

**Welcome! Thank You for Worshiping With Us Today!**

Welcome to *The First Congregational Church of Southington*. Ours is an **Open & Affirming** congregation dating from 1724 & worshipping in our present Meetinghouse since 1830. One of the larger, more vibrant *United Church of Christ* churches in New England, our church's purpose is to love & worship God; extend God's radically-inclusive love to all people everywhere; make more & better disciples of Jesus Christ; & inspire people & society to become more & more just, loving, compassionate & Christ-like. You will find our church to be an accepting, caring, non-judgmental community, where faith is renewed, lives are transformed, & power for positive living is received. It's a church *where the Spirit is alive & miracles happen!* Welcome!

**Rev. Patricia L. Liberty, Interim Senior Minister**

**March 2, 2008**

**CHAPEL COMMUNION**

**8:00AM**

**PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE**

**INFANT & TODDLER CARE BY ADULTS DURING ALL SERVICES IN CHURCH NURSERY**

*"There are none so blind as those who will not see."*

**PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD**

Gathering Music

The Welcome/Welcoming One Another

Church Family Announcements

**PRAISING GOD**

The Call to Worship

**Leader:** The call of God thunders around us and whispers within us; God desires that we might know all things good and just.

**People:** **Our eyes are opening to God's goodness; we seek to be children of light.**

**Leader:** God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

**People:** **Open to the Spirit in these moments, we desire to know and follow Gods will.**

**All:** **God among us, God within us, open our eyes that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly!**

\*Hymn of Praise: #1

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

Prayer of General Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, your thoughts are not our thoughts and your ways are not our ways. We confess we have wandered far from the path of integrity, justice and peace. We are quick to judge others and then excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. We want to be the judge of what is right and wrong. Forgive our narrow and judgmental ways. Open a place of compassion in our hard heartedness and help us to grow in your image. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Lessons

Sermon

ADVENTURES IN MISSING THE POINT

**JOHN 9:1-41**

Rev. Patricia L. Liberty

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (using *sins*)

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Invitation

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**(Please come forward, pew by pew, starting with the entire left side, front pew first. The right side can then follow, beginning in the rear. Break off a piece of bread & dip it into the cup.**

**Inside gold container are gluten-free, wheat-free, corn-free, soy-free wafers for those with allergies.)**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (join hands)

\*Benediction

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**Flowers:** Are given in loving memory of long time member Marjorie Fish Garry by her family.

**Our Flower Chart to provide flowers in honor/memory of loved ones is in Memorial Hall.**

**Pick a date, don't forget your phone number, and Meredith or Bev will be in touch.**

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**Joys & Concerns for** Hospitalized: Jack Noble, Pat Diego. We pray for Sally and Dan Daigle & family as they grieve the death of her brother, Steven...Chuck Williams has been accepted by the UCC as a commissioned chaplain... We continue to pray for Shirley Penfield, Sandi Reed, Wes Babkirk, Dorothy Beadle, Bonnie Perry, Andrea Sinclair, Pat Diego, Matthew Currao (Iraq), Betsy Roberts; Vi Hart; Mitzi Cronin; Maureen Curtis; Pat Livingstone; our Stephen Ministers & care-receivers.

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**FOR PASTORAL NEEDS & EMERGENCIES** call any of our ministers: Patricia L. Liberty (860-919-2260), Rick Haverly (860-620-0513), Cyndie Holden (203) 206-9507 or Linda Fernandes-Bailey (1-860-274-9907).

**LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES** These special 30-minute Lenten services are offered at 12:00Noon every Wednesday through March 19 in our Chapel, led by one of our clergy staff. Lenten luncheons follow each one in Memorial Hall for just \$3. ALL welcome!

**SCHEDULING EVENTS:** Please call the office to schedule any meetings, events or building use (628-6958).

**A REMINDER TO PARENTS** –Dismissal times for church school are: 9:30am – 10:45am; 11:15am – 12:30pm; 6:00pm – 7:15pm. If the service is over before dismissal time, please go to Memorial Hall until church school ends.

