



# The Messenger

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Fairhaven, Massachusetts

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## The First Congregational Church

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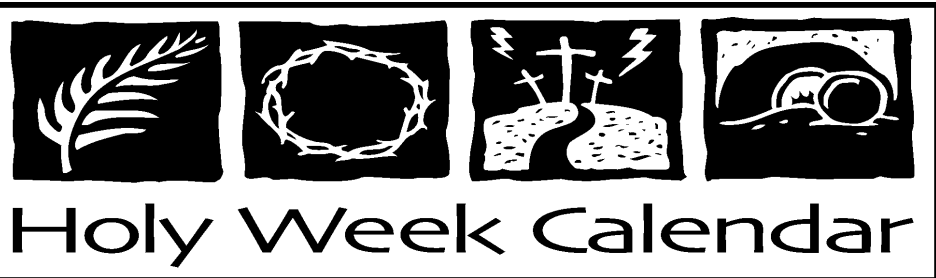
### **Office Hours**

Mon thru Fri  
8:30am - Noon



“God is Still  
Speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



## **Palm Sunday Brunch**

to benefit Heifer International

Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.

Donation: \$6.00 Adults \$3.00 Children 12 & under

## **Holy Communion & Service of Tennebrae**

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

## **Good Friday Program for Children**

Friday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

## **Good Friday Prayers**

The sanctuary will be open for personal prayer time.

Friday, April 10, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

## **Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 12, gather at 6:00 a.m. (Sunrise @ 6:08)

Fort Phoenix, Fairhaven, sponsored by Interchurch Council  
Continental Breakfast to follow in Babbitt Hall

## **Easter Sunday Worship**

Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.



**The Women's Fellowship John & May Dampman Scholarship** is available to any High School Senior with ties to our church. It is given at the beginning of the 2nd semester in college. Applications can be obtained from Ms. Millicent Allen, Mrs. Mabel Filipek, Mrs. Betty Monk or Sharon at the Church Office. Deadline is May 1st.

**FCCS Arts Scholarship**  
A \$600 scholarship will be presented to one graduating member of the Fairhaven High School class of 2009 who will be entering a college program to major or concentrate in music, dance, art, drama or education directly related to one of these areas.

Interested applicants should send a letter explaining their interest and need to The Fairhaven Community Concert Series Scholarship, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719. Complete information is available from the church office or FHS.

*"Our mission is to provide opportunities to experience God's presence and in humble and caring ways to use all of our resources to welcome, love, challenge, and equip each other for Christ's ministry in our community and the world."*



-Rev. Bette McClure-

Dear Friends,

What does Easter mean to you? Is it the opportunity to stumble out of bed in the darkness and make your way down to Fort Phoenix to join with hundreds of other hardy folks who have gathered to watch the sun rise and celebrate Jesus' resurrection? Do you find meaning in the familiar Easter music we sing and scripture we read when we gather in our flower-filled sanctuary and greet one another with "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed"? Is the day particularly special because you gather with family and friends to enjoy a delicious meal and watch the children revel in chocolate bunnies and candy eggs? What does Easter mean to you?

Thanks to Sharon Dorian, the sign board in front of our church has been sporting a wonderful message for the past several weeks. "We celebrate Easter 52 Sundays a year. Come join us." Easter, indeed, is something we celebrate more than just on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox. Each Sunday when we gather to worship is "a little Easter." Each Sunday we acknowledge that because of Jesus, death is not the final word. We express the belief that through God's grace all things within us, even those parts of us that are most broken, can be made new again. We give voice to the hope that our world will become a place filled with peace and love and wholeness for all people. We are, indeed resurrection people - not just on Easter!

As people of the resurrection, as people who believe that new life can come out of death, who live in the light rather than in the darkness, we have a sacred responsibility. We are called to walk in the light, to live lives that reflect the glory of the resurrection each and every day. We are called to speak of hope, to act in love, and to dance with joy so that all those around us might share in the new life offered on Easter and every day of our lives. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

In Resurrection Love,

**Bette**

**Bette will be on vacation and out of the office from April 29th through May 14th. Greta MacRae will be preaching on May 3rd & 10th.**

## Official Warrant Annual Meeting of April 26, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven, Fairhaven, Massachusetts will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009 following the morning worship in the sanctuary, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven.

