

SOUNDINGS

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THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN WESTPORT

HOMECOMING 2011

SPECIAL EDITION OF SOUNDINGS

- WHEN:** Saturday Sept. 10th **AND** Sunday Sept. 11th
WHERE: The Unitarian Church in Westport
WHO: Our UU family, friends and “alumni”
WHY: Kicking off the new year in style!



You're all invited to our first **HOME!** coming Weekend Celebration Saturday Sept 10th and Sunday Sept. 11th. Everyone's invited: family, friends, and “alumni”. Come Saturday. Come Sunday. Come both days! One day isn't enough to celebrate our spiritual community and all it does. So enjoy this special Sounding issue and we hope to see you during Homecoming Weekend!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

- 11:00 --- Tailgate Party in parking lot begins
- 12:30 --- Homecoming Parade
- 1:00 --- Event & Committee Fair opens
- 1:00 --- Coffee House Band on the lawn
- 2:30 --- Coffee House Band 2 on the lawn
- 4:00 --- Homecoming Part I concludes

SUNDAY

- 10:00 --- Our traditional Homecoming Service begins on the lawn - arrive early!
- 11:30 --- Service is followed by hot dogs and ice cream
- 2:00 --- Bluefish baseball game at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport

See page 4 for church calendar

Saturday, Sept. 10

Tailgate Party, Parade, Music & More!



11:00am

The weekend kicks off with a **Tailgate Party**. Think a giant pot luck on wheels. In the coming days, you'll be able to go on-line and pick out a parking spot. Maybe you want to reserve a section for your neighborhood circle or just get spots close to all your friends. Please visit our special website: www.ucwhomecoming.info for more details including great tips on tailgating.



12:30pm

Now, you'll want to be in your parking spots before noon because at 12:30, our first Homecoming Parade starts. It's not a homecoming without a parade and it's certainly not homecoming without a King and Queen. Luke Garvey & Doris Brenner were pre-selected as this year's royal court and they will lead the parade from the customary convertible. Kids are encouraged to decorate bikes and wagons. Adults can march along too. We may even strike up a band from SHU.



**1:00pm
&
2:30pm**

Afternoon - Live Music

All are encouraged to grab your tailgate chairs and find a great spot on the lawn and enjoy the talents of two terrific singer/song writers. A group of congregants are developing a new series of coffee house nights later this year and these two performers are indicative of the musical talent that you'll want to hear and see.

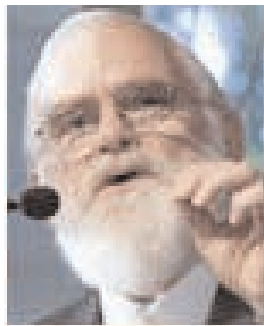
12:30pm

There's so much going on at the church. Find out more, including how to get involved, at the **Committee/Events Fair**. Stations will be open at 1:00 featuring various groups and events with information on how to join, participate or help out. Featured organizations include Odyssey (adult education programs), Ushers, Greeters and some new exciting events like Chilifest and the November People/Service Auction.



Sunday, Sept. 11

Our Traditional Homecoming Service, hotdogs and baseball!



10:00 am Traditional Homecoming Service

Beginning on the lawn, our spiritual reconnection includes our traditional Homecoming Service lead by our own Rev. Frank Hall on the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11th tragedy.

We will gather in a big circle on the lawn, distribute the symbols of our congregation and proceed into the sanctuary where we will celebrate this ever-revolving religious community. Be sure to arrive early.

11:30 am Traditional Cook Out

Thanks to our men's club, we have a new grill which will officially debut this weekend at our traditional Cook-Out. Behind it will be our sexton Bobby Santiago grilling up some great beef, tofu and veggie hotdogs plus gourmet sides.



And this year, for the first time, we will be offering Ice Cream! So bring some change in your pocket to buy a chocolate eclair or toasted almond bar.



2:00 pm Minor League Baseball

We top off a fantastic weekend with an afternoon double header with the Bridgeport Bluefish at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$8 for kids, \$10 for adults. We've reserved 80 tickets in our own section with chair backs (not bleacher seats), cup holders and close to the bathrooms and concessions. Come relax, share stories of homecoming weekend and enjoy a ball game with family and friends.



