

# Meetinghouse Monthly

Have a very happy Summer!  
Here's what we have coming up in the Fall:

## August:

31 Farewell for Rev. John Collins during Coffee Hour

## September:

1 Rev. DenUyl Begins as 43rd Senior Pastor

7 Rev. DenUyl's First Sermon  
Last Beach Service for 2014 Season

14 Homecoming Sunday and Picnic  
Church School Begins

21 Youth, Children's and Cherub Choir Rehearsals  
Begin; Youth Programs Begin

## Looking Ahead:

October 4: The Rummage Room Celebrates 50 years!  
12- 2 pm at 191 Sound Beach Avenue

October 5: World Communion Sunday  
RR 50 Year Celebration during 10 am worship  
CROP Hunger Walk, 2 pm

October 8: Wonderful Wednesday

October 19: Tom Stiers' 50th Anniversary of Ordination

## Save the Date for 2 Very Special Events:

Nov. 1: Barn Dance Family Fundraiser

Dec. 13: Christmas Fundraiser

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# Children's Sunday ~ June 1, 2014



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[www.fccog.org/photo-gallery/](http://www.fccog.org/photo-gallery/)

## Speaking Pastorally

By: *Rev. John Collins*

Dear Friends,

Out in the hallways, at the office, in the Meetinghouse and at the beach, people are talking about vacation plans. Summer is upon us. The promise of lazy, heat soaked days ahead is in the air and with it, the opportunity to slow down in this maddeningly busy culture. Everyone complained about winter for so long and now, presto! We live in summer days.

In these refulgent days, I will be joining all of you in the exciting task of welcoming Rev. Richard DenUyl as he and his family begin their move to Greenwich and Richard begins his ministry to First Church. I share the excitement all of you feel as a new era of faith and service begins for this congregation. And I feel the bittersweet sadness of Dan England's departure as he embraces a new life chapter of interim ministry in Litchfield. I will dearly miss Dan and Mark and Avery and all of you! I will miss this wonderful church and will always feel privileged to have served here. For I am getting ready to pack and move too.

"All change is a miracle to contemplate, yet it is a miracle that is happening all the time," said Thoreau. So I must tell you that I am watching and participating in all this change with a sense of wonder. If I watch carefully, I can see the spark of God's grace shining in these moments. And as my days for writing to you and preaching to you dwindle this July and August, I want to, again, express a foundational tenet of my faith. So a poem:

*God's joy moves from unmarked box to unmarked box,  
from cell to cell. As rainwater, down into flowerbed.  
As roses, up from ground.  
Now it looks like a plate of rice and fish,  
now a cliff covered with vines,  
now a horse being saddled.  
It hides within these,  
till one day it cracks them open.    ~Persian mystic poet, Rumi*

I am convinced that everything, finally, is sacred. God's joy often hides in the unmarked boxes of our lives. But it is there always, waiting for us to pay attention closely enough to crack open. And when it cracks open, it reveals wonder and joy even in the things we fear, like change.

So I implore you to take the time to look closely at this beautiful old world in these lazy summer days. Look at anything, anyone, any situation long and hard enough to see God's joy appear. Fear and stress and a thousand distractions constantly pull our attention away from this promise. But when you remember that it is there and really, really look, God's joy will shine out to heal your wounds and inspire you to a life made new.

*John*

*There will be NO beach service Sunday, August 3, due to the Greenwich Triathlon.  
Join us, instead, at 10 am in the Meetinghouse that Sunday.*

*The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 4.*







## *"Musical Notes"*



### *4th Annual Summer Sings!*

Do you miss singing with your choir during the summer months? Come as you are from 7:30-9:30 pm on the **Wednesday** evenings listed below and, within two hours, we will have shared in an energized rehearsal and an 'instant performance' of great choral music. Music will be provided. Hospitality, refreshments, and fun are all included. Suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person to assist in defraying costs.

The format for the evening is for the first hour to rehearse sections of each work, take a small break, then perform the work/s for ourselves and any others who are observing. No stress, no strain....just a love of singing and learning something new or singing an old favorite.

No sign-up necessary. Just come ready to sing. All 'performances' are held in the air-conditioned Meetinghouse. Non-singers are also welcome to enjoy the evening at around 8:30 pm for the performance part.