**SAFE CHURCH FIRE DRILL.** Some time **between January & May** we'll have a fire drill with no advanced notice. If you hear the fire alarm during the church service, follow the directions from the minister. **DO NOT GO THROUGH THE CHURCH** to get anyone. All children will be evacuated by their teachers/infant care staff (they're usually out before anyone else).

**HOLY WEEK VIGIL:** Sign-up today for our **Holy Week Vigil**, when people will be in our chapel around the clock (Maundy Thursday 3/20, 9:00PM through Easter Sunrise, 3/23, 6:00AM) for 1 hour each, worshipping, praying and meditating on behalf of all of us. **Sign up next to Pat's office today!**

**2007 TAX STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up so we can save on postage!**

**BUTTERFLIES IN MEMORY/HONOR OF A LOVED ONE** on sale during Coffee Hour TODAY - \$1. They will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Proceeds will go to future youth mission trips.

**SUMMER CAMP:** The UCC runs a wonderful summer camp experience for children & teens at *Silver Lake Conference Center* in Sharon, CT. Brochure & registration is now available on-line at [www.ctucc.org](http://www.ctucc.org) (Click on "Silver Lake"). We also have some scholarship assistance available. See Karlene Archambeault or Carole Lantz.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** is hosting a **"World Day of Prayer"** this **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm** at the First Baptist Church, Meriden Avenue, Southington. Dessert & coffee. All women invited.

**NEW 2008 CHURCH DIRECTORY** is now available. Pick one up in the Narthex, Memorial Hall or outside the Church Office.

**VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED!** We're looking for someone to film one service each week, and special events throughout the year. If you're interested contact Pat Liberty (628-6958) for details.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO** March 15, 8:30am in Memorial Hall. All men are welcome to join in as we figure out the kitchen, enjoy each others company and discuss anything we want to. Suggested \$5 donation. No registration.

**JR CIA (grades 6-8) ACTIVITY** - Saturday, March 15, 6:00pm. Meet and pick-up at LASER STORM, 2211 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke, Southington. Cost: \$13 per person. Sign-up outside Pastor Pat's office. Questions? Call Rick Haverly (628-6958).

**BREAKFAST CLUB...Thursday, March 13, 8:00-9:00am** and as always, breakfast is only \$1. Our guest speaker is Alphonse D'Angelo speaking on his "Highlights of Italy".

**PEACE CAFÉ COFFEEHOUSE**, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm). This month, **March 15**, we'll meet in the **Meetinghouse** to enjoy **#9 paying tribute to the music of the Beatles**. Free-will offering.

**EASTER BASKETS**...Can you donate an Easter basket to a child in need? Please fill a basket for a boy, girl or infant and return your completed basket to Memorial Hall near the Missions bulletin board by **Noon on Sunday, March 16**. If you don't have a basket to fill, a limited number of empty Easter baskets will be available in *Memorial Hall*. Take 1 or more and fill with Easter candy, small toys, coloring books, crayons, etc. *Thank you for the continuous care & support to our DCF kids.*

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED** at our 6:00pm, service. You only have to commit to it once every 2 months. Call Barbara Stubbs (203-440-8958.)

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to work on Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30PM. If you're interested call Eldon Hafford at Bread for Life (276-8389).

**INFANT/TODDLER NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL SERVICES:** Adults & teens! Can you help out once/twice monthly? Contact: Beth Winne (860-621-6159 or BethWinne@yahoo.com).

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOOD:** Please help! Bring mac/cheese, cold cereals, soups, tuna, canned fruits/vegetables, baked beans, jelly, peanut butter & pasta & sauce to our Missions Committee Hope Chest in the Narthex or bring a gift certificate from a local grocery store to the church office for the purchase of perishables. Thank you!

