

The Spire

From Your Pastor

Summer 2011

Bike For Home!

Join Team KCC for the

Second Annual

**Habitat for Humanity
Bike Ride.**

You can choose

20 miles

40 miles

60 miles

The ride will take place on September 17, 2011.

Training begins when you come to an informational meeting following worship on

June 26, 2011

**Learn about team fundraising and training. Connect with training partners and get
important coaching tips on riding longer distances.
Learn basic repairs and tire changing (or commit to ride with someone who knows!)
It will be a BLAST!**

**Please talk with Pastor Pat before the 26th if you are interested.
Don't be deterred by having never done it before,
Not knowing how to change a tire,
Having no idea what all the gears on your bike are for,
Being afraid of getting lost on the route,
Thinking that you could NEVER ride that far.**

**Every bike ride begins with the first mile, so come and ride your miles with
Team KCC.**

**Enjoy the summer and see you on the road.
Pastor Pat**

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

*June's Deacon of the Month is Jim Findlay.
July's Deacon of the Month is Mike Wakefield.
August's Deacon of the Month is Norma Hagist.*

In Sympathy

The congregation extends deepest condolences to Ernie and Jan Torres and family on the death of Ernie's father, Ernest Torres who died on April 25th. A memorial service was held on May 28th in New Bedford, MA.

The congregation also expresses deepest condolences to the family of Ed Carney who died on May 16th. A memorial service will take place in the sanctuary on June 1st at 11:00 a.m.

2011 Stewardship Campaign Update

As *The Spire* goes to press, the 2011 Stewardship Campaign is wrapping up. Final figures will be communicated in an upcoming edition of the weekly *Weathervane*.

The Stewardship Committee thanks the entire Stewardship Appeal team- more than 50 people who worked diligently and enthusiastically on the campaign. Highlights included the Stewardship Brunch in late March, Consecrating Stewards comments by Clark Bridgman, Scott Washburn, and Erin and Brad Trodson; and the many visits conducted by Steward Visitors who willingly shared of their faith.

Feedback from the campaign was shared with the Deacons, the Church Council and Interim Pastor Patricia Liberty for follow-up.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Heald, Chair Stewardship Committee

SCRIP – JUNE
REMEMBER DAD
HOME DEPOT, BROOKS BROTHERS, DICK'S, NIKE
REMEMBER GRAD
AMAZON, BARNES AND NOBLE, BED BATH AND BEYOND
FOOD FOR ALL THOSE PARTIES
BELMONT, STOP AND SHOP, DAVE'S, SHAW'S
STOP BY AND SEE US ANY SUNDAY
CHECK AND CREDIT ACCEPTED

The Spring Congregational Meeting
of
The Kingston Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Will be Held in the Church Sanctuary
Following the Worship Service
Child care will be available

Sunday, June 5, 2011

10:45 a.m.

Nancy Holland, Clerk

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Jim Aukerman (Moderator)
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the April Quarterly Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report Richard Geisler
5. Search Committee Report Bill Bartels
6. Approval of Budget for 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012 Fiscal year
7. Boards and Committees Transition Procedure
Pursuant to the New By-laws
8. New Business
9. President's Report Tom Brillat
10. Interim Pastor's Report Rev. Patricia Liberty
11. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The Kingston Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 17, 2011

Documents Presented:

KCC Annual Meeting minutes
KCC Quarterly Meeting Agenda, April 17, 2011
KCC Treasurer's Report

Call to Order- Jim Aukerman called the meeting to order at 10:45AM and declared a quorum.

It was **M/S/P** to elect Nancy Holland as temporary clerk.

It was **M/S/P** to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 30, 2011 – M/S/P

REPORTS –

Treasurer: Dick Geisler reported that the first quarter ended 3/31/2011 and there was an \$8,300.00 deficit.

Search Committee - Bill Bartels reported that the search committee has now received 46 profiles. They are now meeting weekly and listening to sermons, doing on-line interviews with SKYPE and will be doing on-site visits soon.