Our dates and works are:

July 30 - *Requiem* by John Rutter

August 27 - *Zadok the Priest* by G. F. Handel, and *Te Deum* by F. J. Haydn

## **Job Posting!**

### **Director of Administration and Finance**

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich is seeking a Director of Administration and Finance who understands non-profit organizations and working in a church environment. This full time position is responsible for the business activities of the Church by providing management and support in personnel, finance, office management, information technology, property and facility management. This position is accountable for timely accounting and reporting for all Church financial activities (payroll, stewardship records, endowment, benevolence transactions and budget). Superior interpersonal skills are required to build relationships with clergy, staff and church members. Individual must have strong leadership skills, be self-motivated and be a committed team player. The ideal candidate will possess the following: Bachelor's degree, a minimum of 3-5 years of business experience, accounting experience, and strong written and oral communication skills. The position reports directly to the Senior Pastor, works closely with the Church Treasurer and is accountable to the Board of Trustees. Please submit resumes to Senior Pastor, First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870 or email your resume to: [search@fccog.org](mailto:search@fccog.org).

We encourage members of the Congregation to refer qualified candidates for this position. The complete job description can be accessed on the FCCOG website at [fccog.org](http://fccog.org).

## Final Report of the Senior Pastor Search Committee

*Rick Derr*  
*Chairman*

We were gratified by the Congregation's unanimous vote to call Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr. to become our 43<sup>rd</sup> Senior Pastor at the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8. Everyone on the committee was very excited about Richard and thrilled that the Congregation agreed with us.

*Pat Mendelsohn*  
*Vice Chairman*

*David Alfano*

*Frosty Freidman*

*Olga Hartwell*

*Kristen Jacks*

*Paul Olmsted*

*Rick Woodman*

First and foremost, Richard is an inspiring preacher, a person of deep faith who encourages others to explore their faith and God's will in their lives, and a compassionate counselor and consoler. Richard reached and touched those who were questioning or uncertain of God's role in the world, inspiring many to become active in church life for the first time. He served a diverse congregation that included fishermen, a State Supreme Court judge, retired Wall Street bankers, and regular folks in between. Everyone we spoke with, whether they had worked *with* or worked *for* Richard gave him the highest praise as a good leader who related well with staff, officers and committees in a collegial and cooperative style. (By the way, since the announcement of our recommendation to call Richard, we have received wonderfully confirming feedback from friends and relatives of our congregation in the Little Compton community.) Over the 20 years that Richard served The United Congregational Church, he also helped it grow in membership, stewardship and financial resources.



*Email us at:*  
[search@fccog.org](mailto:search@fccog.org)

We want to extend special thanks to Meg Sherman who worked with Pat Mendelsohn to develop the promotional materials sent to prospective candidates, including an informational brochure and a comprehensive online overview about First Church. We also wish to thank the members of our committee who could not remain with us to the very end but who were key to our process along the way: Marty Berlin, Kimberly Kuppenheimer, Pam Grunow and Peter Schay. And, a big thank you to the Church School Task Force for the Pancake Breakfast, the Women's Fellowship for the Ice Cream Social and the Music Committee for their gracious hospitality during the Candidating Weekend.

We greatly appreciated your thoughtful input throughout the process in identifying the characteristics and leadership expectations desired in our Senior Pastor, your patience and prayers during the many months of the search, your enthusiasm in welcoming Richard, Barbara and Sophie throughout the Candidating Weekend, and your incredibly warm and unexpected acknowledgement of our efforts and result as expressed by your standing ovation at the start of the Special Congregational Meeting. Like you, we now eagerly anticipate Richard's arrival in September and the next chapter in our church's 350-year history.

## From Senior Deacon, Elaine Teeters:

As you may have already heard, on June 8, 2014 we held a special Congregational Meeting at which there was a unanimous vote and a standing ovation to Call Rev. Richard DenUyl as the 43rd Senior Pastor of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich. If you were not able to join us, I hope you will take a moment to hear his inspirational sermon from that day (a link is available on our website homepage) and join in the excitement and anticipation of his arrival on September 1, 2014 and his first sermon on September 7, 2014.

This is an exciting time for our church and one that was made possible through the dedication, commitment and faith of our Senior Pastor Search Committee. Members Rick Derr, Pat Mendelsohn, David Alfano, Paul Olmsted, Rick Woodman, Frosty Friedman, Kristen Jacks, Olga Hartwell, Kimberly Kuppenheimer, Marty Berlin, Pam Grunow and Peter Schay and their families are to be commended and thanked for all their hard work over the past 18 months that has brought us to this joyous moment in our church's history.