The following articles will be acted upon:

**ARTICLE I - To receive and act upon reports of church officers, committees and organizations;**

**ARTICLE II - To elect officers;**

**ARTICLE III - To consider a new structure for the operation of the church and its programmatic governance;**

**ARTICLE IV - To act upon a proposal to amend sections 3 thru 6 of Article IX of the church by-laws;**

**ARTICLE V - To act upon a budget for 2009-2010;**

**ARTICLE VI - To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

**Signed:  
The Church Council**



This year Vacation Bible Camp will be held from **June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

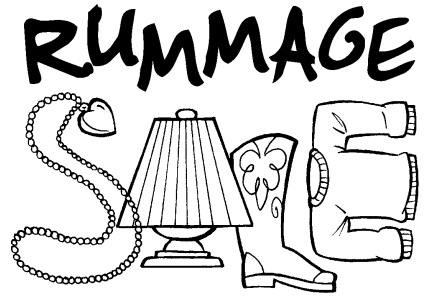
More information about the program will

be coming in the next several months. However, it is not too early to volunteer to help out. If you are willing to share your time with our children during that week, please speak with Rev. Bette or leave your name with the church office.

## Macy's Discount Cards Now Available

Macy's is once again offering the opportunity to purchase discount cards for purchases made on April 25<sup>th</sup> or a \$5 off coupon for April 25 - May 9.

Purchase your card for a \$5 donation to the church and shop 'till you drop. Cards are available from the church office.



**Saturday, May 9th  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Start setting aside your treasures as you spring clean for the church rummage sale Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

All items in good condition will be accepted and can be brought to the church **ONLY** after May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Help will be needed during the week to set up and on the day of the sale. Please speak to Mabel Filipek or Peg Rogers if you are willing to help out.

**Calling  
All  
Kids!**



Children in grades 1-5 are invited to gather for JESUS AND

ME and KIDS SUPPER KLUB on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will take part in an outreach project, play some games and cook supper together. Join us and bring some friends. To aid in planning and gathering supplies, **PLEASE SIGN UP by Friday, April 17** – just call the church office at 508-993-3368 and let us know you are coming.

## Congratulations

To **Doug Braley, Meghan Dorian & Emily Dorian** on their outstanding contributions to the Fairhaven High School Drama Club's presentation of "Annie" March 19th - 22nd.

To **Alex Kuechler, Alison Kuechler & Ashley Perreira** for their fantastic contributions to the Hastings Middle School Drama Club's presentation of "Willy Wonka" on March 26th.

To **Alison Kuechler** as a member of The Brainy Bunch, a team of seven Hastings students who will soon be on their way to Knoxville, Tenn., to compete in the May 19-23 National Construction Challenge Championships.

## Our Deepest Sympathies

**To the family and friends of Victor E. Morton** Victor, the grandfather of Rachel & Reagan Morton, died unexpectedly on February 27th.

**To the family and friends of Inez Cookman** -- Inez, the grandmother of Karen Souza died on February 25th. She was 94.

**To the family & friends of Anna Reynolds** -- Anna, the mother of Nancy Scott, died unexpectedly on March 9th. Her memorial service was held in our sanctuary on March 13th.

**To the family & friends of Millicent Beals** -- Millicent, the wife of George and sister of Ann Cochran died on March 11th following a brief illness.

## Our Prayers are with...

Jean Campbell, Matt Desimas, Karen Elliott, Bob Heskett, Ron Dawson, Karen Elliott, Suzanne Gonsalves, Jean Condon, Grace Battistelli, Lois Goulart, Alma Johnson, Elsie Jacobsen, Ruth Rebello, Dot Holmes, Ron Simonsen, Vi Braley.



*Erwan proudly shows off his new sneakers and shelf, purchased with birthday and Christmas money from the church.*

Dear First Congregational Church,

Hi, How are you? My family and I are in good condition. I was very happy to receive a prize from you, 50 US dollars (581,700 rupiahs). And thank you for giving me much attention and charity. The money was used to buy a shoe shelf, stationary, new shoes and socks.

I am happy now because I can put my shoes and bag on the right place after school time and it looks tidy. I go to school with my friends, Ratno and Erna. I want to tell you that I keep going to school diligently. I go to school by foot everyday and through farms. We leave home for school at 6:15 a.m. and the lessons begin at 7:00 a.m....

I hope God gives you and family happiness and health, so that you can work well. We send you a love greeting for you all and may God bless you.

