

New furnace system will keep us warm in church this winter

by Laura Moorehead

For anyone that has attended church this summer, you've noticed that we've been holding service downstairs. Granted, sitting in the cooler basement during the heat of summer has been one reason for being there, but an even more limiting reason kept us there until last Sunday — a new furnace system is being installed upstairs. The work should be completed by the beginning of October.

The new system will be run by city gas, as opposed to the fuel oil that powered our previous system, and consists of three units — two in the attic and one in Pastor Pam's office. The installation of the attic units is just about complete. If you can climb those monstrous attic stairs, you really should go up and check them out. They are very impressive. The units will blow heat into the sanctuary through four

vents that have been cut into the upper walls. Two lower vents will draw the air back up into the attic for reheating. A really nice feature of this system will be its "Fan Mode," which will simply circulate the air. Not only will that keep the warm air moving in the winter, instead of letting it sit in pockets like it does now, but it will also allow us to circulate the hot, humid summer air to help keep us all a little cooler when the temperatures rise.

Another great feature will be the ability to control the downstairs unit separately from the upstairs. There will be two separate thermostat controls, so when we need heat only the downstairs, we'll only have to turn up that particular thermostat. This, along with the circulation of the air, and the fact that gas is lower in price, should help us cover some of the costs of the installation and purchase of the system.

Although these savings will help us keep our energy costs down, we still needed to spend quite a bit of money on this new heating system. Because of that, expect to see a brochure in the mail shortly for a new capital campaign. Through this campaign, we hope to cover some of the costs of the new heat and help pay for the new handicap accessible bathrooms and pastor's office. Work on those two projects should begin this January. They are both long overdue, and now that Pastor Pam is spending so much more time at church, and that half of her office is occupied by a furnace unit, new office space for her is a top priority.

So next time you see Bob, Scott or Chris, thank them for the time they've been spending on planning and working on this exciting new furnace setup. When your toes and nose are toasty this winter, remember to thank them all over again!



This is the work in progress. Soon the large heat exchange will be enclosed and the ducts in the sanctuary finished off. We'll find it beautiful, come winter!



Looking Back; Looking Ahead

Greetings to you in the name of Christ,

As the summer winds down and we take a moment to catch our breath before the fall activities overtake us, it is always interesting to look back over our calendars and ask, "What did I get to do this summer?" As a student I looked forward to writing this particular essay each September for English class because my family always had a very busy summer full of camping, visitors, travel, and music. Somehow cataloging my family's activities gave me a feeling of accomplishment.

Looking back over the last three months, the first summer of my first call, your first summer of my first call, I ask that we see what WE accomplished for Christ. I think that you will find the list rather impressive.

We began our summer with a wonderful "Letting Go" picnic. We heard the Beatitudes remind us that by letting go of what we do not need, we will have room for Christ to work in our lives. The "New Beginnings" committee began the work of visioning what Christ has in store for our church. We all got into the boat together to feed the children a healthy breakfast. We joined Carolyn and Philip as they dedicated their new life together in Christ through marriage. We upheld many in prayer through tough times as well as joyous times. We collected toys for children who are hospitalized, extending the hand of Christ to our local AMVETS.

As the list goes on, I'm sure that you are sensing where this is headed. In order to do the work of Christ's church, our relationship with Jesus as LORD continues

to be the first thing on our "to do list" for fall. I will be introducing an evening Bible study, which will give you the opportunity to see where Scripture takes us on this relationship journey. We will be delving into the sacred space of prayer as a means for understanding how we communicate with Christ. We will be sharing the Lord's Supper more often in worship, taking advantage of different ways to share in the meal that binds us together as Christians.

I encourage each of you to begin to wrap up the "off season" by sharing how your lives were touched by our LORD. Were there answered prayers? Did you discover something about your relationship that others need to hear? Did you realize in some small way the greatness of

your faith that you had not realized before? By sharing these individual experiences it will give each of us the opportunity to realize Christ's work in our lives as community. I look forward to hearing your sacred stories!

May the peace of our LORD follow you through these last days of our first summer together into the first days of our first autumn season together.

Ecclesiastes 3:1
*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under
heaven ...*



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Ordination Scenes

by Kathy McKnight

With her first call (to Central Village), Pam Peterson was able to be ordained as a minister of the UCC Church. The service was conducted by UCC ministers in her home church, South Congregational of Middletown, Connecticut, on June 8 before a congregation of friends,

relatives and members of her new church in Central Village. It was a joyous occasion for all. Photos here show Pastor Pam with her two sons, Kevin and Kyle, and her granddaughter, Mia, the ritual of Ordination, and the newly vested Rev. Pamela Peterson.