Ultimately, our path would not have proceeded as smoothly as it did without the ministry, advice and care that John Collins has provided to us over the past two years. He has been so much more to us than Interim Senior Minister; he has truly become a member of our church family for whom we have great admiration and love. This is a bittersweet time for us as we share our thanks and gratitude with John for all the blessings he has shared with us while we eagerly anticipate welcoming Richard and "leaning forward into the future" with him.

I hope you can all join us in a **Farewell Event** for Rev. John Collins on **August 31, 2014** in the Memory Garden (weather-permitting) immediately following the 10 am service in the Meetinghouse. Details to follow.

Warmest Regards,

*Elaine Teeters*, Senior Deacon

## **H.O.M.E.'s Wish List**

Food

Any Tools

Fire Wood

Office Supplies

Mechanic's Tools

Building Materials

Saw Logs for our Mill

### **Useful Trucks and/or Cars**

Cotton Fabric Pieces for Quilts

& Large Pieces for Quilt backing

Windows 7 Computers & Printers

Big Pots & Pans for our Soup Kitchen

**Stocks**

**Money**

## **A Farewell to Rev. Collins**



Join us **Sunday, August 31** at our 10 am worship service in the Meeting-house for **Rev. John Collins' last sermon** here at FCCOG. Immediately following the service, we will

have a **Farewell Event** in the Memory Garden (weather-permitting). Don't miss this chance to say "Godspeed!"

Ah, summer, a time for relaxation ... or not.

Some folks choose to take a break from the usual routine to take up physical activities they might not have had time for over the cooler months. A recent interview with the medical director of Greenwich Hospital's Emergency Department, Christopher Davison, MD, revealed a trend. "Every summer we see an increase in the same types of accidents," he noted, explaining that the summer brings a rise in ER visits for head injuries, broken bones, burns, sprains, and even poisoning from food and sun. "A little precaution goes a long way when it comes to summer safety," said Dr. Davison. Here are some common-sense reminders to help your family stay out of the ER and out having fun:

- **Warm Up and Stretch Out:** Good advice before any physical activity such as a run, hike, skate or swim.
- **Proper Footwear:** Will reduce the risk of injuries like twisted ankles, cuts, and broken toes.
- **Bicycles:** Wear a helmet, no matter how old you are. If you have an accident, wearing a helmet reduces your risk of injury by 85 percent.
- **Skateboards and In-line Skates:** Helmet rule applies, and wrist guards for in-line skates. Consider taking a lesson. Our town has great "ramp camps" and clinics offered at the Greenwich Skate Park on Arch Street.
- **Water Skiing and Wake Boarding:** Keep your body away from the boat propeller. Wear a life jacket, regardless of how strong a swimmer you are.
- **Swimming:** Never swim alone; use the buddy system. Keep pools locked if a grown-up is not on-site.
- **Trampolines:** Make sure springs are fully covered, netting is intact and only one person jumps at a time.
- **Sunburn:** Use sunscreen and reapply often. It takes a while for the skin to absorb the active ingredient, so apply sunscreen before you go out, taking special care with small children.
- **Lawn Mowers:** Keep your hands away from the blades. Always turn the mower off before clearing obstructions or debris. And remember that rocks you run over can shoot out of the side at nearly 200 mph! Safety goggles are a good precaution.
- **Hydration:** Drink water, especially when playing sports or staying in the hot sun. Alcohol causes dehydration.
- **Picnics:** Keep cold foods cold, hot foods hot, and when in doubt, throw it out to avoid food poisoning.
- **BBQ Grills:** Use long-handled utensils. Check gas grill hoses for cracks or leaks. Never use gasoline to start a fire.



Armed with the above precautions, it wouldn't hurt to ask God for a little protection as well. I pray that you and your family have a safe and blessed summer.

**Parish Nurse Summer Hours:** Tuesdays 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sundays 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Thursdays by appointment - call extension 21



## Bible Stories at the Beach

### Summer Church School



Bible Stories at the Beach is held at the 8 am Beach Service for children 5-10. Older children are invited to be helpers. Younger children are welcome to join in if they have an adult companion so that we have one to one coverage for children under the age of 5. If you would like your child(ren) to join us, hopefully you will have already been greeted OR you will see us as you gather for worship. Upcoming sessions are:



**July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 31 and September 7**

At 10 am back at the church, we have Child Care for infants through 4 year olds. If you have questions or concerns about your child in worship, please confer with the adult in charge in the Undercroft. Ushers are able to direct you.

## Child Care Every Sunday During 10 am Worship

### July & August

July 6, 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

In the Preschool Blue Door Classroom.



