

Pastor's Letter October

Bang, bang, bang. The sound of tapping on the front doors of the Church building. It was the historical society members placing a sign on the front lawn for the upcoming Olde home Day. As the tapping continued, my mind drifted off remembering that same noise must have occurred in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Church, in Whittenberg Germany. This single act would set the ball in motion to change history.

This month we celebrate the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther spoke out against the catholic Church's practice of indulgences. He used concept that defined the sovereignty of God and the notion of grace and salvation coming only from God. He began translating the Bible into German, which opened up a whole new group of people reading the Bible for themselves. We thank him for sparking the translations of the Bible in every language and awakening the common man to reading the Bible for himself. We will honor the Reformation on Sunday October 29th.

Pastor Cheryl A. Caronna



Monday mornings @ 10 am

NEIGHBOR IN NEED Offering: NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States of America. The offering is used to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. It also helps support American Indians Ministries. We will receive this special offering on October 8th.



The Brown Families have agreed to coordinate the **Pie Sale on October 14th**.

PIE SALE: This year's Old Home Days is on Saturday, October 14 and our church will once again be having a pie sale on the day of the fair. Please consider helping us to make this a successful fundraiser and outreach for our church by: baking a pie (or pies) for the sale and/or volunteering at the Pie Table on the day of the sale. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church each

Sunday until the sale. Please see Kathleen and Steve Brown or Maureen and Ron Brown if you have any questions.

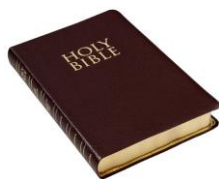
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Church went to the dogs on Sunday October 1st. Eleven dogs and the people they love celebrated God's creatures through scripture, song and prayer. Together we shared a time of blessing.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY MEAL: Monday October 30th will be our next turn to serve the dinner at First Baptist Churches soup kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal (3:30-5:30), serve the meal (5:30-7), and donate desserts and other food items. More information is on the bulletin board in Hart Hall.



BIBLE SUNDAY

On Sunday September 17th five children received a new Adventure Bible. Congratulations Shakayla, Kasey, Jack, Donna & Trinity.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School curriculum is Deep Blue by Cokesbury publishing. Each week the children discover a different Bible story. Children begin worship in the sanctuary with the congregation. After the Children's message, the children go down to their class.

October Bible Lessons

- 10/1 Samuel anoints David
- 10/8 David the Musician
- 10/15 David and Goliath
- 10/22 David and Jonathan
- 10/29 David and Abigail

Mission Project: in the coming weeks the Sunday school children will be part of a mission project to raise funds and awareness of children's lives in Guatemala. Through the Pura Vida Organization we will be helping children get an education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make this an enriching program for our children. The curriculum has a variety of fun activities, details about the Bible story and sample crafts. It is a Just Add A Leader style of curriculum. Please speak with Pastor Cheryl or Donna Green about helping out our Sunday School program.

Events and activities in October

October 8th Neighbors in Need Offering
October 14th Olde Home Days & Pie Sale
October 29th Stewardship Campaign Kick Off
October 30th Community Meal in Willimantic

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Deacons	September 7 th	7 pm
Trustees	October 12 th	7 pm
Council	October 12 th	7 pm
Missions	November	
Music	October 8 th	11:15 following worship
Stewardship	October 15 th	11:15 following worship
Christian Education	end of October	
Pastoral Relations Committee		

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

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