



## **Hola Amigos** **Spanish Pot Luck** **Friday, May 29, 2009** **6:30 p.m.**

Come and bring your favorite Spanish dish (don't have any? – how about Spanish rice, or a bottle of Spanish olives??) Or bring your favorite dish and give it a Spanish name! Whatever you decide, join us to share a meal and fellowship together. Rev. Bette will present a short program sharing experiences and photos from her recent trip to Spain. We hope to see many of you there – individuals, families, young and older – for an interesting and enjoyable evening.



## **Papa Gino's Fund-raiser**

Save the date and treat yourself to dinner on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** at Papa Gino's, 171 Huttleston Avenue, from 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Papa Gino's will donate 20% of sales to the church from guests who bring in one of our flyers. Flyers are available at the William Street entrance or contact the church office to have one sent to you. Please pass them out to family, friends & neighbors. Thanks to Jean Arbec for coordinating this fund-raiser!



## **Hypnosis Show** **with** **Master Hypnotist** **Michael Grady**

Good, clean family fun for all ages. Says one audience member in Worcester, *"I had my doubts about hypnosis, but I am a believer after this show. I was impressed with his professionalism and for his caring and supportive treatment of the people under hypnosis."*

Tickets are \$5.00 Youth, \$10 for adults or \$25 for a family. See Al Jones (774-202-3336) or the church office.

## **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.

## **GoodSearch**

Use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for all your web browsing and on-line shopping. (All your favorite on-line stores!) Indicate the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven as your charity of choice. We will receive at least \$.01 for every search made in our name.

## Pulpit Flowers

On April 19th -- in loving memory of John Rogers, Sr. by his family.

On April 26th -- in loving memory of John & Ellen Rex by their daughter, Allie Cooney.

### Our Deepest Sympathies

**To the family and friends of Karen Elliott** -- Our dear friend Karen lost her fight with Ovarian Cancer on April 23rd. Her funeral was held here on Tuesday, April 28th. Please keep her parents Ken & Kitty and her sister, Kim and all her many colleagues and friends in your prayers.

### Our Prayers are with...

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



## Volunteers Needed Hot Dog Booth Homecoming Fair

**Saturday, June 27th**

Sign up sheets will be available soon or  
speak to any member of Action for  
Christ if you can help.

## Honoring our Graduates

Please let us know of anyone who is graduating this spring so that we may acknowledge their accomplishments.



**Help us make communications faster/easier. Receive announcements, reminders and the Messenger via e-mail by sending your e-mail address to [fccof@juno.com](mailto:fccof@juno.com).**



## FY 4/2008 through 3/2009

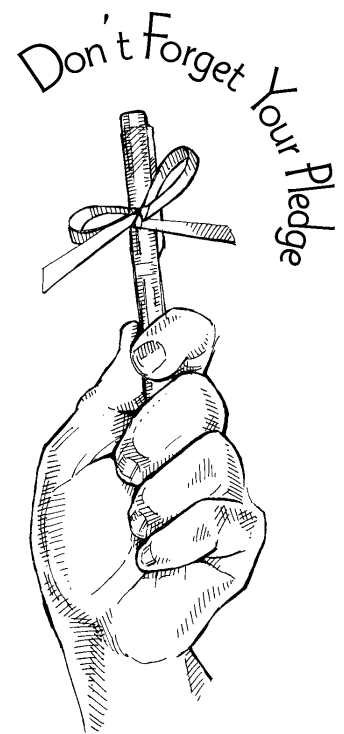
For the twelve months ending March 31, 2009.

	<u><b>FY09 Actual</b></u>	<u><b>FY10 Budget</b></u>
	The actual amounts received or spent in 2007-2008.	Voted on at Annual Meeting 4/26/2009.
<b>Revenues</b>		
Sunday Revenues	\$ 88,927.39	\$87,000.00
Special Envelopes	3,499.50	3,600.00
Fundraising	<u>20,729.27</u>	<u>41,000.00</u>
<b>Total Regular Income</b>		<b>\$131,700.00</b>
<u>Unrealized gain on invest.</u>	<u>(14,355.00)</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$98,801.16</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staff	\$60,535.79	\$57,800.00
Taxes & Benefits	18,212.19	19,279.40
Administration	4,681.78	6,050.00
Property	45,690.63	46,929.12
Worship	2,188.64	2,400.00
Christian Education	223.46	625.00
Other Expenses	<u>1,046.00</u>	<u>3,388.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>132,578.49</b>	<b>\$136,471.52</b>
 <u>Net Income (Loss)</u>	 <u>(33,777.33)</u>	 <u>(4,771.52)</u>
 <u>Transfers from Funds</u>	 <u>\$15,000.00</u>	 <u>0</u>

