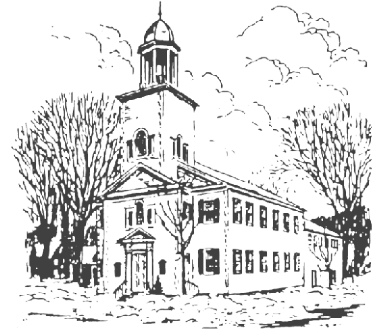


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"No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"



2011 FALL FESTIVAL - COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND



Mark the dates on your calendar now - Friday, October 7th, Saturday, October 8th, and Sunday, October 9th. With the busy season ahead, Columbus Day weekend will be here before we know it!

The Fall Festival Committee has been meeting and planning for several months, and now is the time for everyone to get involved. Let's make the 2011 Festival another joyful celebration of our community and the autumn season.

As in years past, the Festival begins on Friday, continues on Saturday with the street fair on Library Street (children's activities, the band playing, the magic show, hayrides - you know what goes on), and ends with the Treasure Trove and Global Crafts open noon to 3:00 on Sunday. (Good deals on Sunday at the Treasure Trove!)

The new FF web site is up and running, courtesy of webmeister Pamela Wyeth;

www.salisburyfallfestival.org

It has been expanded and will continue to list all that's going on that weekend as the information becomes available. We are acknowledging the increasing weekend role of the businesses in town and will be listing them and their offerings on the site. If you have suggestions how the site can be improved even further, please get in touch with me - k1lee3434@gmail.com

* Treasure Trove - see the accompanying article in this issue (p.5). Treasures are accumulating in the church basement, and Shirley Rogers and Edith Blodgett are doing their best to keep up with sorting and pricing. If you have items you can't deliver, call Barbara Collins (435-0051) to arrange for pick-up.

* Country Kitchen - Jams, jellies, cakes, pies, pickles, cookies, breads, and other assorted goodies - it's a great display and sale of delicious food and an irresistible destination for festival-goers. We need your homemade foods on Friday and

Saturday! This is one activity our church shares with other churches in town, so please note that yours is from the Congregational Church. Please call Linda Estabrook (824-5896) to volunteer to help and to bring foods.

* Hot Dog Tent - Mindy Fitting (413-229-2917) is heading it up this year, and she and her crew will serve old fashioned hot dogs and other good stuff to the hungry sidewalk crowd. If you'd like to help, call her.

* Smiling faces are needed to be Greeters to welcome visitors to our Fall Festival and to offer directions to departments and events. Jane Capecelatro (435-2359) will be organizing them in two hour shifts, 10 to 4 Friday and Saturday, noon to 3:00 on Sunday.

* The Global Crafts room will again be full of beautiful hand-made items from around the world. The Board of Christian Action is responsible for what we believe

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS



Please join us for breakfast! Families with children are invited to a light breakfast on **Sunday, September 11th, at 9:15** in the parish hall. This annual gathering, which is sponsored by the Board of Deacons, is a wonderful opportunity to greet old friends and to welcome newcomers to our church school family. Barbara Collins will register the children for the coming church school year. Bring a friend! Bring a family!

Classes for children in Pre-kindergarten (age 4) through Grade 8 will begin on the 11th. The children attend the first part of the 10:00 worship service with their families and then are dismissed to their classrooms. Crib/toddler care is also available on Sunday mornings for the littlest ones, birth through age four.

Dismissal time in the Church School is 11:10. It is most helpful if parents (particularly parents of children in the nursery) refrain from coming upstairs until dismissal time.

Barbara Collins, Religious Education

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WELCOME HOME !



I hope that your summer was filled with opportunities to experience God's presence in your life in a number of new ways. I was fortunate to have several chances to step out of my "comfort zone" and to try some different things.

The first opportunity came in the guise of a one-week stay at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon. Silver Lake, as many of you know, is the UCC

Connecticut Conference's outdoor ministry program. Children come from all over the state (and some from out-of-state) to spend a week exploring the world from a variety of perspectives. As the volunteer chaplain for the week, I was able to interact with the campers, join them for meals and worship, and simply be among them, soaking up their incredible energy. The experience was a great reminder that there is an abundant supply of wonderful young people, bursting with creative talent and boundless ideas of how to make the world a better place. I came away enriched and energized.