Stewardship Committee- Ken Kermes reported that there are 110 pledges submitted so far for a total of \$183,400.00. 57% of pledges have been increased, 33% are flat and 10% have decreased. Karin Aukerman said they are following up on visits and have good feedback to share with the Pastor, Deacons and search committee.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom thanked everyone for their input to the by-laws process.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pat thanked Tom for his leadership and all his work on the by-laws. She suggested that to wait for the new minister to pass the by-laws would not be appropriate. She thanked Karin Aukerman for her work on Stewardship and said that there are new leaders stepping up which is good.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pat closed the quarterly meeting with a prayer at 11:05AM

Respectfully recorded by Nancy Holland, Clerk

Board of Mission and Social Justice Selects Service Project: Volunteer Applications Are Being Accepted

The Board of Mission and Social Justice selected the Adeline LaPlante Memorial Center in Wakefield as our first Franz Hayes Memorial Fund project. The purpose of the Center is to respond to educational, job training/ placement, therapeutic, and residential needs of persons in Washington County with developmental disabilities. Our beginning activities at the Center will include outdoor yard work with clients and staff. Volunteers are needed with a wide range of skills, not just digging and planting! We will jointly plan, select plantings, prepare the land and upgrade the grounds of the Center at 126 Willard Avenue. The required training for participation in the project will be held on Wednesday, July 6, and will be led by Mary Moore, Director of the Center, and Pastor Pat Liberty. The project will begin soon after this date. Please let Freddie Bettinger know if you would like to participate or learn more about the project. (fbettinger@verizon.net or leave a note in the office for Freddie) This will be a great learning and sharing opportunity for us and Franz would have been first to sign up for this project!! More information will follow in the Weathervane and Sunday bulletin.

S. P. N. M.

South Providence Neighborhood Ministries celebrated at the May Annual Meeting the superior service of LINDA (MRS. ANGELO) MENDILLO for her many years of work to help provide the daily afterschool and summer vacations programs for over 60 children, ages 5 - 16, offering nutrition, homework clubs, mentoring and leadership training along with serving thousands of neighbors through the second largest food pantry in RI operating five days weekly. Our church along with a number of others as well as businesses throughout RI support the Ministry.

Linda has completed six years on the SPNM Board of Directors serving as Secretary for five years as well as working on the Personnel, Fundraising and Benefit Concert Committees. In addition she has served on the Director's Search Committee and many Auction efforts. After retirement from middle school teaching she volunteered as a Girl Scout leader at SPNM, 1997 - 2004. She is currently a KCC Deacon and previously was Clerk of the Congregation. All SPNM neighbors, staff, and volunteers send her hearty thanks.

Students at SPNM BEAT THE ODDS! Research shows that Providence students test significantly lower in reading and math than the state average. Additional barriers, such as lower incomes and English-language-learners, make student proficiency rates even lower. In spite of these discouraging numbers, Louie's Place students continue to beat the odds!

This year ALL of our students showed improvement in reading; many made such significant progress that they now read beyond grade level. Currently 51% of our elementary students are reading ABOVE grade level! One student, fifth grader Slater Alcantara, just jumped a record EIGHT reading levels in one quarter!

In addition to their excellence in reading, 96% of our students have improved in math and 36% are achieving at proficient or honors in all academic areas! New strategies are in place to continue to assist ALL of our students and help them achieve at the highest level!

Women's Fellowship & Church World Service 2011

WE DID IT!! Thank you to everyone who contributed. We had 48 donators of money and other donations of soap, pencils, washcloths, Ziploc bags, and boxes. We raised \$1300 and met our goals of:

225 School Kits, 125 Hygiene Kits and 30 Baby Kits. 735 pounds of kits!!

School Kits: Special thanks to Cindy Dowgiallo who organized, ordered, purchased and counted all the school supplies for the kits and was there to work both days – great job, Cindy and her family team of Drew, Derek, Dick and Loretta!! Thanks so much, couldn't do it without you.

