

KOINONIA

November 2008

Pastor: Rev. Anne E. Fuhrmeister

Clerk of Session: Joyce Greineder

Music Director: Nancy Thomas

Treasurer: David Lang

Secretary: Lynn Pinner

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 2

8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by

The Stewardship Committee

Everyone is invited

Thank You!

To all the church family and friends a heartfelt "thank you" for your prayers, cards, phone calls and well wishes. Your encouraging support has made my recovery much easier.

God Bless You, Norma Cook

For storm closings or delays be sure to tune in to

**WFSB-TV
Channel 3**

Potluck and program – November 5, 6:00 p.m.

The Mission, Outreach, and Social Justice Committee invites you to come and hear Fr. Serge Traore, a Fulbright Scholar of the Interfaith Community Action Program at Hartford Seminary. Fr. Traore is a Catholic missionary priest of the Society of the Missionaries of Africa in Burkina Faso. The son of a Muslim mother and Catholic father, Fr. Traore has dedicated his life and ministry to promoting interreligious appreciation as a means to peace and reconciliation.

Please join us for this special event. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Session notes

At the stated meeting of the Session of Crossroads Church which was held on October 16, 2008, the following was noted/voted upon:

- Communion was served to 59 persons on October 5th;
- the Personnel Committee has completed the annual reviews of the pastor and employees and updated job descriptions of the organist and secretary;
- A congregational meeting will be held on October 26th immediately following the worship service to elect officers for 2009.
- David Lang, treasurer, attended the meeting. The budget is on track, \$3900 in the black.
- Long range planning meetings will be held early in 2009. Officer training will be held with new officers before their ordination/installation.
- It was voted to approve an alternative gift fair, sponsored by the youth group, to be held on December 6 and 7.
- It was voted to take approximately \$150 from memorial funds for the Christmas cantata material.
- The next stated meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 5 p.m the church. It will be a joint meeting with the Boards of Deacons and Trustees and will include dinner.

**KOINONIA, a biblical word meaning "fellowship",
is a publication for the members and friends of
Crossroads Presbyterian Church**

Habitat Volunteer Opportunities at Habitat

Habitat volunteers are working hard on the last 2 of the 6 houses at Davis Farm Way in New London. One project is called the "Community Build," and the second is the "Youth Build." To volunteer, go to the Habitat web site at www.habitatsect.org and click on "Volunteer Up" --- that's the way to find out what dates are available and what skills are needed. If you've never volunteered for Habitat, you need to go to a short meeting called Foundations of Habitat, which is given every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10 am at the Habitat Office at 377 Broad Street, New London.

Volunteers are also needed at the Habitat Restore, located on the grounds of Salem Country Gardens on Rte. 85. The Restore is a great place to buy whatever you need to fix up or decorate your home.

Peacemaking Offering

Thank you to all who contributed to the peacemaking offering. We collected \$1,059.00. 25% of this PC(USA) special offering will be retained by Crossroads and will be equally divided between a contribution to the breakfast program at the First Congregational Church and funding for snacks provided by Crossroads volunteers at the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London. Thank you for your generosity.

Mission, Outreach, and Social Justice.

Homeless Hospitality Center (HHC)

Crossroads Church congregation supports HHC in many ways. The Mission Committee and individuals give monetary donations: Youth Group members donate paper goods, sandwiches and snacks; and members of the congregation give generously when requests are made for paper goods, lemonade powder, snacks, cans of tuna for use by the sandwich makers; provide sandwiches on Sundays, and volunteer at HHC on weeknights and Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering at HHC on a weeknight, please call Deb Irving at 860-434-1460. If you would care to visit HHC on a Sunday night, please let me know.

HHC at St. James Church, New London, have indicated that, for health reasons, items containing peanut butter may not be distributed on their premises. Sandwiches of white or brown bread (two loaves provide 20) may contain tuna, egg, meat, cheese, etc. Our sandwiches have been described by the guests as "always yummy". As the weather grows colder, the number of guests is increasing – we had a full house last Sunday. With your support, we must increase the number of sandwiches we provide to 60 (20 per volunteer) each Sunday. Please consider adding your name to the revised list in the narthex.

Thank you for your continuing, generous support of the homeless.
Nancy Hare, Sunday evening volunteer coordinator.

**Presbyterian Women's
Bible Study-Lesson 2
Tuesday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m.
Michelle Cook, leader**

A change to Koinonia

At its September meeting, the Session approved a change in publishing for Koinonia, our church newsletter. Starting in December, Koinonia will come to you in a smaller, more up-to-date weekly format. It will be included in the bulletin each Sunday, and will also be sent out via email each Friday as the “Koinonia Update.” This change will enable us to get information to you more quickly. Please bear with those of us in the church office as we make this transition in the next few weeks. Thanks,

Rev. Anne Fuhrmeister

New church policy

The Session recently approved the following policy. If you have any questions about it, please contact a Session member.

Church Policy Solicitation of Funds

It is a fact of life today that we are all bombarded with financial appeals from all sides—through the mail, at the office, on radio and television, via phone (often at dinnertime), email, at the market, on the front porch from neighbor children, and, yes, at church, too.

We, the Session, believe the primary purpose of solicitation of funds at Crossroads Presbyterian Church is to support the worship of God. The Session clearly has a responsibility in this regard to approve and monitor solicitations of funds on Church property. Your Session, at its June 18, 2008 meeting approved the establishment of a written policy in that regard. That written policy is as follows:

Effective henceforth, any church group or individual member within the congregation of Crossroads Presbyterian Church who wishes to solicit funds for any purpose on church property or during a church event, including solicitation utilizing the church mailing list, shall obtain formal permission from the Session in advance.

