

February, 2010

Connections



Dear Friends,

How wonderful to think of summer when there is snow on the ground. How wonderful to consider your own precious life and the journey of your soul. Human beings have the unique capacity to be self-aware and engage in self-reflective practices. But we shy away from looking too deeply. We do not know what we will find. Perhaps we are lacking the courage. So we live on the surface of life, drifting along, until something happens that forces us to take the journey deep within.

Lent begins on February 17 and ends the day before Easter. It has traditionally been a time of preparation, before Easter, through prayer and self-examination. It is an ideal time to take stock of your life and consider where you are on your journey of faith. It is an ideal time to look within and I urge you to take the opportunity during these forty days of Lent. Listen for God calling you, and rely on the fact that God is always there waiting for you, always wanting the best for you.

The following poem was read on Krista Tippett's radio program "Speaking of Faith." Maybe you will hear God calling. What do you plan to do with your "wild and precious life"?

"The Summer Day"
by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean —

Feb. 1
CARE 11:00

Feb. 3
Mary & Martha

Feb. 4, 11,
18, 25: 7:00pm
Book Group

Feb. 9
Joy Circle,
Leadership Council

Feb. 14
BYF 5-7

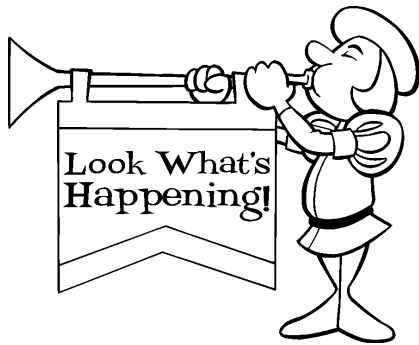
Valentine's Day

Feb. 15
Ann Judson 3:30
Office Closed
Presidents' Day

Feb. 16
Worship Team

Feb. 22
Memory Loss
Program 11:00

Feb. 23
Prayer Shawl
Ministry



February 22, 2010 at 11:00
**"Memory Loss...
 When to Worry"**

at Community Baptist Church
 585 East Center St.
 Manchester, CT

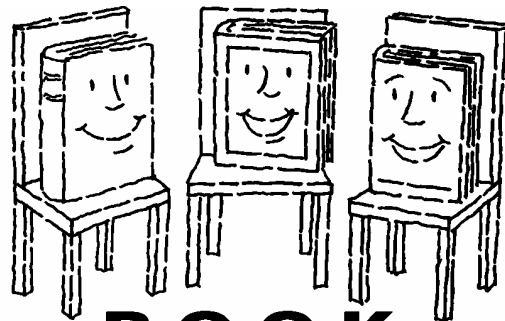
"Memory Loss When to Worry" addresses normal age related memory loss and memory loss that should be of concern and require further follow up. Patty O'Brian is the North Central Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association, Connecticut Chapter. Patty has worked with seniors in health care settings for the past 20 years and has worked with individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia specifically for the past 10 years. She speaks to various audiences around Connecticut on aging issues and Alzheimer's disease

ALL ARE WELCOME. FREE EVENT. PLEASE call (860) 643-0537 to let us know you will be attending.

March 16, 2010 at 11:00
Fall Prevention

Linda Bissell, RPT and Director of Rehabilitation Services at Visiting Nurse and Health Services of Connecticut, Inc. will lead this presentation. The program includes demonstrations and exercises for preventing falls, tips to getting on and off chairs and sofas, getting in and out of bed, proper footwear, good hydration, and the effects medications may have on falls.

All are welcome. Free Event. Please contact Joy at 860 643-0537 to let us know you will be attending.



BOOK
DISCUSSION
GROUP

Blue Like Jazz
February 4, 11, 18, 25
7:00 to 8:30 pm
in the Living Room

February 2010
Financial Update

At the end of December, 2009, we were able to bring the deficit down to \$1893, compared to an adopted budget deficit of \$5940. This was accomplished by increased giving (Thank you all!) and by transferring funds from some of the designated funds (Pastoral Sabbatical Escrow and Pastor Continuing Education). We also used the interest earned from the sale of the parsonage to partially offset the housing costs of our Interim Minister. We used some money from the Joy Fund Endowment for the sewer repair and some of the furnace repair costs were deferred to 2010. Again, thank you for your support of our Church through extra gifts as well as your time and talents.

~ *Ruth J. Russell*, Treasurer

YOUR CHURCH HOME

Furnace #2 to the education wing is has been rebuilt and is operating nicely. The Sanctuary was without heat December 20th as a result of a broken circular pump which was repaired. The kitchen sinks were stopped up and we found 4 leaks in the pipes. The piping was replaced and the lines cleaned out. Heat in the Nursery has been lacking and a new thermostat will be installed. We ask everyone to keep **recycling** in mind as our dumpster costs have been increasing lately. Also, **please keep doors closed to preserve heat in the heated areas.**

~ *Dave Russell*, Property Team



*Dear friends,
You have invited me into your homes and into your hearts since I came to be with you in June. It has been wonderful getting to know you, and I was deeply touched by your generosity at Christmas-time. Thank you for the Christmas gift and thank you for sharing yourselves with me. May God bless you all abundantly in this New Year!
Blessings,
Barbara*

*Dear CBC Members and Friends:
Thank you for the very generous Christmas gift. Your generosity and holiday spirit is very much appreciated. You have made this season that much merrier for my family and me.
Happy New Year,
Holly*

*THANK YOU! To my Church Family for your generous Christmas gift to me this year. What a blessing to have such a caring group of people who support the ministries and staff here at CBC. May God bless each of you in all you do this year.
Love & Blessings,
Joy*

*Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. In a time when money is very tight, I am very humbled by your generosity. Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your Minister of Music. I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability and hope that you may be inspired and led to serve, as well, in your music ministry. You are a wonderful church family to belong to.
Love,
Maresa Slater*

*CBC,
A note of thanks for the generous gift at Christmas. May God bless all of you.
Thank you again,
Michael*

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Organization

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

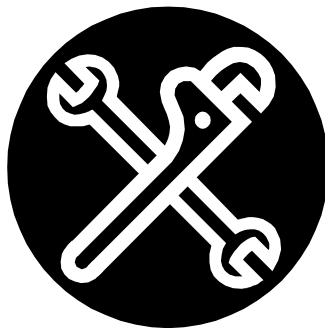
It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly



Caption describing picture or graphic.

capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event,

such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.