Best regards,  
Erwan Ramadhani

Write to Erwan at the following address

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Putro Linuwih/4244

Christian Children's Fund

P.O. Box 1364

Jakarta 10013 Indonesia

OR YOU CAN E-MAIL!  
[sr132@ccfindonesia.org](mailto:sr132@ccfindonesia.org)



## Fairhaven Community Concert Series Announces Program Change

The Fairhaven Community Concert Series announces the final concert of the 2008-2009 season has been changed to **Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** "We are pleased to announce that organist Peter Krasinski will perform on our 1860's tracker organ," says Peg Rogers, Chair of the Concert Committee. The concert series is hosted by the First Congregational Church, 34 Center Street, Fairhaven. The concert will be preceded by a dinner at 5:30 p.m. catered by Pasta House. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults (Students are free with an adult) and available at the door or by reservation. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Please call 508-993-3368 to make a reservation.

Peter Edwin Krasinski is a conductor, organist, and music educator whose imaginative performances elevate and inform diverse audiences. He is quickly becoming recognized as the world's most exciting, accomplished and elegant accompanist of silent film. Well respected in both the secular and sacred genres of his field, he has taught the enchantment of music to both public and private institutions in the greater Boston area for over twenty years. The press has hailed his Bach playing as "sublimely spiritual", and his improvisations have been critically acclaimed as "stunning", "seamless", and "brilliant".

A sought after conducting clinician and recitalist, he is currently Director of Choral Arts at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill and Artistic Director of Youth pro Musica, the Greater Boston Youth Chorus. He is organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence Rhode Island and Beth El Temple Center Synagogue in Belmont Massachusetts. He holds both a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and Organ Performance, and the Master of Sacred Music degree from Boston University.

<http://fhvnccs.googlepages.com/>



## Change in Shaw's Receipts Program

Shaw's is changing the way their rewards program now works. Register receipts are no longer being collected. From this point on, donations will be automatically recorded when you use your Preferred Savings Card at the register. In order for this to happen you must register your card into the program. Go to <http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws/> and follow the instructions to register your card. The Church's ID number is 49001018256. If you need help, or don't have internet access, registration forms can be filled out and returned to the office. Once your card is registered the qualifying percentage of purchases made on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** will be automatically credited to our account. This has been a good fundraiser for our church and with your help it can continue.

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faster/easier.  
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via e-  
mail by  
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e-mail address to  
[fccof@juno.com](mailto:fccof@juno.com).**



## Grade A Hypnosis Show

Master Hypnotist Michael Grady will be performing in Babbitt Hall on Friday, May 15, 2009 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$20 for a family. Good, Clean Fun for all ages!





## Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

To Maggie Dimock and Rick Desrochers for helping with JAM/KSK.

To the Confirmation Class, Jerry Wheeler, Al Jones, Laura Gardner and Sally Wheeler for helping lead worship in March.

To Sally & Jerry Wheeler, The Fields Family, the Confirmation Class and David & LeeAnn Wood for Greeting & hosting Coffee Hour in March.

To Barbara Mills for helping get ready for the Welcome Spring Event.

To Sue Burr and her helpers (Marian Purington, Peg Rogers) for hosting the collation following Anna Reynold's Funeral.

To Sue and Norm Burr for setting up the "Gallery" in the William St. Lobby, and for LeAnn and David Woods for providing the photographs.

To Gay Encanarcao (Janet Whiting's daughter) for her faithfulness in following in her mom's footsteps and regularly contributing food to our food pantry.

To the Women's Fellowship for organizing the outing to see "Annie" at Fairhaven High and to Mabel Filipek for hosting the supper beforehand.

To Sue Burr, Linda Ferland and Janet Young for working with our children in the Sunday School

## Looking Ahead!!

Sunday, May 3rd -- Concert & Dinner 5:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9th -- Rummage Sale 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 15th, 7:00 p.m. -- Hypnotist

Sunday, May 17th -- Confirmation Sunday

**Worship and Bible  
Adventures Sunday School  
take place each Sunday at  
10:00 a.m.**

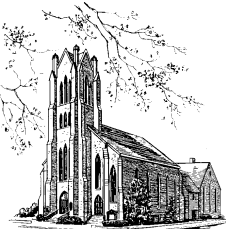
**Please Join Us!!**



**Next Messenger Deadline: April 24th**

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