:**

Board of Christian Ed (6)  
Church Council (4)  
Men's Diaconate (3 Deacons)  
Women's Diaconate (3 Deacons)  
Stewardship (3)  
Board of Benevolence (1)

**OUR ACOLYTE** for today is Tia DiBlase, daughter of Lynn DiBlase.

**FLOWERS:** The altar flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and to the beauty of the season by Tryg and Judy Angell.

The side arrangement is given in celebration of my husband, Albert's birthday by his wife Sharon Brown.

### **Needed for Fair:**

>Beth Turner is looking for 1.5 liter empty wine bottles for the fair. The bottles can be left at the church in the Boardroom. Drink up!  
Thank you.

>PF will be hosting the Candy Booth and is need of homemade fudge. If interested in making fudge, please contact Tammy Langston at 203-380-0170 or by email: [tammylangston@aol.com](mailto:tammylangston@aol.com)

>Looking to borrow 6' or 8' resin tables for the fair. If you have some tables to lend, please contact Bill Hickey at 203-378-6630

### **Bake Sale:**

Muffins, cookies, pies and cakes. Lots of each is all it takes to fill the Bake Booth for the fair and show the Trustees we really care.

It takes all of us to pay the bills and help the hungry get their fill.

So look up your recipes and do your best. The sales girls will do the rest.

-Charlotte Severance

### **Music Notes:**

Derek Brown, 23 years of age is a pianist/composer and was a student of Dr. Joe Utterbacks for three years at Sacred Heart University. He is from Keene New Hampshire and is now at Keene State University.



# Church Fair

(Fri. Nov 11 & Sat. Nov.12, 2011)



## \*\* Oct Update \*\*

### Tag Sale Items/Books

Please box up those tag sale items and books you have been looking to donate for the Fair. They can be brought to the church starting (3) weeks before the fair. Please contact Carl Larsen Jr. with any questions.

### Candy Booth

A big "sweet" thanks to Tammy Langston and the PF for graciously offering to chair this booth.

### Children's Activity Area

I am looking for someone or several people to chair a children's activity area in the Boy Scout Room. Run some simple games and/or craft activities to entertain the children and also make \$ for the fair. Maybe penny candy?? Please see me if interested.

### Raffle Gift Certificates

A big money maker at the fair is the Gift Certificate Raffle Board. The more area Gift Certificates to local establishments, such as restaurants, hair salons, etc. the more attractive the raffle board! You can help by asking some of the businesses you frequent to consider giving a Gift Certificate to the Church. Please contact to Lynne Pert, Winnie Ingram or Deb Perman if you have any certificates.

### Jewelry

Do you have any jewelry you no longer wear and don't know what to do with it? Donate it to the church fair Jewelry Booth. The jewelry can be left in the Board Room in the Fair mailbox.

### Seed \$\$

There is always a need for seed money to help defer the start-up costs of the fair. There will be a bucket in Upper Packard Hall on Sundays for your donations. Whatever you can give would be appreciated.

### Volunteers

The fair is a very important fundraiser for our church and it requires the work of the entire congregation to make it a success. We need YOUR help, big or small, to accomplish our goal of raising as much \$ as last year, if not more, this year. Please see me if you would like to help out at any of the booths or food areas- **it's a great way to meet people, help your church and have fun, too !!**

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Any questions, contact:

Carol Haberlin, Fair Chair  
(203) 378-3981  
c\_haberlin@yahoo.com



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Trunk or Treat!**  
Sunday  
October 30, 2011  
6:00-8:00

***Church Parking Lot***

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### Acknowledgement

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