### Capital Campaign Account - 3 Year Total

<b>Revenues</b>	
Cash Pledges	\$173,757.61
Other Income	\$62,769.23
Transfer from Inv. Funds	<u>267,633.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$504,159.84</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Campaign Expenses	\$14,000.00
Insurance	\$1,505.00
Elevator	255,960.20
Other Electrical	1,905.70
Architect	27,470.25
Masonry	25,000.00
Roof	143,050.00
Misc Permits/Fees	251.43
Painting	16,900.00
Loans to Operating	8,000.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$494,042.58</b>



**Is Your Pledge  
up to date?**

Even when you are  
not here the church  
expenses continue....  
Thank you for your  
stewardship.

**Consider a  
Planned Gift  
today!**

**Annual Reports and  
complete financials are  
available from the  
church office. Please call  
508-993-3368 if you  
would like them mailed  
to you.**



## Children's Sunday June 7th

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is our celebration of Children's Sunday. On this morning the children and youth will be a significant part of worship. They will share some special insights into faith that they have learned during their classes. Make sure to attend worship that morning and share the joy!

Following worship, a special coffee hour is planned – a good old fashioned Ice Cream Social where you can concoct your own ice cream sundae and enjoy it while mingling and chatting with other families. All are invited and welcome to attend – whether you have children or are a child at heart!



The Final Kids Supper Klub and Jesus and Me Gathering is May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us and bring some friends. To aid in planning and gathering supplies, *PLEASE SIGN UP* by Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – just call or e-mail the church office at 508-993-3368 and let us know you are coming.



**The church is in need of a used lawn mower in good condition. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please call John Rogers at 508-994-3607.**



## Build a Better World!

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

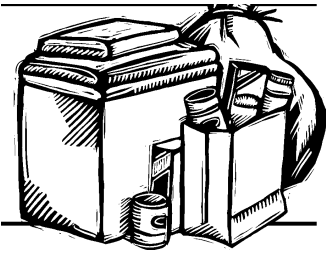
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

9:30-Noon

We are gearing up for another fun and exciting Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) for all children from Preschool through fifth grade this summer. You are invited to follow Imani the giraffe as we journey to other countries (no, you don't need a real passport!) to learn more about life there and to remember that God calls us to serve others. The program offers fun, interactive activities that combine information about countries in Africa, Asia and Central America with opportunities to reach out to help those in need. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, mission projects and yummy snacks. On the last day of camp we will share what we learned at a special program for parents, grandparents and other family members and friends. VBC is open to church members as well as children from the community. See you there!

**HELP WANTED** - If you are willing to help with planning VBC and/or sharing your time with our children during that week, please speak with Rev. Bette or any member of the Christian Education Committee





## Corner Cupboard

The Food Pantry was used about **10** times in April. We continue to serve all the people we are able to who come in for help.

Thank you to all who continue to generously donate to the pantry. Items of need this month are tuna and canned meats, pasta sauce, canned fruit, and snacks.

Write to Erwan our sponsored child at the following address

Erwan Ramadhani  
132/059533/01079  
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)

## When I Say...

### "I am a Christian"

*(This poem was read at the funeral of Karen Elliott and several people have asked for it. I have reprinted it here. The author of the poem is under dispute.)*

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect,  
My flaws are far too visible  
But, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou,  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good grace,  
somehow!



IN LOVING MEMORY

## Center Seeks Volunteers



The Fairhaven Heritage Center is looking for persons to become members of the Board of Directors to supervise Phase II of the Center's program. Phase I has been completed with the installation of the display panels in the Maddaford vestry which provide the portraits and information on many persons famous in the history of Fairhaven. Persons who would be interested need to live in Fairhaven and have an interest in the history of the town. Please contact Bob Heskett (508-996-9729) if you are interested.

## Lentil Soup Recipe

*(This soup was made by Marian Purington and served at the Maundy Thursday service. It is popular in Lebanon and Greece.)*

1 lb. Lentils rinsed in cold water.  
1 Cup chopped onions sauted in 1/2 cup olive oil in a large pot. Do not brown.  
Add 12 Cups water, 2 1/2 tsp salt, 2 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 Cup lemon juice (optional)  
Cook on medium heat uncovered 45 minutes, stirring occasionally  
Add 2 medium potatoes cubed, 4 long carrots cubed  
1 pkg. frozen spinach, 1 bunch fresh chopped cilantro,  
12 cloves garlic for 6 Tbls. chopped  
1 large can ground peeled tomatoes  
Cook until vegetables are tender. Serves 12-15  
For a smoother texture, you can puree mixture in a blender.  
Upon serving float on top 1 tsp. vinegar or a dollop of sour cream.