## Teachers Still Needed for the 2014-15 Church School Program

Whether you prefer teaching from a traditional curriculum or have a specific gift to share with our children, there is a place for you. The plan for this year is to continue using the "Grow, Proclaim, Serve" curriculum lessons from September through December. In January, we plan to begin a Rotation Workshop approach to Church School ... no longer school but more an experiential way to learn the stories and lessons of the Bible. So if you have a gift for or interest in reading, storytelling, church history, piano, brass, strings, voice, dance, yoga, visual arts, arts & crafts, cooking, photography, etc., please consider sharing these gifts with our children from time to time.

If you were confirmed in May or are in the 9th grade and coming into Confirmation, sign up now!

Please call Rosemary (ext. 20) or email [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org) to join the team!





## Avery's Book Corner for the Summer

**HOT for summer!** - *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality* by Richard Rohr\*

This book is a splendid study; very instructive and inspiring. Highly recommend!

*In this exploration of the central themes of Scripture, Richard Rohr transforms the written word, discovering in these ancient texts a new and vital meaning, relevant and essential for modern Christians.*

*"Things Hidden" is an invitation of Gospel proportion to move on into the life God intends, a life of joy and obedience.*

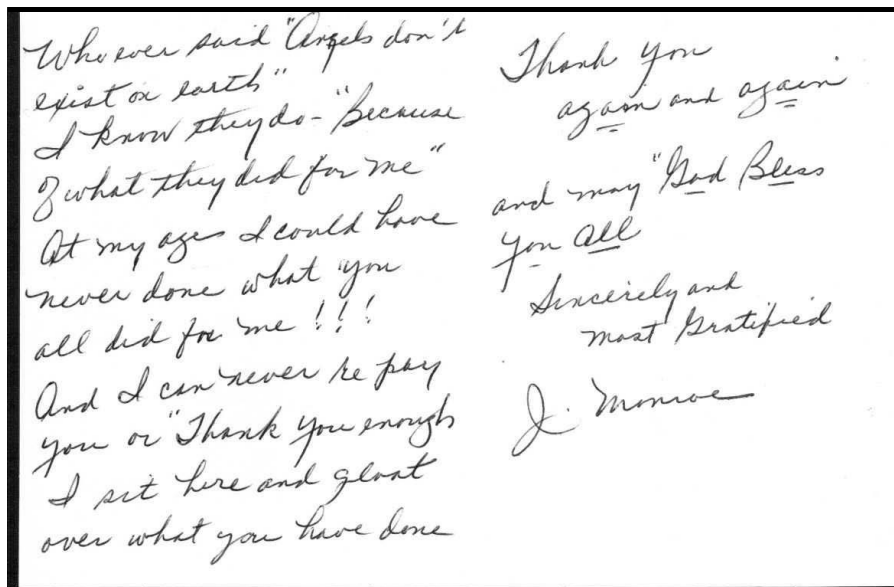
-Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary



\* available for purchase in the Christ Church bookstore 254 E. Putnam Ave.

## Lenten Offering HomeFront Thank You's

*From the homeowner, Josie:*



And a big THANK YOU to Kings Market, Garden Catering, Upper Crust Bagels and Sound Beach Pizza for contributing to our HomeFront project by donating food, drinks, etc. And, of course, thank you to ALL the volunteers who came out to work!



## Soup Kitchen Volunteers

*Making Food to Feed Our  
Neighbors and Friends*



Thanks to Anne, Lynde and Will Coit, along with friends Dan Scully and Chelsea Bumpus, for preparing chili for our soup kitchen friends. More than 100 people benefited from their generosity.

### Volunteer Calendar:

**August:** Patrice and Nicole Anibal and friends

**September:** Donald Haviland and Youth Group

Volunteer cooks are needed for the weekends of **October 3-5** and **November 1-2**. We are also in need of volunteers to help transport, warm and serve the chili on the first Monday of each month.

To sign up as a volunteer individually or in a team, please contact Tom Mahoney at [fccoghungermission@gmail.com](mailto:fccoghungermission@gmail.com).