*What a great way to end the summer and kick off the new church year!
We are what makes our church so wonderful.*

We INSPIRE. We CONNECT and we ACT!

Come and be inspired by the service, the tailgate party, the music, baseball and by each other!

E-mail Jim Keenan and let him know what part or all of the weekend you can come and attend - jjkeen@optonline.net.



FROM THE BOARD

Dear Members and Friends,

The time has come for our Congregation to face important decisions about our property, space needs, finances, and vision for our near future – all of which are interconnected. Further, it is also time to “get real” about what we can actually afford and accomplish during a prolonged difficult economic downturn that shows little signs of improving.

These decisions cannot be delayed any longer. After many months of deliberation, your Board of Trustees has come to the conclusion that it's time to sell 3 Sheila Lane, the adjacent property the Church purchased a few years ago. We are making this recommendation now. However, the Board alone cannot make this decision.

The congregation as a whole must discuss this issue and decide whether this is the right move for our church.

Over the coming weeks you will be asked to participate in a series of meetings, which will enable us, together, to reach the decisions that need to be made. You'll be hearing more details about this process very soon.

To do this right, we need everyone's voice and input, and we need a congregation that is well educated on these complex issues. To that end, we have put together an information packet called Choosing Our Path Forward: Our Space Needs and Our Vision. The packet includes all the history, facts and figures about Sheila Lane, as well as alternative ways we might solve our space needs.

This packet has been mailed to all church households. We urge you to read it. For your convenience, a one-page summary was also be provided. If you did not receive the materials email John@uuwestport.org in the business office for digital copies.

We look forward to a lively, informed discussion, and to reaching agreement on Sheila Lane. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, please speak to me or any Board member.

Sincerely,

Chuck Colletti, *Chair, Board of Trustees*

CHURCH CALENDAR: Sept. 4 - Sept. 24, 2011

Sunday, Sept. 4	10:00am	Summer Service - Sanctuary	Thursday, Sept. 15	5:00pm –	Youth Choir - Sanctuary
Wednesday, Sept. 7	7:00pm –	Chant & Meditation - Library		6:00pm –	Teen Choir - Sanctuary
	7:45pm –	Chamber Choir - Sanctuary		6:45pm –	Bell Choir - East Wing
Thursday, Sept. 8	5:30pm –	Finance Committee Meeting - M.H.		7:00pm –	Odd Couple Rehearsal - M.H.
	6:45pm –	Bell Choir - East Wing		7:45pm –	Women's Choir - Sanctuary
	7:00pm –	Odd Couple Rehearsal - M.H.	Saturday, Sept. 17	10:00am –	Small Group Facilitators Meeting- M.H.
	8:00pm –	Special Projects Choir - Sanctuary	Sunday, Sept. 18	9 & 11 am	Worship Service (1st day of RE classes)
Saturday, Sept. 10	All Day Homecoming Tailgate Party, Parking Lot			9:00am –	RE Class - East Wing
Sunday, Sept. 11	10:00am –	Homecoming Service - Sanctuary		12:30pm –	Rainbow Task Force - Chapel
	11:30am –	Barbeque Cookout - Outside		12:30pm –	UN Committee - Library
	11:45am –	RE Volunteer Orientation - Sanctuary		7:00pm –	8th Gr. OWL Parent Orientation, E.W.
	2:00 pm -	Bluefish Baseball Game –	Monday, Sept. 19	7:45pm –	O&AF Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	Congregational Outing, Bridgeport		Tuesday, Sept 20	8:00pm –	Men's Choir - Sanctuary
Monday, Sept. 12	7:30pm –	Board of Trustees - Fellowship Room	Wednesday, Sept. 21	7:00pm –	Chant & Meditation - Library
	7:45pm -	O&AF Rehearsal		7:15pm –	SGM - Youth Room M.H.
Tuesday, Sept. 13	7:00pm –	Constitution Revision Q&A - Sanctuary		7:30pm –	Abolish Death Penalty - Fellow.Rm.
	7:30pm –	RE Volunteer Orient. Makeup - Chapel		7:45pm –	Chamber Choir - Sanctuary
	7:30pm –	Social Justice Council - East Wing	Thursday, Sept. 22	5:00pm –	Youth Choir - Sanctuary
Wednesday, Sept. 14	7:00pm –	Chant & Meditation - Library		6:00pm –	Teen Choir - Sanctuary
	8:00pm -	Men's Choir		6:45pm –	Bell Choir - East Wing
				7:45pm –	Women's Choir - Sanctuary
			Saturday, Sept. 24	5:30pm –	Bingo & Pizza Family Fun Night