Congratulations, Pam!



Photos by K. McKnight



Enjoy the continuing “Tea with the Vicar”

On Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m., you are invited to join Pastor Pam for an hour of lighthearted fellowship and Bible study.

Meet in the church fellowship hall; bring your own tea and crumpets, Bibles, and other interesting study guides. We let the Spirit move our conversation, so be prepared to laugh, question, share, and even



enjoy a spot of tea.

These meetings have carried us through the summer and have grown to include opening our pre-read book sale to the public. It's gratifying to see the books leap off the shelves and into the arms of appreciative readers. Every week there have been several newcomers to our church who bring books to trade or find books to buy at our nominal prices. They usually stop to chat and allow us to extend our welcome to them and to get some information

about our mission.

Pastor Pam plans to offer a more focused Bible Study session on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Watch for notice of the start up and plan to come and explore the Word with her.

Pastor Pam will continue to hold office hours at church on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. She'd also be happy to accommodate your schedule by appointment at other times.



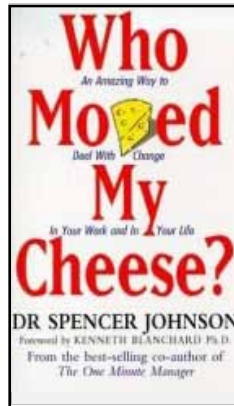
Have concerns about your Cheese moving?

by Jane Wuorio

When I went to my rheumatologist the last time, he suggested that I read the book, "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D. It is all about change. We all have changes in our lives, and we have to adjust. The book makes us think. It talks about, "We have always done it this way," and all the other familiar remarks we make when things are changing, and perhaps we need to change too.

I thought of our New Beginnings. This works into some of the changes we are facing or should face. They could be very good for us.

"Cheese" is the metaphor for what we want to have in life, whether it is a job, a relationship, money, a big house, freedom, health, recognition, spiritual peace, or even an activity like jogging or golf. Each of us has our own idea of what Cheese is and we pursue it because we believe it makes us happy.



SEPTEMBER

- 6 Jana Livernoche
- 11 Mark Brown
- 20 Ronnie Morton, Sr.
- 21 Judy Exley

OCTOBER

- 2 Shirley Eichelberg
- 6 Alice Oberdorf
- 6 Pastor Pam Peterson
- 10 Doug Durand
- 11 Seth St Jean
- 17 Amy Rizer

NOVEMBER

- 3 Julia Credit
- 5 Barbara Morton
- 7 Parker Franklin
- 9 Collin Renaud
- 19 Gordon Smith
- 21 Janet St Jean
- 28 Dakota Morton
- 30 Shelley St Jean

CHURCH STATISTICS

BAPTISM

JUNE 8

BRADY KRISTOPHER KELLY
SON OF KYLE AND JENNIFER KELLY
GRANDSON OF PAMELA PETERSON

WEDDING

JULY 27

PHILIP LOVELY, JR
AND **CAROLYN HOXIE**



Family and Friends of:

- Barry Corbran
- Kurt Laghtar
- Kay Hickson
- Jay Poludniak
- Jay R. Reeceds
- The Rev. Bertram Smith
- Richard Taber

- Beverly Blais
- Tim Cote
- Judy Credit
- Tony Dias
- Dennis Dorman
- Margaret Rude Gaudreau
- Judy Hansen
- Julie
- Tim Leason
- Jeanne Morganstern
- Kate O'Boyle
- Suzanne Roberts
- Ruby Simonds
- Mike Sisson
- Dale Smith
- Alida Tavernier
- Evelyn Treiber
- Jane Wuorio

Those serving in the Military

Children's Day shows off growth

by Kathy McKnight

These bright and lively faces form the core group of our Sunday School. They bring a freshness and vitality to our Sunday morning services. On Children's Day, June 9, they showed off their talents by conducting the worship service with just a little assistance from their teachers and Pastor Pam. They did a great job!

We are grateful to Jill Shamback, full time Sterling School teacher, for her capable and compassionate guidance as Sunday School leader, and to Jane Eaton for her faithful assistance.

Sunday School classes resume on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. If you know some children who would benefit from joining this fine group, learning about the Bible and Jesus with creative, hands-on activities, please encourage them to join. They'd have fun and would be most welcome!