The procedure for requesting permission for solicitation of funds is to present a written request to a member of Session in advance of the scheduled meeting of the Session, and in advance of the requested date of solicitation. The written request should explain the solicitation sufficiently for the Session to make an informed decision.

Church announcements are published in the bulletin insert, monthly newsletter, and weekly e-mail updates. Many important events in our community are also publicized on the bulletin boards and the church website (which also lists a weekly schedule of events). Please contact the church office when you have news of interest to the congregation. This allows us to give equal time to the many happenings in our church and communities. If it's important that an announcement be made during the worship service, don't hesitate to contact Rev. Fuhrmeister.

DUTY OFFICERS
November
 Elder - Richard Gaenzle
 Deacon - Charlene Asay
 Trustee - Doug Yarnall

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Church Secretary
 Office hours
Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays
 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>2</u> Communion 8:30 Pancake Breakfast Stewardship Program Day light savings begins	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 10:00 Bible Study Lesson 2	<u>5</u> 6:00 Potluck with Father Traore	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 11:30 Worship Committee	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> Stewardship Commitment Sunday 5:00 Session, Deacons, Trustees	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 11:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Trustees	<u>12</u> Presbytery meets: Wetherfield	<u>13</u> 7:00 Mission, Outreach, Social Justice	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> Christ the King Sunday	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Thanksgiving Day	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> First Sunday in Advent						

The calendar is available at the church web site
 (www.crossroads-presbyterian.org.)
 It is an excellent source of
 information on current church happenings.

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We need to continue offering prayers for:

- Manon and Howard Tingué. Manon is now at Bridebrook Rehab Center continuing her recovery from pneumonia. Howard is dealing with his own health issues.
- Richard Chassey, recovering at home after successful surgery. Also Sylvia's daughter, Kim, who continues to need our prayers.
- Norma Cook, waiting for hip replacement surgery.
- Aletha Asay, dealing with personal problems.
- Connie Hayward, who has had a series of epidural shots which hopefully will help her painful upper back problems.
- Mary Brenton, Doris Vine's friend, who has suffered a heart attack and is now recovering at home.
- Lesta Alderson, Shirley's mother-in-law, doing well after suffering from salmonella poisoning.
- Jeremy George, Dows' 18-year old friend, with a recurrence of leukemia.
- Maureen Loughrey's future mother-in-law, Pauline Saunders, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Bruce Montgomery's friend, Pamela Gandossy, whose father is now in Hospice.
- Bill and Kat Marlowe's neighbor, as they mourn the untimely death of a sister.
- Ricky Taylor's mother-in-law, Pauline, diagnosed with a lung infection.
- Terry Cattalani's two friends with medical needs.
- Our many friends and church family members with cancer and other problems.
- Deborah Campbell tells us the following about 10-year-old Andres, a student at the school where she teaches:

After a month in a coma, Andres died this weekend.

Although it is challenging to find blessings in this, his body did shut down on its own; his mother had been facing a court battle over the shutting off of life support.

This wonderful child will not be trapped in a 'brain-dead' body.

Thank you for your kind responses when I wrote to you last month.

They meant more to me than I can say in words

We rejoice with and give thanks:

- For Pam Eberly, who willingly "sits in" for Nancy Thomas. Also for her willingness to help the choir bring us the lovely anthem on Sunday, Oct. 12th.
- To see Betsy Erlandson in church again.
- For Phyllis Gray's completion of radiation treatment and the return of her energy.
- For Gordon Dean's return to church on Sunday, Oct. 19 with smile, wheelchair and Nurse Molly.
- With Linda Shailor's sister, whose cancer is in remission.
- With Terry Cattalani and her friend Scott, who won First Place in a recent wheelchair competition. Congratulations!
- For the Kerrs' safe trip back to Florida.

Our Youth:

- The Youth Group is in full swing again with a scheduled trip to the Corn Maze in Rhode Island on Sunday, October 26th.
- Julia Henry was recently voted Best Musician, Class of 2009!

Our Kollege Kids:

Many Parents' Weekends have recently taken place. Two sets of parents we know of who have participated are: Anne Fuhrmeister and Randy Francisco at Smith College where Becky is a junior, and Bob and Martha Dow at MIT where Eric is a senior.

Recent Grads:

Laura Dow spent a weekend recently visiting Bob's sister in Maryland.

That's it for now. If I have forgotten or missed anyone, I am sorry. Just let me know.

God bless.

See you in church.

Shirley

Information and Contacts

Crossroads Presbyterian Church :

www.crossroads-presbyterian.org

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) : www.pcusa.org

Synod of the Northeast: www.synodne.org

Presbytery of Southern New England: www.psne.org

Presbyterian Women: www.pcusa.org/pw

Presbyterian Promise: presbypromise.home.att.net

Equal Exchange coffee and tea:

www.equalexchange.com

Habitat for Humanity International: www.habitat.org

E-mail: Church Office: sec.crossroads@att.net

Rev. Fuhmeister's office: pastor.crossroads@att.net

Koinonia Online: The church newsletter is available

online through the church website.

Weekly update: Would you like to receive an e-mail each Friday, to inform you about worship events, announcements and calendar information for the week ahead? If so, please let the pastor know, and she will add your e-mail address



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