



Message from the Pastor:

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THE TOWER

Dear Friends,

“Never be rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore let your words be few!” (Ecclesiastes 5 : 2)

God Bless You!!

Pastor Jim

You're Invited to the Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration Nov. 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Church Fellowship Hall

Join us, and bring a friend if you like. We will deliver dinners to those unable to come to us. Please call the office to sign up. If you need a ride, we will pick you up and take you home. Tell anyone you know that would like to join us. Again this year we will need some volunteers to help set up, serve, deliver carry-outs and pick ups. If you could help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or call the office.

Thank you, and may God bless.

Rick & Gail Herrilko

330-650-2642 Home

330-926-9556 Work

Bits from Benevolence

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

OCTOBER 8

Neighbors In Need (NIN) is one of the four annual giving opportunities through which our church joins other United Church of Christ congregations in the United States and Puerto Rico to express our common commitment to justice and compassion. One third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). CAIM is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC by providing Christian ministry and witness and addressing justice issues affecting the native American people. Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. The mission of JWM is to speak and act prophetically through community mobilization, leadership development, education issues, prophetic witness, and public policy advocacy. For more information about NIN-supported ministries, initiatives, and current involvements, go to www.ucc.org.

From The Church Library . . .

All materials in the church library are available for any one to use. However, persons borrowing items are urged to return them. Currently, individual book racks used for displaying books have been borrowed and need to be returned. Thank you.



Women's Fellowship News . . .

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Women's Fellowship luncheon
and meeting begin again
Thursday, October 11, 2007
12:00 Noon
Pot Luck lunch

Bring food to share
and table service

President: Vi Downer

Hostesses: Dorothy Bascombe,
Louisa Anderson, & Louise Jackson

Devotions: Lucille Fiorelli

The program will consist of visiting Liberty Ledges via our chairs and a special CD narrated by Twinsburg City naturalist, Stanley Stine. An important element of the meeting will be fine tuning plans for the "Yankee Bazaar," scheduled for November 11. All are invited!

With the Yankee Bazaar coming up, it is not too soon to think about "treasures" you no longer use or need that you would be willing to donate to the Trash or Treasure Sale at the Bazaar. These items should be clean and in good condition: since the church is limited in storage, please do not bring the items in until November 1. The Bazaar is the major fund raiser for the Fellowship, which supports the church in many ways including paying for altar flowers on Sundays when no one has signed up for them, Verna Easley fund and matching funds for our college students, supplies for the kitchen, etc. Watch for more information and support the Bazaar as much as possible.

NEWS from CHRISTIAN ED

The following items are needed for the Wiggle Room for Craft Projects they will be working on. Please bring them in and put them in the office. Please note "Wiggle Room" on the items. Thanks. Any questions, please see Lisa Downer.

- Large plastic jars with screw on lids
- Pipe cleaners Old colored socks
- Thin ribbon Cardboard tubes
- Twine Yarn
- Wiggle eyes Craft sticks
- Pine cones Bird seed
- 16 oz. clear plastic soda bottles

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

The two cabinets in the kitchen that contain coffee hour supplies have been cleaned out. The majority of the paper supplies have been moved to the cabinets under the stairs. Any food items left in the cabinets MUST be put in plastic containers. It is no longer possible to store items in the cabinets in plastic. The empty plastic coffee containers are being stored in the Sunday School room where the mailboxes are. If you are in need of one, please use them. Please put a label on the container along with an expiration date, if applicable. Anything that has expired will be thrown away. If you need paper supplies, please check in cabinets under the stairs, closest to the windows.

Items needed for Emergency Assistance

The Emergency Assistance Center is preparing for Thanksgiving. They have requested that each of the donation centers collect one item. It has been requested of us that we bring in 80 cans, 3 ounce size, of french fried onions. These will be collected starting September 30th through November 4th. Please put them in the basket in Fellowship Hall. Other donations will still be accepted, but they would very much appreciate the french fried onions. Any brand is fine.

Come and join
us for the
Family Halloween
Costume Party
(Sponsored by Christian Ed)
Sunday, October 28th
5 - 7 pm

Join us for a
frightfully good time!
There will be food, fun
and games for all ages!

