

The Spire

Church of Christ Congregational, United Church of Christ
 PO Box 177, 235 State Street, Granby, MA 01033



1st Annual Steeple Run

On September 11th the Church of Christ will be putting on the 1st Annual Steeple Run. Proceeds will benefit our church and Habitat for Humanity. The event is a 4 mile run/walk and will start at the church and end on Common Street. We are looking for sponsors to donate money and or gift certificates to be given as prizes for the 1st place finishers. Any businesses who sponsor will receive advertising, with their logo printed on the t-shirts to be given to each runner/walker. We are also looking for volunteers and most of all participants! The run/walk will coincide with the Agricultural Fair on the Common that day, so it should be a fun time! The price for the event is \$20.00 and includes a free shirt (with original Wayne Gagnon artwork) to the first 100 registered walkers/runners. Entry forms can be picked up at the church or e-mailed directly to the participant (maholmberg@comcast.net). Registration starts at 9:00 am and the run starts at 10:00. Anyone interested in sponsoring or helping with this event should contact Alli Holmberg at 467-3393. Please pass the word!!! Thank you!!!!

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Women of the Church

Our June 12th meeting was busy tying up loose ends before our break. An artistic and joyful card, made by Michele Blaine, was sent to Ed and Alice Keyes along with a generous gift of love given by so many, was very appreciated by them. The tag sale seemed bigger than ever this year with our bake table bringing in \$217.00. Thanks to Cindy Watson, a nice welcome basket was given to the Cunningham's who are renting the Parsonage. Pastor Sherry, Mona and Shaina, with the help of many, thank you, you created a fantasy evening at our "Swinging On A Star" dance. With music by Harrison, a great time was had by young and old alike. In June our ladies catered a reception for the funeral of Nancy Spyker, the sister of Susan Lariviere. We are sorry it was such a sad occasion that brought Mark and Susan back to us, and we were glad to be there for them. We hope there can be good times with them in the future. Our church is still mourning the death of our dear friend Katie Dulong on July 18. The generous help and support by more than forty people motivated by their love for her and Chick helped us create a wonderful reception for her in memory of all the onions she peeled and all the loving support she always gave without stint. Our sister Katie will be missed. Because of the Agricultural Fair on the Common on the 11th, our first meeting will be September 18th. All meetings will start at 9 am with a coffee and social time and the meeting from 9:15 to 10:30. This meeting will be a little different, to entice more women to join us-we need you, your youth, your ideas, your help, and your vote. We are having a "Touch of Maple" breakfast at Mona Parker's, 310 Amherst Street. Please enter on the left of the house, parking along the edge of the drive all the way around the house and in the back near the sugar house and the barn. Please make sure not to block in our tenant in the walkout. Some of you may want to car pool, leaving your car at the church. Call Mona at 467-7751 if you are coming, but it's not necessary.

Looking forward to a year of fellowship and work together with the help of our Lord..
 Thank you Diane for your extra year as my mentor.

Mona Parker

PROJECTS PRIORITY LIST

The Board of Trustees has put together a Projects Priority List so that people can see where their help is needed. This list is in order of priority:

- ◆ Replace and paint the cracked windows in the church and Parish House.
- ◆ Paint the pillars of the church

As projects are completed, the Board of Trustees will you posted of what the next big projects are.

Contact information for Fernanda & Jessica:


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 Ilha—Governador Valadares /MG
 CEP: 35020-780 Brasil

Email: fecarpenter@yahoo.com

Phone 0 11 5533 3272 1868

Edson will be back in Chicopee in time for school to start back up.

On-Going Missions



The Missions Committee will be continuing with their **CLOTHING DRIVE** collections of non perishable food and paper goods, clothes and Beanie Babies (or other small toys).

Spire Mailing

Looking for volunteers to help assemble and prepare the spire for mailing. Requires approximately one hour and 15 minutes of your time, depending on the size of the spire. If at least 4 people volunteer each month, then it goes quickly. We have fun and it is a chance to socialize with church friends. The more people that sign up, the less times you will be called. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. If interested, please call Helen Butcher at 467-7539.

The Fellowship Committee is appealing to the congregation for donations of juice, cheese and baked goods. Bottled or frozen juice concentrate is fine. If you want to donate powdered drink mix, please don't bring the large, economy size, as we can't use it all before it goes bad. If you would like to host a fellowship hour, the sign up calendar is on the kitchen counter.