**FUND-RAISING CHALLENGE:** At our Annual Meeting, we voted in a budget that included a fund-raising challenge of over \$7,000, hoping members would rise to the occasion & do creative fund-raising. ***Have an idea?*** Can you help? Contact Linda Accuosti (860-628-7737) or Nancy Smith (860-628-4896). So far...we're half way there!!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY:** Our next work day is **SATURDAY, March 15** (& monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Sign-up TODAY next to the pastor's office! Men, women & teens (16 & over) welcome. If you can't join us to work, please consider providing fuel for the volunteers, **SNACKS**, for 15 to 20 people. Call Michael Halloran, (860/426-1304) for more info or to sign-up. Thanks!

**COVENANT TO CARE NEEDS:** **New or gently-used T-SHIRTS (adult or child)....** Placement packs for all ages, including: **Infant & Toddler** (baby blankets, pacifiers, bottles, onesies, washcloths, wipes, sippy cups, diapers, toothbrushes, baby rattles/teethers, infant formula, baby food, baby cereal); **Preschool** (toiletries, wipes, color books/crayons, hand/body lotion, combs/brush, stuffed animals, small toy, books, small packaged snacks); **School Age** (backpacks, markers, deodorant & other toiletries, pens/pencils, books, clothes, etc.). Items may be left in our *Mission Hope Chest* in the Narthex. For more info, call Kim Rees (860-621-7768). THANKS!

**RIDES!** **We need your help!!** Would you be willing to occasionally drive members to medical or dental appointment? If so, please call Cyndie Holden to volunteer (628-6958).

### **1 Spot Left For The Summer Mexico Trip**



**MISSION EDUCATION TRIP TO MEXICO**, led by Bob & Martha Beaudoin on **July 17-26**, is a unique opportunity to experience the spirituality, culture & hospitality of the Mexican people, especially the very poor, & to learn about the poverty there. Stay with Benedictine sisters, 1 night in Mexico City, the rest in Cuernavaca (City of Eternal Spring), visit the poor in their homes & neighborhoods, as well as the *Vamos!* schools we fund food for through *Every Dollar Feeds Kids*. **Cost = \$750 plus airfare** (\$750 includes 9 nights lodging, meals & transportation in Mexico. To register or for more info, contact Martha Beaudoin (860-677-4219). \$150 non-refundable deposit needed. Scholarships available.

# SMALL GROUPS

*All small groups are open to everyone, whether or not you've ever attended before.*

**BREAKFAST CLUB:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month (Sept. – June), 8-9am, Memorial Hall. Breakfast \$1. Meets next on March 13th, Speaker: *Alphonse D'Angelo* of Southington will speak on "*Highlights of Italy*".

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**CRUISIN' CONGOS:** Watch for future activities soon! For info, call Meredith Mann (860-628-8982).

**QUILTS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED GROUP** meets **every other WEDNESDAY, 10:00AM**, room #201/2, to sew quilts to comfort children in need. No need to sew; you may cut, piece or tie. **Next meeting: March 12.** For more info, call Carole Lantz.

**PARENTS & TOTS GROUPS** meet **Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00AM**, in Peace Café. Contact Lisa Christensen (860-276-0235). Fun for kids; fellowship for parents!

**PRAYER CIRCLE: EVERY TUESDAY, 4:00-5:30PM, Church Parlor.** All welcome! Leave prayer requests & addresses (card will be sent) in folder next to Church Office marked: **Prayer Requests.**

**SEEDS OF HOPE GROUP** works in & through our church & community to foster awareness, communication, educational opportunities & action regarding our role as compassionate Christians living in a small world, who take seriously Jesus' statement: *Whatever you do to even the least of your brothers & sisters, you do it to me.* The group sponsors forums, speakers, film & book discussions etc, promoting peace, justice, environmental concerns & more. ALL WELCOME! For info, call Randy Yale (919-606-5757 or [randy\\_y0@yahoo.com](mailto:randy_y0@yahoo.com)). **Usually meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month. Next meeting: TODAY! March 2, 7:30pm, room #204.**

**OUR ADDICTION ASSISTANCE NETWORK** is for individuals/families needing confidential assistance with problem drinking, drug use, gambling, etc. Contact Steve & JoAnn Ray (203-591-1291).