Photo by A. Cornell

Teachers Jane Eaton and Jill Shamback pose with the class on Children's Day in June. From L-R are the Sunday School core members: Richelle, Mariena, Emily, Dale and Charlie.

Shared V B S was a summer highlight



The Plainfield and Central Village Congregational Churches joined hands for "Hospitality Around The World" for a week of music, snacks, crafts, Bible stories, and games in this year's Vacation Bible School. Chaired by Cathie Beausoleil of the Plainfield church, the activities were held in the Plainfield church's fellowship hall and outside in the yard. The children learned about Mexico, Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Zimbabwe.

Each day the music team, which included our own Pastor Pam, taught the children fun songs. Sign language, memory verses, and

Bible stories took the children on a wonderful journey of exploration, allowing them to meet new neighbors along the way.

Pastor Pam conducted the closing ceremony, which featured the Good Samaritan improv skit, singing to the music of Edie LaPerle on the guitar, and awards presented by Cathie and Pastor Terry.

Those attending from Central Village Congregational Church included Jill, Charlie, and Emily Shamback. Many thanks to all of the families who helped create a wonderful Vacation Bible School for the church and neighborhood children.

Enjoy tour of historic churches

by Marge Hoskin

It's always fun to visit other churches, but one doesn't want to miss the Sunday morning service at one's own church. The Last Green Valley's Walktober events this year include two separate opportunities to visit other churches on Saturdays.

October 5, 9a.m.–12 noon

Westfield Congregational Church in downtown Danielson will host a "house talk" at its large, white, c.1855 church adjacent to Davis Park. An architectural historian will present an illustrated talk about churches in general, to be followed

by a discussion of the ongoing historic preservation and steeple restoration efforts at the church. A guided tour of the church will follow. The cost for this program is \$35. Please make checks out to Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

October 12, 10 a.m.

Christ Church, at 527 Pomfret Street (Route 169) in Pomfret, will share its "Tiffany Treasures and More." Hear about 18th Century Pomfret and the Episcopal Church with its Lewis C. Tiffany glass windows.

Just last year, the church discovered that its baptism font was also a Tiffany creation. While best known for its stained glass windows, Tiffany's firm designed a wide range of decorative items for houses of worship, including pews, candlesticks, altars, wall paintings, mosaics and vestments.

In 2012, Christ Church's font of white marble carved with cherubs and flowers and inlaid with glass tiles was displayed at the Museum of Biblical Arts in New York City. (<http://www.mobia.org/>)

Central Village Fire Department marks one century

by Kathy McKnight

In 1913 the Central Village Fire Department began its volunteer service to the community. It now turns 100 years old and the celebration that's planned for Saturday, September 14, will be grand. The flier reproduced here gives the details of a party beginning at 8 a.m. and lasting all day, until 6 p.m.

Our church will take advantage of the chance to be part of the festivities. We will have a booth to greet the community and present a public service, the anti-bullying campaign "Walk in Our Shoes." There will be an original puppet show skit, written by Erma Macbeth, for the children who come by. There will also be a craft they can make involving decorating cutout shoes and flip-flops.

Our own Pastor Pam will help open the day's events at 8 a.m. with the invocation, and she will offer a Memorial Prayer at noontime.

Plan to stop by to honor the faithful and valued service of the Fire Department personnel and to support your church's educational outreach.

New Beginnings Committee continues its mission

by Laura Moorehead

The New Beginnings Committee has been meeting once a month this summer, taking a close look at how the church operates and how we might fit more mission work into our future.

In looking at church operations, we hope to simplify some of the tasks that the running of a church require, as well as making our beautiful church more attractive to potential new members. Pastor Pam has been injecting fresh ideas and energy into the possibilities for our future. It's been wonderful to have her new point of view.

In addition to the monthly meetings, we've also been talking to

various outside organizations. Pastor Pam and I will be meeting with Daily Bread and TEEG in September to see how they operate and to determine whether working as a satellite group of such an organization would be a viable option for us.

Currently, we are gathering the names of the different missions we have supported over the years. We want to make a short, consolidated list of the missions we support on a regular basis plus a list of 12 additional groups that we might feature, one for each month of the year. An example would be the women's veterans group, which we could feature in November for Veterans Day. We know that there is such great need

surrounding us, but with our limited resources we know that we have to concentrate our efforts.

If you have any suggestions for the New Beginnings group please feel free to contact myself, Scott, Bob, Sue, Chris, Lisa, Marge or Pastor Pam. Or join us for one of our meetings. We meet the third Sunday of the month, right after worship, and our meetings are always open.