SERMONS

September 4 10 am ..Summer Service	"Future More or Less Vivid"	David Connell
<i>The title comes from a paragraph in Wheelock's Latin Grammar on one of the verb forms in classical Latin. I am interested in looking at the future -- hope, intentionality, resignation as meaningful ways for spiritual persons to engage with the idea of futurity.</i>		
September 11, 10 am, Homecoming Sunday	"Reflections on 9/11"	Frank Hall
<i>Where were you on that fateful morning? What changed for you...and for us</i>		
September 18 9 & 11 am	"The Gods We Worship and the Gods We've Rejected"	Frank Hall
<i>Does religion require belief in God? What happens when we let go of the old gods?</i>		

August 28, 2011

Dear Friends,

We visited with Carlyn while she was at the summer music session at the Bamff Center. We got to hear and see her play in two concerts. In one of them she was principal cellist for a Brahms symphony.

Carlyn and the music brought us to Bamff, which is in the heart of the Canadian Rockies in Alberta. Lory worked out a plan for our weeklong visit – I’ve never been so taken with a piece of geography. I tried to stop saying, “Wow!” I failed.

At one point I reminded Lory of the wonderfully moving lines spoken by Emily to the stage manager in Thornton Wilder’s *Our Town*, which Lory directed at the church 20 years ago and I played the stage manager:

Emily exclaims, "Oh, earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you. Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it -- every, every minute?"

He replies: “We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.”

We drove, hiked, walked and rafted in the most breath-taking terrain I’ve ever experienced, and we were ‘conscious of our treasures, every, every minute!’ It was spiritually uplifting with sermons in snow and ice, in magnificent mountains and waterfalls, and rivers that have been carving canyons for thousands of years. Millions of years, actually.

On the first day in Bamff we planned to take the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, so named for the hot springs on its lower slopes. We were told the wait for the next gondola was about 90 minutes, so we asked about hiking to the top of the mountain and taking the gondola down. “It takes about an hour and a half to two hours, but it’s very do-able with lots of switchbacks.”

It took us two hours to climb the 3.5 mile trail – Lory would have finished in 90 minutes, but she waited for me – I slowed down as the air got thinner in the higher slopes. The view was as breathtaking as the hike up. We were glad to take the gondola down!

During the next six days we visited Lake Louise, Muraine Lake, and Jasper, each of which is as beautiful as Bamff. We hiked every day, including a tour of the Columbian Icefield where we walked on ice we were told was a thousand feet deep. The icefield is atop a triple Continental Divide whose waters flow to the Hudson Bay on the east and ultimately to the Atlantic, as well as flowing to the Arctic and Pacific Oceans.

Now we’re ready to hike into a new church year – to continue to explore and to re-examine all we’ve been taught, all we’ve come to think, to believe and to re-think all we’ve come to reject about traditional religious beliefs and, perhaps, to see new, deeper truths emerge. See you soon.



Every Day, *Caroline Joy Adams*

Every day
We are given a thousand waking moments
A thousand opportunities to learn, to grow, to choose
Thus, in as many of those moments as you can,
Choose Wisely.

Choose understanding and calmness rather than anger...
Gratitude rather than envy....
Compassion rather than judgment....
Awareness rather than denial....
Loving thoughts, words, and action
Over those that have the power to hurt...

And in this way,
Moment by Moment by Moment
We shall create harmony, healing and peace
Within ourselves...and for each other.