My second opportunity was a week-long stay at Chautauqua Institution in New York State as a fellow in the New Clergy Program. In this setting, I was treated to stimulating worship, exciting intellectual discussions, and theological reflection among peers, all in a beautiful setting. I have never been anywhere quite like this and I found the experience to be transformative. I left with a renewed commitment to ecumenical

dialogue and strong motivation to work for peace and compassion in our world.

My third experience came from trying a new preaching technique. I dared to venture out of the pulpit into a discussion with the congregation about the Minor Prophets. Each week we explored what these ancient scribes might be saying to us today. I found the preparation each week to be as exciting as the conversation on Sunday. I hope that we will continue to explore innovative ways to enliven our worship services and engage our hearts and minds in listening to God's holy word.

As we embark on a new church season I am aware that these are difficult times for many. I hope that you will take some chances to try something new this year. We will be offering a variety of opportunities to be involved in the life of the church, ranging from building projects to book discussions. Please take some time to prayerfully discern what God might be calling you to do at this time. Think about how your gifts and talents could serve the church in the year ahead. Perhaps this is the year that you volunteer to teach the children about our faith, or visit someone who is confined to their home. You might join the prayer group on Wednesday mornings or take the youth group on an outing. We each have something to offer. My prayer for us, as we move forward, is that we will strengthen our church by honoring our past, embracing our present, and looking to our future with hope.

I look forward to seeing each of you in church this year.

Welcome home!

Grace & Peace

Pastor Diane

Email: pastor.diane@salisburycongregational.org

COMFORT AND CONVERSATION

Each Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 a small group of people convene in the Wardell Community Room of the library to share their experiences of grief and loss. The group is a joint project between the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association – Hospice Program and the Salisbury Congregational Church. The group is co-facilitated by Pastor Diane, Pauline Miller, Hospice Social Worker and Shelly Mafucci, RN, director of Hospice.

The group is informal, ongoing and open to anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information, contact Pastor Diane.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Our extravagant welcome is offered to all who join us for worship each Sunday. If you would be interested in becoming a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church, please contact Pastor Diane. New member orientation sessions are held throughout the year and new members are welcomed during a Sunday service before Christmas and Easter.

MISSION TRIP 2012 OAXACA, MEXICO JULY 21-28



Next summer the church will sponsor a mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico working with *Simply Smiles* (www.simplysmiles.org).

The trip will take place July 21-28 and is open to all interested individuals over the age of 16. Participants will have an opportunity to work with the *Simply Smiles* team on their various projects throughout Oaxaca. Past projects have included building houses for people who live in a city dump, building a school for a small village in the jungle, planning for and offering a food distribution program for people without food.

Reverend Peter Allen, vice president of *Simply Smiles*, will be our guest in worship on Sunday, October 9th to give us an update on the work and insight into what we might be taking on next summer.

If you are interested in participating in the mission trip, please contact Pastor Diane. (Also see article on p. 4)

PARISH HALL GETS NEW ROOF & FURNACE



While you were enjoying a swim in the lake or weeding your tomatoes, local contractors swept in to make essential improvements to our church buildings.

You couldn't miss the roofing team. Scooter's Carpentry and Newman Construction joined forces to tear off old roofing and lay new 30-year Timberline shingles on the Parish Hall. Moving skillfully up and down ladders and across the ridgeline, filling dumpsters with the

old and shooting nails to secure the new shingles, they welcomed good weather and finished in a week.

Meanwhile, out of sight underneath the kitchen, Erik Tomaino of Canaan installed a new, highly efficient Veissman oil burner to provide heat and hot water for the Parish Hall.

Both projects serve to remind us of our responsibilities to maintain our beautiful old buildings. The Parish Hall just passed its 50th birthday. Its gifts? The building's second new roof and, apparently, first new furnace.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY PROJECTS

Before this newsletter arrives, work should have begun to provide handicapped accessibility from Library Street into the Parish Hall and Meeting House. Phase One, approved by congregational vote on July 17th, provides for a curved walkway for wheelchair use and a replacement, straight walkway and stairs. The new paths will converge at a level-landing in front of the double-doors, where an automatic opener installed on a post will allow easy entrance for all.



Inside, installation of a wider door from the north side of the Parish Hall into the Meeting House will allow for full wheelchair access to worship services.

Planning for Phase Two of the handicapped accessibility project will resume in September, including a new bathroom, revamped storage, and more usable meeting space on the ground floor. The planning committee will be developing plans and inviting suggestions and comments from all in the congregation.