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** (grades 9-12) meets Sunday evenings: in *Peace Café*, 7:30-9:00pm. For more information, contact Rick Haverly (860-620-0513).

**R.E.S.T.** (Reading for Enrichment and Spiritual Transformation) Read *Amish Grace* by Donald Krabill, Steven Nolt & David Weaver-Zercher then join us for a discussion, Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, **4:00pm (Note: Time change this month)** in room 207. Led by Rev. Linda Fernandes-Bailey.

**OUR ARCHIVAL COMMITTEE** meets every Thursday from 10am – Noon in room 201/2 (except the summer months). Do you like working on small projects? Why not join our group to organize our church's history. For more info call Doris LaRese (860-628-7550).

## **To All Treasurers of Committees/Groups Holding Checking/Savings/CD Accounts**

**Reconciled** bank statements for the 3 months of each quarter must be submitted with the FCC Financial Report, showing your accounts/funds in balance with the banks report each month.

Those operating on Quickbooks for other professional accounting program can submit a simple check detail report, deposit detail report and Profit and Loss Report, along with the reconciled bank statements.

This information is to be received by the church office by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of each fiscal quarter. **(Reports will be due: April 30, July 30, Oct. 30, and Jan. 30.)**

**If you have not submitted these reports and statements when due, please be sure to catch up now.**

**We are already more than half way through our fiscal year and need every account up to date.**

**Any questions please call the church office.**

# Today's Scripture Lesson

## **JOHN 9:1-41**

<sup>1</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."



<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

# OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

March 2, 2008

<b>TODAY</b>		<b><i>Fourth Sunday In Lent</i></b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b><i>Chapel Communion (Chapel)</i></b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Traditional &amp; Church School</b>
	9:30AM	Sacred Circle Meeting (207)
	10:50AM	Mustard Seeds (Choir Room)
	<b>11:15AM</b>	<b><i>T.G.I. Sunday: Contemporary Worship &amp; Church School</i></b>
	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b><i>Be Still: Contemplative Worship &amp; Church School</i></b>
	7:30PM	Confirmation Class (Choir Room)
	7:30PM	Sr. High Youth Group (Peace Café)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting (203)
	7:00PM	Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	4:00PM	Prayer Circle (Parlor)
	5:30PM	Over Eaters Meeting (203)
	6:00PM	TWIGS Rehearsal (Meetinghouse)
	7:00PM	Branches Rehearsal (Meetinghouse, Chapel)
	7:00PM	Boy Scouts (Peace Café)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Lenten Noonday Service (Chapel)</b>
	12:30PM	Lenten Luncheon ~ Host: Morning Group (Memorial Hall)
	6:00PM	P.I.E. (CE) (Memorial Hall)
	6:30PM	Girl Scouts (Peace Café)
	7:00PM	#9 Rehearsal (Meetinghouse)
	7:00PM	GSJC School (204)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30AM	Music Committee (Library)
	10:00AM	Archival Committee (201/202)
	7:00PM	VGNS Meeting (203)
	7:00PM	Stephen Ministry Supv./Trning./Cont. Ed.. (Memorial Hall/201-6)
	7:30PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00AM	GSJC School (203-5, Chapel)
	7:00PM	Coffee House: #9 (Peace Café)
<b>SPRING AHEAD - DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK!!</b>		
<b>NEXT SUNDAY (3/9/08)</b>		<b><i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i></b>
	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b><i>Chapel Communion (Chapel)</i></b>
	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Morning Worship: Traditional &amp; Church School</b>
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	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b><i>Be Still: Contemplative Worship &amp; Church School</i></b>
	7:30PM	Seeds of Hope (204)
	7:30PM	Sr. High Youth Group (Peace Café)
	7:30PM	Confirmation Class (Choir Room)

## 2008 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

> Wednesday Lenten Noonday Services - 12noon in Chapel.  
March 5,12 & 19

> Wednesday Lenten Luncheons - 12:30pm - \$3.00  
No sign-up, just go to Memorial Hall after the Noonday Service.