October Schedule



October 7, 2007

Kayla Bencie
Melissa Schilling

October 14, 2007

Kevin Powell
Jason Powell

October 21, 2007

Mark Holzwarth
Sophie Keith

October 28, 2007

Vivian Weiss
Caitlyn Sheehan

The families of the names in **bold** have Acolyte Coordinator Duty and should light the sticks and assist the acolytes.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned week, please find a replacement and notify the church office of the change. Thank you!

October Servers

Kenny Prentice

Dan Richner

Judy Turk

Bonnie Williams

Ken Prentice - Bread

Carol Zenisek - Greeters

Rick Sheehan - Lay Readers



Communion will be

October 7th this month

Those attending church who wish to receive communion need to be present in the sanctuary.



Scrap Booking Friday

October 19, 2007

6:00 p.m.—midnight
in the Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School Worship Service		
Sept. 2 nd	None	N/A
Sept. 9 th	67	102
Sept. 16 th	N/A	116
Sept. 23 rd	37	N/A

i.UCC.org

The United Church of Christ has launched a new website at i.ucc.org. It is a virtual community for members of the church and people considering joining the UCC. It includes real-time daily prayer in the virtual chapel, Weekly Seeds - a bible reading and spiritual message sent directly to you email inbox, a multi media introduction the UCC history and values, music videos for reflection and prayer, interactive blogs by UCC pastors across the country, and forums for Bible study, spiritual formation and friendly conversation. Check it out and you might learn something.

Lockup Trustee for the month of October - Connie Van Gilder

Member News

Happy Birthday to:

Vera Murphy	10/01/07
Donovan Bissell	10/04/07
Lillian Bissell	10/04/07
John Williams	10/08/07
Aaron Mayer	10/09/07
Jill Sokolowski	10/10/07
David Clark	10/13/07
Robert Hoyt	10/13/07
Joan Terrill	10/14/07
Dottie Oliver	10/15/07
Lucille Fiorelli	10/17/07
Jim Karabec	10/17/07
Katie Muir	10/19/07
Rusty Roberts	10/21/07
Ken Roddie	10/23/07
Mitzi Karabec	10/24/07
Freda Cutlip	10/25/07
Sandy Clark	10/25/07
Jim Roberts	10/27/07
Harold Munn	10/27/07
Robert Mayfield	10/28/07
Justin Doe	10/30/07
Jim Link	10/30/07
Emma Link	10/30/07

Happy Anniversary to:

David & Yvette Schilling	10/10/1992
Jerry & Esther Corbett	10/18/1969
Pat & Richard Barnes	10/20/1973
Todd & Marie Maynard	10/21/2000
Bev & Ron Hegedish	10/28/1950

Knitwitters Thank You

Dear Knitwitters,

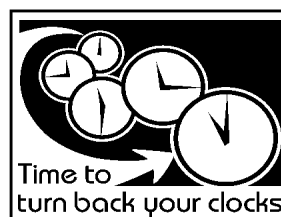
Thank you for the beautiful purple quilt I received in the USO baby pack. It is a beautiful blaket for my new baby girl.



My husband is in Afghani-
stan and we thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely,
Kim Lakner & family

If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
please call the church office so
we can update our records.



**Daylight
Savings Time
Ends 2 a.m.
Sunday,
11/04/2007**

Mission Moment

God is still speaking,

Your Life is More than a Checklist!

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17

At this busy back-to-school time of year, it can sometimes feel like life is just a series of things to get done before you collapse, exhausted, into bed at night. Sure, you're fulfilling your responsibilities as parent, community member, church member, son, or daughter. But it's easy to lose touch with the Spirit that inspires your sense of responsibility—the Spirit that makes duty not just an obligation you can't get out of, but a source of meaning and purpose. And that's part of what church is for . . . to get you back in touch with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that helps you do what you need to do, and not exhaust yourself doing it! Exhaustion takes many forms, only one of which is physical. Re-charge your batteries at church. Take a deep breath and draw in some hope and enough energy to get you through this next week. You can do it. Especially if you remember that at the end of all your "to do" lists, God is still speaking.