Homecoming, *Wendell Berry*

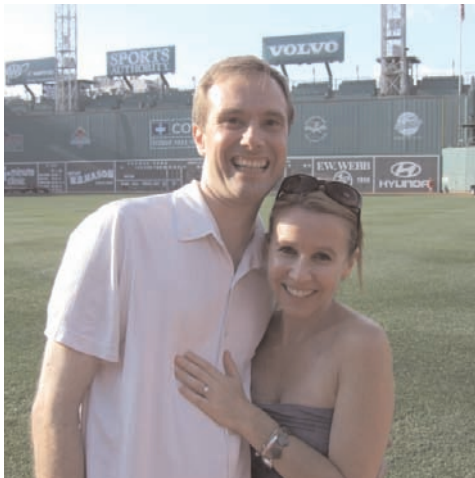
One faith is bondage. Two
are free. In the trust
of old love, cultivation shows
a dark graceful wilderness
at its heart. Wild
in that wilderness, we roam
the distances of our faith,
safe beyond the bounds
of what we know. O love,
open. Show me.

The Laws of Life and Death, *John Burroughs*

The laws of life and death are as they should be. The laws of matter and force are as they should be; and if death ends my consciousness, still is death good. I have had life on those terms, and somewhere, somehow, the course of nature is justified.

I shall not be imprisoned in some grave where you are to bury my remains. I shall be diffused in great nature: in the soil, in the air, in the water and sunshine, and in the hearts of those who have loved me, in all the living and flowing currents of the world, though I may never again in my entirety be embodied in a single human being. My elements and my forces go back into the original sources out of which they came, and these sources are perennial in this vast, wonderful and divine cosmos.

Perry's Ponderings ...



Three years ago, Sarah Bell asked me to go to a concert with her. It prompted me to talk to three ministers about dating Sarah. All three responded positively and gave advice on appropriately handling a relationship in the congregation. Sarah and I have kept our developing relationship mostly private. However, summer is a time of transitions, so I would like to share part of our vacation story.

One morning this August in Boston, Sarah found a card from me waiting for her with a gift and directions for the first leg of her love trail scavenger hunt. When she arrived at Arlington Street Church, administrator Jeff showed her to the narrow bell tower stairs. After descending with her next card, Sarah walked across the Public Gardens to the UUA bookstore where she was handed *We Pledge Our Hearts: A Treasury of Poems, Quotations, and Readings to Celebrate Love and Marriage*. Then it was onto King's Chapel where guide Theresa led Sarah up the stairs to find her final card under the last bell Paul Revere ever cast, one he called "the sweetest bell I ever made." When "the sweetest Bell I ever met" made her way back down, I was waiting to attend the midday worship with her.

After the service, we headed straight to Fenway Park. During the Red Sox game, as I was thinking about the postgame plan, a dragonfly landed on my shirt collar for a few minutes, offering a symbolic sign of reassurance. After the game, families lined up to have their children run the bases during a special fan experience. Sarah and I had brought our gloves and Civil War era replica baseball, planning to get on the field for a moment of catch on the hallowed ground.

RE CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 11...

11:45am-1pm - RE Volunteer Orientation - Sanctuary

Tues. Sept. 13...

7:30pm RE Vol. Orient. Makeup Chapel

Sun. Sept. 18 ...

10:30am RE Open House - E.W.
9&11am - First Day of RE Classes
7-9pm - 8th Gr. OWL Par. Orient.

Sun. Sept. 24...

5:30pm Bingo & Pizza Family Fun Night

Please register your children and youth for Religious Education online at http://www.uuwestport.org/RE_Reg/registration.php

All RE Volunteers must attend:
Volunteer Orientation -
Sunday, Sept. 11, 11:45am -1pm
Overview & Team Planning
(makeup session Tues., Sept. 13, 7:30-8:45pm)

Questions? Contact Perry at perry@uuwestport.org or 203 227-7205 x 15.

Youth Outreach Calendar

Sept. 10, Saturday

Westbridge Coalition workday

Sept. 17, Saturday

Save the Sound Beach Clean-up

Oct. 7-8, Fri-Sat

YSOP workcamp

Having stayed last in line so no one was around us, we finally made it onto the outfield warning track. Sarah caught my throw and then, to her shock, I pulled a ring out of the ball and dropped to one knee in right-center field. She did say "yes" and we ran the bases hand-in-hand.

As our relationship moves into the next stage, Sarah and I look forward to sharing significant life events and ordinary moments with you. After the experiences and growth of summer, we all step into the unfolding of a special congregational year in front of us.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP...

Lily Rappaport, Youth Program Dir.