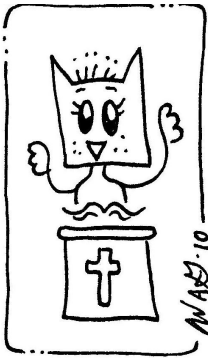
For information on upcoming events in the Mass UCC Conference, check out their web site! There's a link to it on our web site:
www.christianchurchesonlince.com/uccgranby

Thank You

As you enter the church, please take note of the flower pots that adorn the front of the church. This has been a labor of love that Jeannette Ingham has taken upon herself to decorate these huge flower pots. We tend to take for granted things that members do to enhance the beauty of our church and it's buildings and grounds. It only takes a moment to say thank you for a project or job that may take hours of a persons time. A sincere thank you to all those who have graciously donated their time, talents and donations for the good of the church.



Pastor Sherry's Page



Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We have a promise from God: a plan for us, for our good, to give us a future filled with hope. Doesn't that sound wonderful? What will God have in store for our church's future this coming church year? As we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, what creative ways will we find to spread God's love to all who enter our sanctuary? How will we reach out into Granby and the larger community with help and hope? Further, how will God bring blessing and hope into your personal life?

As we worship, work, play, and pray I believe that together, with God's help, we will have a terrific, faith-filled year! We will be together to support one another in times of need, and share our joy in times of blessing. Come and be a part of the excitement, and bring a friend or two!

As you look through the Spire, you'll see that we have many plans already in motion. I'm especially looking forward to our August Family Fun Nights, hosting the Agricultural Fair and Chicken BBQ, our first "Steeple Run", (a four mile fundraiser run).

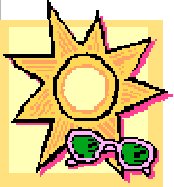
No matter where you are on life's journey and on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. I hope to see you in worship soon! We will host our sister churches beginning August 15th, and our Ingathering Sunday will be September 12th.

Many blessings and peace,

Pastor Sherry

Pastor Sherry

The Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons are pleased to announce that Pastor Sherry will become our full time pastor as of September 1st, 2010. She will be leaving her position as Protestant Chaplin at Mount Holyoke College so that she can devote her full energies to our church!



from the Moderator's desk.....

Wednesday, August 18th at 7 PM, is the date for our next Universal Board meeting, to be held in the Parish House. All board and committee chairs are required to attend. If you are unable to attend, a written report covering the events/concerns of your board/committee should be submitted to the church office no later than the morning of the meeting.

2012 is approaching faster than we care to have it come, but if there is to be a celebration of the founding of this church, in Granby, then we'd better get cracking! Clean out those books, closets, attics, desks.....any place where you or your family may have stored some piece of memorabilia from their days at Church of Christ. Chick Dulong has been doing this and I know that he could use the help of more sleuths. We have things scattered in every corner of the town and elsewhere, and the possibilities for things that could be done are endless! We might put together displays, have a concert, dress in period costumes, make a DVD, put some stocks out front to hold those who would cause mischief.....and more? Put your creative caps back on and let's make this one celebration that history won't forget! We need a committee of enthusiastic, dedicated and creative individuals to get things in motion, so think of this not as a work project, but as a fun project. To be continued.....

Do you see the light? It's those clean windows! Do you know who glazed and cleaned them? Well come to our service on August 15th to find out! Bring a friend, too!

By-Law Committee.....do you remember who you are? At the annual meeting I asked several of you to serve on that committee and it's important that you get together to review and change the current by-laws to have for our next annual meeting in January.

Cindy Watson

Our many, many, many thanks to George Knight for his unending hours spent re-glazing and washing all of the church windows!!! George has been assisted by Brenda Knight, Dave Desrosiers, Bob Mason and of course, our Wednesday Workers (where would we be without them? ((Ruth Ruel, Helen Butcher, Millie Gibbs, Cindy Watson...))) The windows look absolutely fabulous!! A big shiny thanks to all of you!

George and Brenda and Dave D. are also the busy beavers who have trimmed all of the dead trees and limbs that were hanging over the parking lot and buildings...