## JULY and AUGUST Responsibilities and Assignments

### Memorial Services - July:

*Luis Angel-Lalanne - July 6*

*Mary Fike - July 13*

*Bobbie Hopkins - July 20*

*Joe McBride - July 27*

### Memorial Services - August:

*Carole Lang - August 3*

*Elaine Teeters - August 10*

*Donna Hascher - August 17*

*Jan Thalheim - August 24*

*Pam Grunow - August 31*

### Beach Services - July:

*Mary Fike - July 6*

*April Condon - July 13*

*Bobbie Hopkins - July 20*

*Carole Lang - July 27*

### Beach Services - August:

*Phil Bradford - August 10*

*Elaine Teeters - August 17*

*Wendy Reynolds - August 24*

*Barbara Norrgard - August 31*

### Deacon Assignments:

#### Invocation - July

*Donna Hascher*

#### Invocation - August

*Mary Fike*

#### Hospital Notes - July

*Chris Cantwell*

#### Hospital Notes - August

*Betsy Kreuter*

### July / August Coffee Hour Committee Host:

*Church Committee*

### July 6 Communion:

*Pam Grunow - Capt*

*John Denne - Set up*

*Phillip Bradford - Clean up*

*Wendy Reynolds - Clean up*

### August 3 Communion:

*Chris Cantwell - Capt*

*Paul Olmsted - Set up*

*Carolyn MacLea - Clean up*

*Betsy Kreuter - Clean up*

## Women's Fellowship

### *Nights Off* Women's Group



Weather permitting, *Nights Off* will gather down at the beach this summer (Tod's Point) on **July 21** and **August 18** at 6:00 pm. This is a great time to socialize and catch up with your friends (old and new!).

Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Look for the group at the first picnic table after going around the point past the Yacht Club and the sailing school. All women of the church are welcome to come and, as always, please feel free to bring a friend!

If you have any questions or to be added to the *Nights Off* email list, contact Shirley Flierl at 203-629-4939 or [FBTworld@aol.com](mailto:FBTworld@aol.com).



### Tai Chi has Returned!

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises with our new teacher, Joe Black.

Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Drops ins are welcome. Join us!



### FCCOG Ladies Daytime Bridge

The finale of the First Church Ladies Bridge Tournament was held on **Monday, June 2** in the Auditorium. In **1st Place** was the partnership of Michelle Metice and Aurora Tupper, each winning a \$50.00 gift certificate to Mackenzie's Restaurant. In **2nd Place**, Hazel Hegie and June Marks each won a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Sweet Peas Baking Company and **3rd Place** certificates to The Rummage Room for \$10.00 went to Anne Echedy and Sally Lou McDonald. 28 women enjoyed lunch and favors for the last play of the year.



The new tournament for 2014-2015 will begin in September under the chairmanship of Pat Geismar. Interested ladies can reach her via email at [pat.geismar@gmail.com](mailto:pat.geismar@gmail.com) or by phone at 203-637-3597 to sign up for next year. The fee for the year will remain at \$15.00 per person, payable on the first day of play in the fall. Lady couples are encouraged to sign up as early as possible. Don't miss out on the camaraderie and fun of this friendly competition played in four-somes once a month at each others' homes.



## News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich; 203-637-1875

### Calendar for July:

- **Monday, June 30 - Thursday, July 3:** Open for shopping and donations, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- **Friday, July 4:** The Rummage Room will be closed for *Independence Day. Happy Birthday, America!*
- **Saturday, July 5:** The Rummage Room will be open for business from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- **Saturday, July 19:** LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.
- **Sales Before August Closing:** Monday, July 28, Tuesday, July 29 and Wednesday, July 30. Everything in the shop will be 50% off!
- **Manager Maria's Famous Closing Bag Sales:**
  - ~ **Thursday, July 31:** All you can *stuff* in a brown bag for \$12.
  - ~ **Friday, August 1:** All you can *cram* in a brown bag for \$8.
  - ~ **Saturday, August 2:** All you can *jam* in a brown bag for \$1 - everything must go by **1:00 pm**.



L-R: Prill Meyer, Persis Alden, Marcia Livingston, Manager Maria Drieghe and Anne Pfetsch

**Wish List for July:** Good handbags; jewelry; watches; cashmere sweaters; good bric-a brac.

### **Shopping/Donation hours through July and August 1 and 2:**

Shopping hours Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Donations hours Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm and Friday & Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 am.

**NOTE:** The Rummage Room will **close** for cleaning and repairs on **Saturday, August 2** at 1:00 pm. The shop will **reopen** on **Monday, August 25** at 10:00 am.

### Calendar for August:

- **The Rummage Room will celebrate its 50th Reopening Day Monday, August 25 from 10 am - 5 pm.** Mark the date on your calendar as it is THE 'Big Event of the Year!' Everything in the shop will be new or nearly new. If you have never been to a REOPENING DAY at The Rummage Room, you are in for a real treat!! Come early and come often. The shop is restocked with 'new merchandise' daily.
- **Donations** will be accepted again on **Tuesday, August 26** from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm ... the day *after the reopening*.