New outreach starting soon: ZUMBA GOLD



Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!
Praise Him with loud cymbals;
Praise Him with clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150:4-6

Central Village is about to offer a new outreach program to help our members and neighbors stay healthy. The American Medical Association states that exercise helps prevent heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer.

Let us help you get your body, mind and spirit centered through this fun, easy dance at a low en-

ergy, individualized pace — it can even be done seated on a chair!

Zumba Gold is a gentler version of the dance-ercise craze that has swept the nation. It will be led by a licensed Zumba instructor who also happens to be a member of our church, Lisa Marie Burton.

Classes will be held once a week, on Monday mornings from

9–10. After the first class, a \$5 weekly donation to the church will be requested; part to compensate Lisa Marie for her time.

Watch for the starting date, call the church at 860-564-3568, or email Lisa at lisamariezumba13@gmail.com, and plan to try it at least once. Have your friends join us too! Everyone is welcome.

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Mondays	Zumba Gold, 9-10 a.m. (Start TBA)
Tuesdays	Craft Group, 10 a.m.-12 noon
Wednesdays	"Tea with the Vicar" and Book Sale, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays	Pastor Pam Office Hours at Church, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursdays	Choir Practice, 6-7 p.m.
Sept. 8, Sun.	Sunday School resumes, 9:30 a.m. All welcome! Charles Walker Memorial Sunday
Sept. 12, Thurs.	Church Council meets, 7 p.m.
Sept. 14, Sat.	CV Firehouse 100th Anniversary, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Oct. 6, Sun.	World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need offering
Oct. 17, Thurs.	Annual Budget Meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct. 20, Sun.	Sunday School Rally Day, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 26, Sat.	Public Turkey Supper, buffet style
Nov. 10, Sun.	Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 10, Sun.	Andrew McKnight Coffeehouse Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 17, Sun.	Deadline for December Newsletter
Nov. 23, Sat.	Christmas Market
Nov. 30, Sat.	Hanging of the Greens to decorate for Christmas
Dec. 1, Sun.	Advent begins
Dec. 7 or 14, Sat.	Angela C. Howell Christmas Coffeehouse



Congo Bars aka Blonde Brownies

From the kitchen of Joanne Williams
"My Quilting Group loves these!"

2/3 c. margarine or butter	2 tsp. baking powder
1 lb. box light brown sugar	1 tsp. salt (can use less or omit)
3 eggs	1 c. chopped walnuts
2 3/4 c. flour	1 c. (6 oz.) chocolate chips

1. Melt margarine; stir in brown sugar. Cool slightly.
2. Beat in eggs, one at a time.
3. Mix dry ingredients and stir in, a little at a time. Blend well.
4. Stir in chips and nuts.
5. Pour into greased 13" x 9" pan. Bake about 25 minutes at 350° until golden brown and a toothpick comes out almost clean. Be careful not to over-bake or they will be dry and hard.

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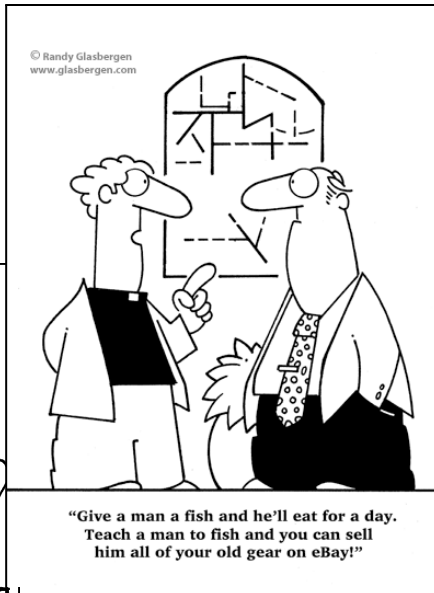
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**Turkey
 Dinner**

All-you-can-eat Buffet
 Take-outs too

All the fixings, home-made dessert
 Central Village Congregational
 Route 12, Central Village, CT
 Sat. • Oct. 26 • 4:30-6 p.m.



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Concert Series
Live Music!

Andrew McKnight
 Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist, Storyteller

SUN. • Nov. 10 • 6:30 PM



We're proud to introduce you to our new Pastor, the Rev. Pam Peterson. Visit us on Sunday and hear her inspiring message. Take away a renewed sense of hope, faith and love. Or come on a Wednesday morning for some friendly conversation and our book sale!