Thanks to Facebook I have been able to keep up with many of your summer adventures: at the beach, swimming or sailing, visiting colleges, hiking a mountain, camping in the wilderness, going to concerts, or traveling to an exotic destination.

If you are on Facebook, then you might have seen photos of my trip to Star Island where I attended the Religious Education Conference. I took the workshop, "Technology, Social Media and the Future of Faith Formation," by Peter Bowden, a media consultant for the UUA. Peter offers trainings and support to healthy, growing, change-oriented congregations.

"Congregations must keep pace with our rapidly changing world," Peter explains. "Social media tools may be used to meet people where they are - online - serving to bring the congregation out further into the public sphere and through relationships and conversations, people back to the congregation."

The workshop guided us through the social media revolution so we could understand the impact of cultural, demographic and technological trends in congregations and how religious communities are evolving to take advantage of them. Social networking has transformed the ways in which organizations need to engage with their constituents. Since technology keeps changing, it takes consistent energy and intention to keep up with the latest trends.

I recommend watching the video, "Social Media Revolution," by Erik Qualman, an international speaker on social media, digital trends and leadership and the author of "Socialnomics: How social media transforms the way we live and do business." Fast-paced and visually engaging, the video reveals interesting data:

- There are 31 billion searches on Google every month.
- The number of text messages sent and received everyday exceeds the total population of the planet.
- E-Readers have surpassed traditional book sales.
- You tube is the second largest search engine the world.
- If Wikipedia were made into a book, it would be 2.25 million pages long, and would take you over 123 years to read.
- The fastest growing segment on Facebook is 55-65 year old females.
- If Facebook were a country it'd be the world's 3rd largest.

FAITH in ACTION / David Vita

It's Been a Loong Time Comin'... Voices Café...October 15!

Long ago it started out as an idea. Then it turned into a conversation -- usually during coffee hour or after a cabaret or an evening of folk music. What if...? What if we could do this regularly? What if we could do this...once a month?

As more people joined that conversation a committed group of people began to meet regularly, and from there, a real plan began to take shape. The focus of those meetings? Let's start a folk music series at the Unitarian Church in Westport, become part of the "folk music circuit". And let's create a first-rate venue where people from the church and the surrounding communities can listen to some great musicians perform in an intimate, relaxed setting.

The vision of Voices Cafe is to create a venue for an ongoing series of performances, expanding the reach of the Unitarian Church in Westport beyond the congregation and into the broader community. Through the promotion and growth of the series, Voices Cafe will increase our reputation as a center of inspiration and spiritual growth for those who come to experience performing artists whose messages are powerful, provocative, fun, and uplifting. The series will support the values of social justice, community, stewardship, and spiritual nourishment that the Unitarian Church is known for, and will serve as yet another tangible demonstration of our mission to inspire, connect, and act.

Our mission is to:

- Be a venue for top-notch professional performances for our congregation, Fairfield County, and beyond;
- Raise funds for the church and social justice; and
- Support folk musicians and other performers financially,

helping get their message out, and helping them build a following/fan base in the County.

The VOICES CAFÉ website will be up by Labor Day. We'll let you know when.

Want to be part of VOICES CAFÉ? We need all kinds of help...from joining the committee and planning the programs, selecting musicians, selling tickets after services, promotion, baking refreshments, working the sound system, set-up and breakdown the night of performances to...well there's a long list of ways to be part of the action ranging from an hour a month to an hour a week!

Pesky J. Nixon Opens Voices Café on Saturday, October 15th

If you think the name is interesting, just wait until you hear the music!

Voices Café's first featured act will be Pesky J. Nixon. PJN's compelling harmonies and narratives include disparate instrumentation - zydeco style accordion, virtuosic mandolin, a variety of tribal percussion, and a myriad of string instrumentation.

Tickets will go on sale during Homecoming weekend.

And there's more than just great music in store for you. Voices Café will have a small concession, with reasonably priced food, snacks, and beverages. So it's a win/win/win – great music and food, a chance to help raise funds for social justice and the church while attracting a broad audience to our terrific space, and a way to help musicians spread their messages while doing what they do best – playing their music for an appreciative audience.

"Right Now Our Cupboards are Bare and Have Been for a While."