**Wish List for August:** Good handbags; jewelry; watches; cashmere sweaters, good bric-a- brac; fall clothing and accessories.

## *Life Events*

### **Baptisms:**

- ~ *Ulric Theodore Sullivan, son of Megan Sterrett Sullivan & Ulric Thomas Sullivan*
- ~ *Kendall Madison & Brielle Victoria Quick, daughters of Kristen R. and Benjamin P. Quick*
- ~ *Lynna-Marie Lorelai Venema van Iersel, daughter of Fiona Anne van Iersel & Willem Venema*

**Deaths:** *Jean Jankovich and Barbara Gallagher*





# JULY-AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

07/01 William Sherwood	07/13 Jane Sykes	07/28 Julie Goff	08/08 Ken Kolb
07/01 Kelly Phillips	07/14 Ross Willard	07/28 Caroline Richards	08/08 Kristi Plaskonos
07/01 Luis Angel-Lalanne	07/14 Douglas Waine	07/29 Katherine Saviskas	08/08 Mary Grace Hicks
07/01 Adrienne Bohannon	07/15 Barbara Rawn	07/29 Christina Russell	08/08 Marisa Goff
07/01 Kate Lederer	07/15 Marlow Ziac	07/29 Sean Dowling	08/08 Riley McHugh
07/01 Ted Fraser	07/16 Sara Stuckey	07/29 Anika Norrgard	08/08 Nicholas Dow
07/02 Shirley Robinson	07/16 Evan LaRiviere	07/30 John Fryback	08/08 Eva Moore
07/02 Alison Benoit	07/16 Hayden Kuppenheimer	07/30 Tripp Moore	08/09 Hans Plickert
07/02 Alexander Mair	07/17 George Manning	07/30 Alison Flierl	08/09 Stephen Bonsal
07/02 Addie Shaw	07/17 Willis Ryckman	07/30 Rebecca Rieke	08/09 Wendy Reynolds
07/03 Albert Primo	07/17 Richard Riggs	07/30 Scott Anderson	08/09 Barry Wentworth
07/03 Dr Thomas Stiers	07/17 Michael Lepoutre	07/31 Bernice Whittemore	08/09 Christina Cioffari
07/03 Joni Kimberlin	07/18 Robert Mendelsohn	07/31 Barbara Littlefield	08/09 Bridget Condon
07/03 Jackson Shaw	07/18 Melanie Garnett	07/31 Anders Ekernas	08/09 Alyssa Inness
07/04 Suzanne Provost	07/18 Geoffrey Ayres	07/31 Kristen Blasberg	08/10 Richard Lewis
07/05 William Henry	07/18 Emma Kramer	07/31 James Graham	08/10 Rev Susan Craig
07/05 Alison Barlow	07/18 Matthew van Rhyn	07/31 Maddie Graham	08/10 Laura Pugliese
07/05 Ty Pastore	07/18 Benjamin Schinto	08/01 George Meyers	08/10 Margaret Morrison
07/06 Barbara Cioffari	07/18 Morgan Humbert	08/01 Claire Osgood	08/10 Maggie Lange
07/06 Jalil Nebbari	07/18 Jackson Schenck	08/01 Lindy Freeman	08/10 Charlie Van Roden
07/06 Jerry Carnegie	07/19 Amy Vandivort	08/01 Caitlin Hayes	08/10 Robert Morris
07/06 Caroline Houseknecht	07/20 Judith Miller	08/02 Tommie Starkweather	08/11 Robert May
07/06 Mikayla Hayes	07/20 Michael Urban	08/02 Dick Trask	08/11 Albert Pappas
07/07 Ruth White	07/20 Jan Benedict	08/02 Robin Pruner	08/11 Lilliam Rodriguez
07/07 Margaret Sherman	07/20 Justin Shaw	08/02 Peter Dodd	08/11 Adam Hanbury-Brown
