



Pastor's Letter

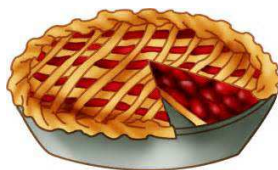
Summer begins to cool down. School buses begin their morning routes. Teachers turn the alarm clocks back on. The hunt for the homework folder and library books begins. The Church too, experiences it changes.

Vacations are over and we greet each other with hugs and smiles. The choir begins a new season of song and rejoicing. Sunday School teachers prepare their lessons. Pastors start planning the many Church seasons to come. New Bibles are shared, old Bibles are dusted off. We work together, to plan, for the future of our Church.

When you receive this letter, you will have already begun the planning for the future. You will have voted to care for the building, with new windows. You will have decided on a Pastor to lead you, in this wonderful journey of faith.

As September arrives, welcome the new season with open arms and hope. In worship, we will continue our journey through the Gospel of Matthew, walking side by side with our beloved Jesus.

Pastor Cheryl A. Caronna



The Brown Families have agreed to coordinate the **Pie Sale on October 14th**. They will be looking for the congregation to bake homemade pies to sell during Olde Home Days. Pies of all varieties are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet in mid-September.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Our theme this year was **God's Big Top**. This was a continuation of the joy we shared on Children's Sunday.



Our mini church



Jonah snacks



Fish bowl craft

Who did, who did, who did, who did, who did swallow Jonah?

A huge **thank you** to Donna Green & Nicole Loser for planning our Vacation Bible Camp. **Thank you** to our many parent helpers; Carri T., Sue C., Sarah O., Charlie H., Angelica H., & Becky P.



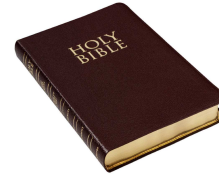
BIBLE STUDY 10 am & 6:30 pm

Our next Bible Study is a four part discussion, on The Reformation. This year, is the 500 Anniversary of The Reformation most notably started by Martin Luther.

We will offer a morning and evening session.

September 12, 19, 23

October 3



BIBLE SUNDAY -SEPTEMBER 17th

Everyone is invited to celebrate the presentation of Bibles to many of our Sunday School children. During worship, we will be blessing all our Bibles. Bring your Bible from home and share in this special day.



Sunday September 10th will be the start of our Sunday School year. A pot luck luncheon will be held after worship. Come and join us in welcoming everyone back from summer vacations.

Our Sunday School curriculum is Deep Blue by Cokesbury publishing. Each week the children discover a different Bible story.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Hour Host: each week we enjoy a time of fellowship together following worship. There is a calendar posted right outside the kitchen door. Please sign up to host coffee hour for one Sunday. If we each take one or two Sundays a year, the whole year will be covered. Host are responsible for making the coffee, providing a snack and clean up. The snack or snacks is up to the host. Coffee supplies are provided by the church, you just need to set up and turn the coffee pots on.

Events and activities in September & October

September 10th KICK OFF SUNDAY

September 17th BIBLE SUNDAY

October 1st **Blessing of the Animals** on the front lawn at 1:00. Animals of all shapes and sizes are welcome to a mini service of blessing.

October 14th Olde Home Days

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Deacons	September 7 th	7 pm
Trustees	September 14 th	7 pm
Council	September 21 st	7 pm
Missions	September 24 th	11:15 following worship
Music	September 3 rd	11:15 following worship
Stewardship	September 17 th	11:15 following worship
Pastoral Relations Committee		tbd-end of September

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

Pastor Cheryl's email ccaronna07@comcast.net Pastor's cell phone 860-916-4157

First Congregational Church of Canterbury PO Box 160 6 S. Canterbury Road Canterbury CT 06331
www.fcccanterbury.org 860-546-9007