> Palm Sunday services - Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am\*, 9:30am\*, 11:15\* and 6:00pm\*

\*\*Walk Through Holy Week & Lenten Pretzel Sale  
(sponsored by our Christian Ed. Committee)  
in Memorial Hall after the 9:30am & 11:15am services.



> Maundy Thursday, Service of the Last Supper  
March 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm\*

> Easter Vigil begins at 9:00pm after the Maundy Thursday service and continues thru  
6:00am Easter Sunday. Sign-up outside the Pastor's office.

> Good Friday, Service of the Cross March 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:30pm\*

> Easter Sunday Services March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

6:00am Sunrise Service at YMCA Camp Sloper (East Street),  
9:30am\* and 11:15am\*  
No 6:00pm service today.



\* indicates childcare provided

**Join us**  
**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15am service**  
to celebrate the music of  
**Keith Green**  
featuring John Baker



**CHURCH SCHOOL AT 6:00 PM** – Just a reminder that we offer the same lessons at the 6:00 PM service as we do at the 9:30am & 11:15am services. Currently we have one class, grades 1 – 8; as attendance increases we will make any necessary adjustments.



## CONNECTING SCRIPTURE TO LIFE



Faithweaver, our church school curriculum, offers

### FAITHWEAVER HOME CONNECT

to help our adult congregation relate to the weekly church school lessons.

Check out the following web links and suggested questions to start family discussions.

**This week's lesson (3/2): *Jesus Tells About the Good Samaritan*, Luke 10:25-37**

**Web Links:** <http://wordoflovefor you.com/Fish1.htm>  
<http://www.lifeofchrist.com>

Hear how Jesus miraculously fed five thousand at the Christian Online Bookstore (1<sup>st</sup> link). Then go to the Life of Christ website (2<sup>nd</sup> link) where you will find articles, maps, charts, and studies about the life of Christ. As you browse both websites, look for examples of Jesus showing that He loves and cares for people.

**Questions to ask:** · *How has Jesus shown that He cares for people?* ·  
*In what ways has Jesus shown His love for you?* ·  
*How did the good Samaritan show that he loved the injured man?*

Just like the good Samaritan, we can show the love of Jesus through our actions. Brainstorm ideas for helping someone in your neighborhood. You could pick up trash at a local park, visit a church member whose yard needs work, invite a family to your house for a meal, or donate toys to a family shelter. There are many ideas to choose from!



## OUR ELDERLY SHOULD HAVE RIGHTS



### SIGN OUR PETITIONS

to support **Money Follows the Person**, and revamp Medicaid so the elderly will have a choice to receive care at home or enter a nursing home if needed.

The petitions to be signed can be found at the Ushers tables in the sanctuary, in the Narthex, outside the Church Office or at Coffee Hour.



# EASTER TULIP ORDER FORM



**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\***

This year, due to Rev. Pat's severe allergy to lilies of any type, we will **ONLY** be ordering tulips.

*This year tulips will help us celebrate the glory of Easter and beautify our sanctuary on Sunday, March 23.*

*Would you like to memorialize or honor a loved one with sanctuary flowers this Easter? Send Bev Huber \$10 & the form below . We'll list it in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.*

## EASTER TULIP FORM

**Price: \$10.00**

**Order Deadline: March 9**

**Ordered by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

*(announced in bulletin)*

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulip plant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will leave plant for our shut-ins.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take after the Easter service.

**Please make all checks payable to  
 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH and  
 mark EASTER PLANT in memo section of check.  
 Send form & payment to:**

**Bev Huber  
 52 North Stonegate Road  
 Southington, CT 06489  
 (860) 621-0871**