07/07 Peggy Krempecki	07/20 Brian Bailey	08/02 Eric Dinmore	08/11 Afif El-Solh
07/07 Sophie Braddock	07/20 Jenna Hascher	08/02 Grant Kuppenheimer	08/12 William Cordner
07/08 Carolyn Paulus	07/21 Ruth Lindegren	08/02 Max Dow	08/12 Arthur Delmhurst
07/08 Lesley MacLeod Wiliams	07/21 Leighton White	08/03 Peter Wall	08/12 C. Robton Perelli-Minetti
07/08 Ryan Mammone	07/21 Spencer Moore	08/03 Robert H Riley	08/13 Charles Stuckey
07/08 Sophie Thalheim	07/22 Dorothy Fisk	08/03 Richard Peebles	08/13 Margot DeRiemer
07/09 Dorothy Robertson	07/22 Richard Roberts	08/03 Frank Claps	08/14 Elaine Smith
07/09 Dudley Bonsal	07/22 Enid Norris	08/03 Rima Zaitoon	08/14 Susan Eveland
07/09 Alexandra Oztemel	07/23 Christopher Stone	08/03 Margaret Reed	08/14 Eileen Griffin
07/09 Anna Lamie	07/24 Robert Phelps	08/03 Christopher Koppenheffer	08/14 Mary Costanza
07/09 Emily Bernsten	07/24 Riley Davis	08/03 Nicholas Barbar	08/14 Gregory Dempsey
07/10 Robert Luce	07/24 Caroline Goggins	08/03 Kimberly Rogers	08/14 Eli Rose
07/10 Allen Green	07/24 Catherine Ziac	08/04 Martha Stolley	08/14 Eliza Farriss
07/10 Karen Mair	07/24 Jane Ryckman	08/04 Karen Sadik-Khan	08/14 Billy Goggins
07/10 Sarah Morris	07/25 Tori Dakin	08/04 Mary Fike	08/14 Tyler Phillips
07/11 Joy Kruger	07/25 Emily Fiorentino	08/04 Robert Beck	08/15 Lynn Carnegie
07/11 Paul Blandori	07/25 Johnny Alexandre	08/04 Sarah Lauridsen	08/15 Gretchen Stiers
07/11 Colin Ingraham	07/25 Kimberley Mammone	08/05 Sara Stewart	08/15 Heather Stiers
07/11 Trevor Ingraham	07/26 Jennifer Muller	08/05 Jeffrey Low	08/15 Eric Blasberg
07/12 Patricia Schmitt	07/26 William Jacobs	08/05 Samuel Glendon	08/15 Aldo Pagani
07/12 Benjamin Millspaugh	07/27 Kathleen Riley	08/05 Michelle Arader	08/15 Addison Stuckey
07/12 Elizabeth Barker	07/27 Caroline Robbins	08/05 Julia Wilfert	08/16 Franklin Lang
07/12 Ryan Anderson	07/27 Leah Tagliarino	08/05 Hans van Rhyn	08/16 John Davidson
07/12 Danny Windels	07/27 Tommy Heidt	08/06 Richard Fraser	08/16 Scott Witmer
07/13 Carl Stanley	07/28 Alice Ell	08/06 Allison Chapman Bordeaux	08/16 Dave Erickson
07/13 Letty Militana	07/28 Marc Johnson	08/06 Nadia Marie Barbar	08/16 Jason Koob
07/13 Richard Tolmie	07/28 Craig Symons	08/06 Thomas Beck	08/16 Timothy Richmond
07/13 Pamela Savage	07/28 Evan Cook	08/07 Becky Ranta	08/16 Gavin Molloy
07/13 Jack Snyder	07/28 Chase Kreuter	08/07 Walker Brady	08/17 Betsy Moore
07/13 Charlotte Lorthioir	07/28 Gibby McHugh	08/07 Audrey Thalheim	08/17 Jamie Klintberg
07/13 Emily Henry	07/28 Devon Johnson	08/07 Eliza Dow	08/17 Story von Holzhausen →