Special thanks also goes to Pat Weeden and Elizabeth McNab. Elizabeth gave material (from her mother's stash) to Pat who sewed it into 75 school bags!! An outstanding contribution of time, effort and talent. Thank you, Pat Weeden.

Baby Kits: This year again, all 30 baby kits included a hand knit sweater thanks to knitters: Pat Weeden, Carolyn Barwise, Lori Remington, Jane Skogley, Janet Munroe and Helen Rowe-Drake. Also, 6 polar fleece blankets with crocheted edges from Jane Mello and Pat Weeden turned Metz flannel into 15 baby blankets!!

WORKERS: Thank you, Tuesday workers who set up: Cindy, Drew, Derek, Jane Mello, Kennie Geary, Wilma Cole, Martha Hartman, Rachel and Lori Ann Hiener. Thanks to workers who filled kits on Wednesday: Cindy, Loretta, Pat Cox, Tina Letcher, Canna, Lori Ann, Rachel and Alyssa Hiener. And help with taping boxes & recycling: Dick & Loretta.

Special thanks also goes out to Canna Falby who is our happy treasurer and does such a good job of accounting!

It takes a village to help other villages. Thank you for helping us to help others. I am often asked why we do kits. Writing a check would be easier but this is very concrete, tangible, and we know exactly what we are giving and how the money was spent! So, as long as we are willing and able and CWS sends a truck to pick up, we will continue, with your help. The stair bulletin board lists where CWS kits went in 2010 and I will post more information about 2011 when I know it.

With gratitude for another successful year, Helen Rowe-Drake

**Women's Fellowship
Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 13th at 7 PM
In the Fireplace Room
Followed by
Annual Meeting**

Christian Education

The CE Board is in need of volunteers to be teachers, substitute teachers and anyone interested in providing a program for the kids during group activity times for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year.

Currently, there is an opening in the preK-K classroom and the grades 3, 4, 5 classroom. We like to pair teachers in teams so that each teacher can alternate weeks throughout the year. A teacher training meeting with safe church training will be scheduled prior to the start of the school year and we ask that all teachers attend. Please consider donating your time in this way and if you are interested, please contact Rev. Pat Liberty, Michelle Davis or any member of the CE Board which includes Barbara Hart, Michael Salvadore Jr., Freddie Bettinger, and Susan Gallagher.

CE Events in June:

- May 22nd: Confirmation Sunday, regular Sunday School.
- May 29th: We will have no Sunday School or activity time. Kids will remain in church. Nursery will still be provided.
- June 12th: Children's Sunday.
- June 19th: Last day of Sunday School and distribution of Bibles to the third graders.
- June 26th: Teacher Appreciation Sunday and Brunch after church.

This Just in...

Please check the coat rack in Fellowship Hall – DID YOU FORGET YOUR JACKET OR UMBRELLA? All items will be given to Jonnycake if not claimed by June 12th...

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm from June 20th through September 6th. Regular office hours of Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, will resume the day after Labor Day, September 6th.

***Spire* Printing Schedule**

Please note that printing of the *Spire* will be suspended for July and August. The *Spire* will resume printing for the September issue. The deadline for September *Spire* articles is August 15th.

“The Family”

A Musical about the Mob

June 2 – July 1, 2011

Performances at The Lederer Theater Center,
home of Trinity Repertory Co.

Written by: Arlene Violet

Composer and Lyricist: Enrico Garzilli

Director: Peter Sampieri

Tickets and Info: TrinityRep.com; Box Office: 401-351-4242

Save the Date

3rd Annual Colon Cancer Alliance 5K Walk/Run

Sunday 7 August at Warwick City Park

Registration 9AM or online at ccalliance.org/ri

On or before July 20 \$10 includes T-shirt

After July 20 \$15

If you would like to help on that day we need lots of volunteers.

Contact Doug Kraus 783-1447 or doug@kraus.info.