I just received a letter from the Mercy Learning Center. It's been working to provide basic literacy and life skills to low-income women in the greater Bridgeport area since 1987. As a result, women improve their skills and earning potential. The Center also provides food to the women and children in their programs.

Getting back to the letter:

"We know that it is an especially difficult time for so many people who have lost jobs and no longer have sufficient income to maintain health and well-being. With this in mind, would you consider holding a one-time food drive for our women at the Mercy Learning Center whose basic needs during this economic downturn are threatening them and their children. Presently we have 500 women in our program and 100 of their children participating in our literacy program. Right now our cupboards are bare and have been for a while."

What are we going to say? No. Of course not! We'll start the new church yearoff by collecting food on Homecoming Sunday. There will be a collection table set-upwhere we gather on the lawn.

Items that are needed: • Rice • Beans (canned or dried) • Pasta & sauce • Canned fruits & vegetables • Cereal • Peanut butter & jelly

If everyone brought just two items...So may it be! Thank you.

Westbridge Gearing Up for another Constructive Year!

Volunteer your skills in construction (or learn new skills!), site selection, communications, photography, youth coordination, fundraising; or donate materials (or funds to purchase them) including windows, doors, insulation, programmable thermostats, paint, CFL light bulbs, lumber, plumbing, and electrical supplies.

Westbridge: Saving Homes,
Saving Lives!
Contact Sherry Jagerson at
sjagers@optonline.net

12 MONTH REPORT - BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL

Fiscal Year 2011- ending 6/30/11



	FY ending 6/30/11 Annual Budget	12 months Actual Total \$	Difference Act. vs Bud.	% Variance	Comments
Church Income					
Pledge & Gift Trust	\$ 662,217	679,865	17,648	103%	Higher pledge fulfillment
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 44,100	49,027	4,927	111%	Plate & Corporate matches
Facility Use	\$ 133,640	129,894	(3,746)	97%	Nursery School shortfall
Fundraising	\$ 14,800	18,051	3,251	122%	Congrats to event organizers!
Other	\$ 3,510	8,271	4,761	236%	Foundation and other gifts
Total Church Income	\$ 858,267	885,109	26,842	103%	
Church Expenses					
Compensation	\$ 615,472	620,893	(5,421)	101%	
Utilities	\$ 41,400	37,606	3,792	91%	See Below
Building Maintenance	\$ 55,000	67,492	(12,492)	123%	Emergency Electrical Work
Ground Maintenance	\$ 18,500	20,291	(1,791)	110%	Snow Plowing - winter storms
Church Insurance	\$ 10,450	8,894	1,556	85%	
Programs & Services	\$ 35,170	26,507	8,663	75%	Staff focused n savings \$\$
Denominational	\$ 33,490	33,900	(410)	101%	
Office Supplies/Services	\$ 15,200	15,044	156	99%	
Office Equipment	\$ 9,700	11,107	(1,407)	115%	
Other Expenses	\$ 18,080	26,386	(8,306)	146%	Albin Institute Expenses
Total Expenses	\$ 852,462	868,121	(15,659)	102%	
Church Net Income	\$ 5,805	16,988	11,183		
Sheila Lane Income					
Rental Income	\$ 37,200	37,200		100%	
Interest Income	\$ 1,200	1,240	40	103%	
Total Sheila Lane Income	38,400	38,440		100%	
Sheila Lane Expenses					
Mortgage Interest	\$ 64,989	64,989	0	100%	
Property Taxes	\$ 10,354	10,474	(120)	101%	
Insurance	\$ 800	800		100%	
Other	\$ 7,120	1,154	5,967	16%	Repair projects deferred
Total Sheila Lane Expenses	\$ 83,263	77,416	5,847	93%	
Sheila Lane Net Income	(44,863)	(38,977)	5,886		
Consolidated Income	896,667	923,548	26,881	103%	

FY 2011 had an operating surplus of \$17,000 because of better pledge fulfillment (thank you!) and a strong showing in all other income categories except the nursery school (financial problems). Unexpected electrical maintenance and repairs as well as Board of Trustees consulting fees were the main over budget expenses. These were partially offset by program moneys not being spent (thank you staff!). A generous congregant donation offset the unexpected snow plowing expense. Last years boiler conversion from oil to gas saved the church \$7,000. Actual electricity expenses were \$5,400 under budget due to a change in the supplier as well as good conservation. The Sheila Lane property continues operating at a loss and will be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting on September 25. Questions can be directed to John Carroll, Business Manager, Art Ulrich, Finance Committee or Ken Vogel, Treasurer.