## JULY/AUGUST BIRTHDAYS (CONTINUED)

08/17 Emily Moore	08/22 Janette Hoekstra	08/25 Chloe Schimenti	08/29 Ken Bodenstein
08/17 Mark Gaulocher	08/22 April Sandlock	08/26 Howard Truss	08/30 Jane Howland
08/18 Betsy Pearson	08/22 Hannah Bacon	08/26 Richard Woodman	08/30 Chris Hartwell
08/18 Mary Lennon	08/22 Elsa Ginste	08/26 Annette Bergh	08/30 Claire Reed
08/19 Sharon Paris	08/23 Jocelyn Buggy	08/26 Alexander Arnold	08/30 Bruce Atkins
08/19 Mark Kendrick	08/24 Al Reams	08/27 Mary Ann Chidsey	08/30 YoYo Zhang-Bonnet
08/19 Alexander Moore	08/24 Marilyn Derr	08/27 Gary Berner	08/30 Annelise Espinosa
08/19 Lily Farriss	08/24 Derek Braddock	08/27 Irene Pappas	08/30 Alexander Pugliese
08/19 Charlie Ginste	08/24 Amanda Sweet	08/27 Kristen Bates	08/30 Brittany Miller
08/20 Carolyn Anderson	08/24 Luke Taylor	08/27 Sarah Gordon	08/31 Charles Koob
08/20 Glenn Hascher	08/24 Gwyneth Mair	08/28 Thomas Mahoney	08/31 Elizabeth Schinto
08/20 Donna Hascher	08/25 Jane Ives	08/28 Eliza Sadler	08/31 Carisa Sykes
08/20 Trevor Dinmore	08/25 Lauren Pruner	08/28 Harrison Oztemel	08/31 Brandon Hallowell
08/21 Keith Atkins	08/25 Kristen Sotzing	08/28 Emily Harris	08/31 Brady Farriss
08/22 Libby Standish	08/25 Mirjam Hoekstra	08/28 Ben Wurst	
08/22 Xiao-Ke Gao	08/25 Natalie Anibal	08/29 Janet Blasberg	
08/22 Krysten Ericson	08/25 Matthew Ambrose	08/29 Thomas Kutzen	

### The Rummage Room Questionnaire: Where does the money go?

This question is often asked while customers are paying for their purchases. A current list of the charities financially supported by funds from The Rummage Room is kept in the shop for just such questions. The Rummage Room treasurers are Erna Olson and Susan Tedford. Several times a year, after all expenses of running the shop have been paid (rent, utilities, salaries, etc.), they turn over to the treasurer of the Women's Fellowship, Kathy Riley, proceeds of The Rummage Room. This money is kept in a separate fund to be disbursed in the spring of each year. **In January** the Allocations Committee of the Women's Fellowship gets to work deciding which charities to fund. They base their selections on three criteria: 1) organizations that support women's and children's welfare, 2) a mixture of local, national and international appeals, 3) "start-up" or underfunded groups that apply for financial assistance.

**In May**, at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Fellowship, a vote of all members authorizes that the funds be disbursed. In recent years, the average annual disbursement has been \$150,000. The Fellowship estimates that over \$4,000,000 has been donated since 1964! Of course, this success would not be possible without the volunteers who work in the shop or participate in the committees that oversee it. Also, The Rummage Room depends on generous donations from the community to keep its shelves stocked with great merchandise. Donating and shopping are ways the congregation can participate in this mission.

#### Next question:

**(check here next month for the answer)**

***How can I participate in the great work of The Rummage Room?***

### Stephen Ministry - Next Training Class Begins in October

Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? First Presbyterian Church has invited FCCOG to join their next training which will start in October on Tuesday evenings. Participants will receive 50 hours of training to learn how to provide compassionate and confidential listening for those who are experiencing a difficult time or a life transition (e.g., bereavement, divorce, chronic illness, job loss). Stephen Ministers are then paired with a care receiver whom they visit weekly, and also meet monthly for Supervision and Continuing Education.



We are recruiting potential trainees during July and August. Interviews will be scheduled during September. For further information, contact Linnea Stenberg, FCCOG Stephen Ministry Leader at 203- 637-1648.



## *Founders' Day, July 20*

Hear ye, all goodwives and goodmen - Founders' Day is coming!

It's time, once again, to celebrate our being the oldest church in town. Please join us at our 10:00 am church service on *Sunday, July 20* to hear Rev. John Collins preach and First Selectman Peter Tesei read the Founders' Day Proclamation in celebration of this special day in our history. We will also have a display of memorabilia from our church's past during Coffee Hour.



2013 Founders Day with First Selectman, Peter Tesei, Selectman David Theis and Town Ambassador Bea Crumbine.

50+ YEAR MEMBERS



**Front Row, L-R:** Carol Mawhinney, Barrie Richmond, Barbara Van Buren, Barbara Kneen, Pat Schmidt, Ron Klingner, Janet Klingner

**Middle Row, L-R:** Bill Henry, Claire Henry, Henry Hull, Marcia Livingston, Ginge Liddell, Donna Gargagliano, Diane Andersen

**Back Row, L-R:** Arthur Weigner, Bill Fossum, Larry Haviland, Car Westbrook, Inge Thalheim, Bobbie Hopkins, Marion Cordner, Tommie Starkweather, Pat Geismar, Jim Starkweather, Marty Stisser

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*Children's Page*

***Come to Bible Stories at the Beach  
 at 8 am each Sunday through July!***