



# FIRST WORD

September 2008

## From the Pastor...

September is a wonderful month, a time of new beginnings after a long summer. I share with you the following Statement of Faith by Ann Weems.

### OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

ALL MEMBERS of First Church are cordially invited to an Open House at the parsonage next door to the church.

Rev. Randy and Emily Day would like you to drop by anytime between 4:30 pm and 7 pm on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and, if you like, a bottle of wine. Cider, soft drinks and some of Emily's favorite appetizers will be provided.

Children are welcome! Park at the church and

*We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me.*

*We believe the Holy Spirit works through*

*balloons and ministers  
daisies and wiggly children  
clanging cymbals and silence  
drama and the unexpected  
choirs and banners  
touching and praying  
spontaneity and planning  
faith and doubt  
tears and laughter  
leading and supporting  
hugging and kneeling  
dancing and stillness  
applauding and giving  
creativity and plodding  
words and listening  
holding and letting go  
thank you and help me  
Scripture and alleluias  
agonizing and celebrating  
accepting and caring through you and through me  
through Love.*

*We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.*

*We believe in praising God for Life.*

*We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.*

*We believe in the poetry within each of us.*

*We believe in dreams and visions.*

*We believe in old people running and children leading.*

*We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.*

*We believe in Love.*

In the spirit of this poem, I'll see you in church!

*Rev. R. Randy Day*

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## Christian Ed Update for Fall

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We here in the Christian Education Department at First Church are very excited about the new Sunday School year. We have again some new programs and events planned that promise to make this an interesting and engaging year!

Our Sunday School Kick-off takes place on Sunday September 7th, 2008.

Sunday School at FCRH is offered for all children aged five years through fifth grade. It takes place within the classroom and is a Bible-based curriculum incorporating storytelling, music, arts & crafts, discovery and games. Children learn Biblical truths and practice Christian fellowship under the guidance of caring faithful teachers.

In addition to our Sunday School we offer childcare for all children aged 6 months to four years in our Toddler room. Caring childcare providers help our younger members experience church as a loving, friendly, and fun place. Youth Group, under the guidance of Youth Group Coordinator Daisy

Melo, is offered for grades six and up.

Please join us Sunday September 7th, 2008 for a brief Parents' meeting following the Service. You will have the opportunity to meet our wonderful and dedicated Sunday School Teachers, receive some more detailed information, ask questions you might have, and register your child/children for a new wonderful Sunday School Year!

Thank you for your on-going support and participation in Christian Education and Student Ministries. We are so thankful for your time and prayers, and look forward to seeing you all on the 7th!

*Susanne Frank*  
CE Director

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### New Sunday School Schedule

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To give the children the opportunity to attend and participate in the Sunday Service there will be no Sunday School classes on holiday weekends. During school vacation we will have combined classes – a model that is already implemented during the months of June and July.

This change does not affect the Youth Group schedule.

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### HEALING SHAWLS

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Greenwich Hospital is seeking help with its newly-formed Healing Shawls project run by hospital volunteers. The shawls are offered to patients at the beginning of his or her cancer treatments and hopefully will provide comfort to the patient for many years to come. If you are interested in joining the hospital's knitting group, call the hospital's Oncology Volunteer Coordinator Betsy Corman at 203-322-5347 or at [betsyc@optonline.net](mailto:betsyc@optonline.net).

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### Bells, Lights...

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The church bell will be rung every Sunday at 9:50 am and at 10 am when our worship service begins. Our outside spotlights are on again! First Church is as exquisite at night as it is in the sunlight, a beacon for all.

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First Church of Round Hill is a Christian community, rich in heritage, open and caring, bound together by our faith.