

Fairhaven Community Concert Series Presents

Glenshane Irish Duo

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 for adults

students are free with paying adult.

Balladeers Jean and John Nesbitt will perform their lively, fun-filled repertoire of Irish songs. This duo's striking vocal harmonies are enhanced with their use of several instruments including guitar, bass, harmonica, and whistle.



Join us before the concert for a
Meat Pie Dinner at 5:30 pm
\$10 Adults/\$5 Children

Now Featuring Fall & Holiday Merchandise



Looking for something for Halloween? Stop by the thrift shop for ideas. We have some costumes and items that might get you thinking creatively. Also we are stocked with sweaters and coats for fall and winter. Donations of like new clothing always welcome as well as small household items. The shop is a big success in many ways. Stop by and take a look. Heavenly Treasures is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 10:00-1:00.

October is a Submission Month

Bring in those Box Tops you've been saving.

Clean out that junk drawer and bring those boxtops you've been saving right now! The schools will be submitting before Oct 31st for their December check. This is an easy way to support our schools!

There is a collection box in the William Street entrance or just hand them to Sharon or put them in the Sunday collection plate. Each box top is worth \$.10 and can be found on a wide variety of products from cereals to toilet tissue and Kleenex. www.boxtops4education.com



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

2009-2010 Season

October 18, 2009 7:00
Glen Shane Irish Duo
Meat Pie Dinner 5:30

November 15, 2009 2:00
Susan Lainey, Vocalist

January 31, 2010 7:00
Original "Dissonance"
Jazz Band
Mardi Gras Dinner 5:30

March 7, 2010 2:00
Boston Guitar Quartet
with Jim Robitaille

May 2010 Still TBD,
Daniela Chirigotis String
Quartet with Fhvn/NB Youth
Orchestra Students

Concert tickets are \$10.
Children are **FREE** with an
adult.

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults
and \$5 for children.

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

Please Join Us!!

Youth Reaching Out



A group of middle and high school youth met with Rev. Bette and Jean Arbec recently to begin planning activities for the year. Our focus will be outreach and mission projects that will help us to become more aware of the many needs within our community. Some of the ideas we came up with were:

- holding a Night Out for parents where we provide activities for their children at the church while moms and dads can have a few “free” hours
- raising money for a variety of charities by holding fund raisers
- writing letters and sending care packages to our troops abroad
- making visits to nursing homes
- baking “goodies” for shut-ins and guests to the church
- baking and freezing goodies that we can give to folks who use our food pantry
- taking part or sponsoring a community clean-up day
- helping with the Saturday community breakfast sponsored by Pilgrim UCC
- working with Gifts to Give program in New Bedford
- having a gift wrapping booth at the church fair
- holding a movie night for younger kids
- volunteering at Market Ministries or other local agencies
- filling Christmas stockings for the families our church “adopts” at Christmas

As you can see from the long list, our young folks have no shortage of great ideas. Middle and High School youth will be receiving information very soon about the time and date of our first project. Adults are always welcome to join us too!

Sunday School Update

Our Sunday School has gotten off to a great start thanks to Sue Burr, Linda Ferland, Barbara Mills and all their other helpers.

Weekly classes are held for pre-school through grade 7. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers. Twice a month discussion

groups are held for 8th through 12th graders.

Volunteers to help with teaching and caring for our children are always welcome!

Backpack Report

Thanks to all your generous donations, we were able to supply East and Wood schools with a total of **10** backpacks filled with supplies and many additional extra supplies for the school. This is a fun way to help our community.



Confirmation Class

We have a lively group of 9 youth in our Confirmation Class this year and it promises to be an interesting and enlightening year! Classes will focus on 5 core value areas – God’s Word; Worship; Christianity and the United Church of Christ; Service and Commitment; and Congregational Connection. The youth will meet in classes 10 times and will have a number of assignments both within and outside the church, helping them to learn more about our own church and our beliefs, as well as the wider community. Additionally, they will be involved in individual/group projects in the areas of music, world religions, healing, and art. In order to maintain Safe Church guidelines, one parent will be present at each class. On May 23rd, if they choose, 6 of the young people, those in 9th grade, will be confirmed.

Cupboard Corner

Our pantry served 12 families this month. Thank you to all who continue to donate food to keep our pantry stocked. Needed items this month are: tuna, canned meats, cake mixes, stuffing, chowder/stews, snacks, evaporated/condensed milk, jelly, romaine noodles, snacks, and tooth brushes.



Drivers Wanted

On occasion there are folks in our church family who need assistance with transportation. Sometimes it involves providing a ride each Sunday to church. At other times someone might need a ride to an appointment, or to the grocery store or pharmacy. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to be on a list of folks to call in such situations. Arrangements will be coordinated by the Board of Deacons and we hope to get enough people signed up so that no one person is always being called to help out. This is a simple way to be of service within our family of faith. If you are willing to help out, please leave your name at the church office.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child



The Action for Christ Committee is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. This outreach program, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoe boxes to poor, sick, and suffering children worldwide at Christmas time.

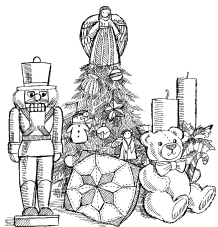
These shoe boxes are filled with toys, school supplies, candy, and other gifts.

If you are interested in helping us out, **pamphlets will be available beginning October 4th**. These pamphlets include all the information needed about packing a shoe box, suggested gifts, and also a list of what *not* to include. It will be fun to see how many small gifts you can fit inside a shoe box knowing that this gift will bring joy to children around the world.

The **collection week for the shoe boxes is November 16-20** and we are also planning a dedication Sunday in November. Last year we collected 36 shoe boxes. Let's see if we can collect even more this year!! More information about this project will be included in the bulletin and the November messenger. If you have any questions, please call Lee Ann Wood at 508-997-3851.

Old-Time Holiday Fair

December 12, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



The church will be alive with activity. Crafts, baked goods, cookies, home cooking, Vermont cheddar cheese, chance auction, Fairhaven photos, refreshments and more. Lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until sold out.

Donna Perry and Lee Ann Wood are looking for volunteers to head the Bake table, Gourmet table, Craft table, Jewelry table, and Chance Auction. Do you have an idea for the fair? Many hands make this fair a success, so please consider volunteering.

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



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

To **Mabel Filipek and the Women's Fellowship** for holding a bake sale on Sept 27th.

To **All** who continue to help with the Thrift Shop.

To **Jean Arbec** for her enthusiastic help with the youth group.

To the **Council** for hosting the Sept 19th discussion.

To **Peg & John Rogers and Bev Johansen** for manning our booth at the farmer's market.

To **Bev Johansen, Sue Burr and Al Jones** for providing worship leadership in September.

To **Rev. Bette, The Desrochers Family, & the Rogers Family** for hosting coffee hour in September.

The Pumpkin Prayer

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

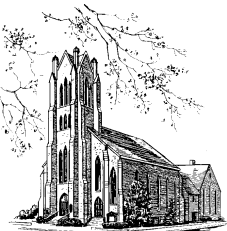
After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



Next Messenger Deadline: October 23rd

The Messenger

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