Here is a five-day mental diet. It is good for healthy mindedness. It will help give you a great day every day.

First Day:

Think no ill about anybody
- only good about everybody

Second Day:

Put the best possible construction, the most favorable interpretation, on the behavior of everybody you encounter of have dealings with.

Third Day:

Send out kindly thoughts toward every person you contact or think of.

Fourth Day:

Think hopefully about everything. Immediately cancel out any discouraging thought that comes to mind.

Fifth Day:

Think of God's presence all day long.

From Have a Great Day Everyday

by Norman Vincent Peale

Good Luck to Janet & Bob Hanzel as they continue their life away from Twinsburg. You will be missed!

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!

Matt 25:21 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

The month of September 2007 will be long remembered as a time of transition for the First Congregational Church of Twinsburg. As most of you already know, Janet Hanzel, our Choir Director, Vice Moderator, Youth Advisor, Sunday School Teacher and volunteer extraordinaire has relocated to the Alabama coast to join her husband, Bob, who relocated there earlier this year.

Janet's faithful service to the church and community personifies the faithful servant that was depicted in Christ's parable of the talents (money) stated in the Gospel of Matthew. In this parable, the servant had been given money from his master to work with while the master was away. With this new responsibility, the servant joyfully followed the Master's instructions and, upon his return, eagerly reported the success of increasing the Master's money by 100%. The Master's reply is our scripture for this month and, in any context, is high praise indeed.

It is my sincerest hope that we can continue to honor Janet's selfless service by emulating it. 'Talents' means something entirely different in today's contemporary language than it did in the parable, but oddly enough, its meaning holds special significance for our topic. The Lord blessed Janet with many talents and, instead of ignoring them or using them for selfish gain, Janet used them to the fullest through the church to make a positive impact in the lives of many people throughout her life. What a ministry for Christ! I cannot begin to imagine the number of people that Janet helped in some way while visiting the veterans every Saturday, supervising a Youth Group event, teaching Sunday school, leading the choir week after week, or being a trustworthy friend to many. Her service to the church and community cannot be defined in this article and her absence will be felt in many ways.

I rejoice for Janet. I know that her new job was an answer to prayer to join her husband and family that live on the gulf coast and God, full of Grace, answered her prayer by opening a door for a wonderful opportunity at her new company.

Please join me in praying for God's continued blessing for Bob and Janet Hanzel as they face their new adventures in life together. It is my sincerest hope to have the opportunity to emulate Janet's example of over 30 years of service to the church and, in doing so, to hear the Grace of our Lord saying, "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!"

In Christ,

Joel S. Pietrantozzi

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour for October. Sign up sheets are downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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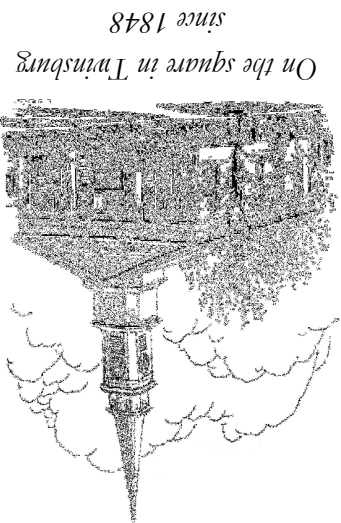
Come worship with us
and bring a friend!
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Tower Submissions

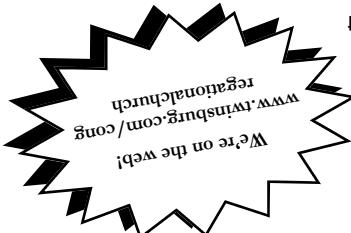
Articles for the *Tower* may be e-mailed directly to the church at firstcongregational.church@windstream.net. Hard copies, CD's, or diskettes may be dropped off at the office.

Tower deadlines are posted on the monthly calendar and in the Sunday worship bulletin. For questions, or to be added to or taken off the mailing list, please send an e-mail or call the church office at 330-425-2181.

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