August/September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 Worship at Church of Christ 10:00	16	17 Concert on the Common Holyoke Sen- ior Band 6:00 Church Office closed	18 Church Office closed	19	20	21
22 Worship at Church of Christ 10:00	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship at Church of Christ 10:00	30	31 Church Office closed	9/1 Church Office closed Trustees 6:30 Deacons 7:00	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Church Office closed	8 Christian Ed 7:00	9	10	11 Agricultural Fair 11-4 Steeple Run 9:00 Chicken BBQ 4:30
12 In-gathering Rain date for Agri- cultural Fair	13	14	15	16	17	18 WOTC at the Parker's house 9:00 Fireman's Assoc. Roast Beef Dinner
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Tag Sale Beans & Franks Supper
26	27	28	29	30	10/1	10/2

News From Christian Education



There will be a One Room Schoolhouse on the Sundays that we are worshipping here. This will be open to all children who wish to participate in some fun events. Child care will also be available in the nursery starting 10 minutes before Worship starts for those who would like to use this service.

Some family fun events have been scheduled for August:

8/24 Clown Night! Check the website for more information on this fun night.

8/26 Native American Story Teller ~ 6:00 pm This will be held outside on the common weather permitting. This will be done by Laura Moon Dream and Peter White Fox who joined with at for this years Talent Showcase. This should be a wonderful event.

Ingathering Sunday is September 12th when Sunday School registration will be taking place and classes will be forming. We will be needing adults to volunteer to lead classes for the first round of classes. If you are able to volunteer, please see Evelyn Hatch.

At the June Diaconate meeting, the following was approved as the new mission statement for The Church of Christ Congregational:

Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, Granby
Mission Statement

We gather as a body of Christ for the purpose of worshipping God and studying the Holy Scripture.

*We warmly receive all who hunger for fellowship and a personal relationship with God.
We willingly and openly share our faith with all who may be seeking.*

Using the diversity of our God given gifts we seek to extend Christ's love by sharing our faith through word and action.

We affirm the worth in all people and encourage each individual's spiritual journey.

Through faith, we see the light of God and work to reflect that light in the world.

Guided by the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, we face our future with hope and confidence in God's purpose.

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Serving the Church

Ministers:	All Members of The Church
Pastor:	Rev. Sherry Tucker
Choir Director:	Harrison King, III
Organist:	Terri Lambert
Church Secretary/Editor:	Deb Bergeron
Moderator:	Cynthia Watson
Sexton:	Todd Carpenter
Christian Education Director:	Evelyn Hatch

Parish House Phone: (413) 467-9742
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 Web Site: www.ChristianChurchesOnline.com/uccgranby
Please note: The deadline for all bulletin articles is Wednesday at 11:00 am.
The deadline for "The Spire" is the 15th of every month.

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If you are receiving more than one issue of "The Spire", or wish to stop receiving it, please notify the Church Office at (413) 467-9742 or by email at uccgranby@gogtt.net and we will adjust our mailing list.

Citizens for Citizens, Inc. is currently enrolling seniors, age 55 and over, for the senior Aide Program at Granby C.O.A. Seniors will work 20 hours per week at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. In order to qualify, the gross annual income for a family of one can be no more than \$13,538 and no more than \$18,213 for a family of two. Please note that 25% of your gross Social Security will be deducted when calculating your gross annual income. Contact Ann Guenette at 413-467-3239 for more information.

Scholarship Awards

The following scholarships were awarded to some of our college bound young adults:

G. Newell Galusha Scholarship Fund

Timothy Gifford \$325.76—HCC
 Tamara Desrosiers \$315.00—Rensselaer
 Chelsea Dubin \$315.00—Bridgewater State
 Richard MacPhail III \$315.00—HCC

Tucker Memorial Scholarship

Timothy Gifford \$1375.00
 Tamara Desrosiers \$1375.00
 Chelsea Dubin \$1375.00
 Richard MacPhail III \$1375.00

Congratulations to these wonderful young people as we send them off towards their futures with our love and blessings to follow them where ever they shall go!

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Summer Worship

Services will be returning to Granby starting on 8/15 and then continuing here right through the end of our joint summer worship gatherings.

Worship will be at 10 AM each Sunday and will feature special music each week followed by fellowship.

It will be great to be back at our
"Church Home"!

See you on Sunday!!

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for more information on the following Upcoming Events!

8/17 Concert on the Common 6:00-7:30

8/18 Universal Board 7:00 pm

8/24 Vacation Bible School

8/26 Vacation Bible School

9/11 Agricultural Fair

Steeple Run/Walk

Chicken Barbeque 4:30

9/18 WOTC

Fireman's Association Roast Beef Dinner

9/25 All Town Tag Sale

Beans & Franks Supper

As events get closer, be sure to check the church website:

www.christianchurchesonline.com/uccgranby