


AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SEEKS DRIVERS

The American Cancer Society (ACS) seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to and from treatments. Volunteers will receive a brief training and orientation with ACS and are invited to volunteer a couple of hours a week. For more information, please contact Kathleen Turner at 1-800-227-2345 or emailing her at kathleen.turner@cancer.org.



Louise Smith celebrates her 90th birthday on Thursday, August 2nd. She will be sitting on the porch at 59 Pearl Street, Mystic from 3 to 5 p.m. if you want to stop by and wish her Happy Birthday.

YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING USA

seeks families to host foreign exchange High School students interested in soccer for the 2007-2008 academic year. Youth For Understanding (YFU) is a worldwide movement of committed individuals and organizations working together to prepare young people for their responsibilities and challenges in a changing, interdependent global world. YFU places a large number of international exchange students with local families while they attend the local high school. Placement happens in August; students come from different countries around the world. They speak English, have their own spending money, health insurance, will attend high school and will provide innumerable good memories and experiences to your family! YFU has some students identified who are involved in churches in their home countries and are particularly looking to be involved with church-going families. For more information, contact: April D'Andrea, YFU Program Specialist, at 1-800-TEENAGE Ext. 176 or Direct Line: 1-817-505-9257. Website: www.yfu-usa.org

KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN

Upcoming Youth Walk-in Times are made possible by the volunteers listed below. Please contact Jamie McGee at xxx-xxxx or xxxxx@xxxxx.xxx.

Aug 03	7-9	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer
	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer
Aug 10	7-9	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer
	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer
Aug 17	7-9	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer
	9-11	Volunteer Needed	Glynn Shafer

From the Moderator Hugh McGee

What's Up for This Fall

Lots of things will be happening at MCC this Fall, and here is a preview of one major series of events. Last December, the Church Council created a Task Force to examine the relationship between this church and the UCC. The Task Force members were appointed in February and they began meeting in March. The members are: Tim Murney and Gladys Reynard, Co-Chairs, Priscilla Anderson, Frank Davis, Jackie Durrschmidt, Walter Grant, Pastor Barbara Libby, (ex officio), Hugh McGee and E.B. Read. The Task Force was directed to (1) investigate the relationship between MCC and the UCC, (2) educate the congregation as to its findings, and (3) assess the sense of the congregation concerning the UCC and inform the Church Council as to that sense. The Task Force has reviewed many documents and has begun to prepare materials to educate the congregation about what it has learned.

The Task Force expects to provide a number of different programs during October and November to enable the congregation to absorb the information the Task Force has gathered. There will be presentations by members of the Task Force, videos that members of the congregation can view together or take home, articles in the Anchor, the Sunday bulletins and the Wednesday emails, group workshops on various aspects of the subject, and a detailed (and lengthy) written report. Copies of the many documents that the Task Force has examined will be available to the congregation, and there will be a bibliography of additional sources of information, including web site references for the UCC and various other groups.

The Task Force is not charged with taking any formal action with respect to continuing or terminating our relationship with the UCC – its role is purely to provide information to the congregation and the Church Council. The relationship between MCC and the UCC has been important to MCC and its members over the last 40 years, and it is thus important that the members of the congregation understand this relationship and what the UCC is doing in the world today. Please stay alert for the various ways the Task Force will be communicating with you over the next several months. A copy of the Task Force Charter is posted on one of the church bulletin boards. If you wish to get started now in learning more about the UCC, here are three websites that you may find informative: www.ucc.org (the UCC website), www.ctconfucc.org (the website of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC) and www.UCCtruths.blogspot.com (a blog with comments on the UCC).