CHOIR SCHEDULES

Youth Choir:

begins on Thursday, September 15, 5:00pm.

For interested youth who are not currently in the choir, please contact

Ed Thompson at the church: 203-227-7205 ext. 18 or Ed@uuwestport.org

Teen Choir:

begins on Thursday, September 15th, at 6:00pm.

For interested teens who are not currently in the choir, please contact Ed Thompson at the church: 203-227-7205 ext. 18 or Ed@uuwestport.org

Special Projects Choir:

rehearses on Thursday, September 1st and Thursday, September 8th, \ at 8:00pm.

Men's Choir:

begins rehearsing on Tuesday, September 13th, at 8:00pm.

Women's Choir :

begins rehearsing on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:45.

Once & Again Folksingers:

will have two rehearsals in September: Monday the 12th and Monday the 19th, at 7:45pm.

Please direct any questions to Ed Thompson at the church.

A giant thank you to all of those dedicated souls who dedicate time, energy and talent for the sake of this community! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

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Business Matters:

Tag Sale Nets for the Church Operating Budget!



From the dealers and tag sale junkies who paid \$10 to shop early, to the tail-end shoppers loading up \$5 bags, it was clear that we made a lot of people happy last weekend at our 2nd (dare we say annual?) Tag Sale. Nearly 80 of us UUs got in the act - picking up furniture, making and putting out signs, doing publicity, lending tables, setting up during those 90∞ days, selling, packing, toting, cleaning and resetting the sanctuary with nary a trace of the thriving bazaar of the day before. Add to that the dozens of households that provided the goods to sell, and you have a true congregation-wide event rivaled only by the Luau of recent memory. Thank you for making my job easier and enjoyable!

Linda Hudson - Chairperson, Tag Sale

Major Thank-You's are in order for making all this happen (* youth):

20 or more hours:	5 hours or more:	Invaluable worker bees	
Carol Goddard	Emma Axthelm*	Melanie Albright*	Robert Smith
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Lisa McInnis	Mary-Jane Cross	Boland	David Vita
Felicity Medinger	Gail Deaver	Randy Burnham	Elaine
Dick Moewe	Marjolijn de Jager	Dave Caplan	Weinmann
Jean Northup	Evan Field*	Liz Caplan	Marion
Joann Overton	Alex Garrison*	John Carroll	Wertheim
Yvonne Serbel	Joe Hawley	Kaitlyn Cleary*	Lynn Whitton
Barbara	Bobbie Herman	Peter Devin	Jocelyn Keith
Thormahlen	Aimee Holmstrom	Connor Einerson*	Kathy
Nanc VanClief	Stephanie Hutter	David Emberling	Kurzatkowski
Paula Yonkers	Carolyn Lavender	Rachel Emberling*	Kate Lannamann
	Jeff Lundberg	Jamie Forbes	Darryl Manning
	Elaine McMillan	Ann Ford	Diane Moller
	Bob Perry	Cornelia Fortier	Perry Montrose
	Candy St. Onge	Cinthia Funes	Marjorie Partch
	Jamie VanClief*	Alex Gormley	Chris Place
	Ade VanDuyn	Tom Hearne	Harvey Place
	Julia Wyant	Dave Keeton	Carol Porter
		Felicia Keeton	Cindy Potter
		Jessica Sinha	Lisa Reilly
		David Smith	Bobby Santiago
		Mria Mendoza-Smith	Peg Ullrich

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My apologies if I overlooked someone as the volunteer turnout was sooooo great that keeping track of the names of all was a challenge. - Linda



SATURDAY
9/24/11

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

BINGO & PIZZA 5:30 PM

- Join us for a fun evening including bingo, prizes and pizza with other families.
- \$7 per adult and \$5 per child; \$24 max per family. *(Adjusted for hardship.)*
- Please help out by donating or bringing a prize.
- RSVP to: 203.227.7205 x20 / ucwevents@gmail.com