Sue Morrill, for the Trustees

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ACTION MEETING



I hope everyone has had a great summer and is gearing up for a busy fall season!

Please mark your calendars for our meeting on **Sunday, September 11th at 11:30 am**. A reminder email will also be sent out.

Mindy Fitting for Board of Christian Action

Pastor Emeritus Service

Honoring
The Reverend Richard Taber
Sunday, September 18th
3:00 p.m.

Congregational Church of Salisbury
Guest preacher will be the Reverend Charles Wildman, Interim Conference Minister
Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ

All are welcome

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

If so, why not join like-minded people in the adult choir?

The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th, at 7:30 p.m. This will be preceded by a pizza supper at 6:30. Any singer willing to spend time in rehearsal and who is available for Sunday worship services is cordially invited to join us. A schedule of anthems will be available at the rehearsal.



Al Sly, Choir Director

A PAINLESS SHOT

As we head into the new church year, there will be a renewed effort to complete photographing members and friends for the photo directory by the end of September. The plan is for the directory to be assembled, printed and distributed in time for the annual meeting in November.

If you're among the roughly 70 people in the church family who have not yet been photographed, I'll be there with my camera during fellowship after every Sunday service in September, as well as Wednesdays and Fridays between 11:00 & 3:00, by appointment. (I will not be there if no-one has signed up.) If none of these times is convenient, please get it touch with me and we'll see if we can work out an alternative. The whole process only takes about five minutes, so bring the kids, the grandkids, and, of course, any (well-behaved) pets.

Another option is for you to submit (via email) a photo of yourself that can certainly include your family. Assuming it's acceptable print quality (high resolution), we'd be delighted to use it.

Appointments for Wednesdays and Fridays can be made online at <http://tinyurl.com/3qvw8ds>. If you have a problem with the online form, please contact one of the deacons or you can call me at 860.824.9956 or send me an email.

Pamela Wyeth
pamela@salisburycongregational.org

MY SUMMER JOB AT THE SCC

BY DENALI "HAWK" BLUMERT

CELEBRATING YOUTH



Join our Youth Group

The presence of young people in any community is both enriching and helpful. Children and teens bring a new perspective to worship and can give the entire congregation a new appreciation and outlook. Over the past few years the youth program at Salisbury Congregational Church has not been as active as it has been in previous years. This is something that we would like the entire congregation to make an effort to change. It is very important to have the presence of young people in the church community. Although it may take some time, we would like to redevelop the youth group program with new ideas and attitudes. For this to happen, we plan to reach out to this age group by inviting them to a meeting about establishing a youth group, holding fundraisers, and planning a mission trip.

We also want to become involved in a statewide program called Giv² - www.ctucc.org/resources/Giv2.html. Giv² is a program that gives youth groups a chance to serve their local community, and work with other church's youth groups to serve larger communities. Over time, there will hopefully be a significant number of teens and children who want to be connected to our church in one way or another.

One initiative we took this summer was developing a Literary Magazine for the campers at Silver Lake. The Silver Lake Conference Center is home to many talented young writers, poets, photographers, artists, and more. While the summer camp helps them explore this creativity, there was no place where they could send their work to be published and shown to the rest of the United Church of Christ community. This is why we created the Silver Lake Magazine, to put all of the creative works made by the campers at Silver Lake into one magazine to share at the annual meeting and online on the Silver Lake website. The main purpose of the magazine is to get the campers at Silver Lake to share with one another their artistic talents and be able to be proud of their incredible work. We also hope that by compiling this magazine, our church will start to become more involved and aware of the presence of Silver Lake. We are very excited to be working on this project and being able to be a part of such a special community with such talented young people.

"Lord, it is time. The summer was very big. Lay thy shadow on the sundials, and on the meadows let the winds go loose. Command the last fruits that they shall be full; give them another two more southerly days, press them on to fulfillment and drive the last sweetness into the heavenly wine."

- Rainer Maria Rilke

MISSION TRIP 2012



Simply Smiles is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing bright futures for poor children. This year the Congregational Church of Salisbury will sponsor a group to travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, to make a difference in the lives of the impoverished people who live there. This is open to everyone, but we also hope that this will encourage the youth to become more involved in the church. The trip will take place on the week of July 21st next summer. There will be an initial \$100 commitment deposit due on November 21st, a \$700 deposit due for airfare on January 6th, and, finally, an \$850 deposit due for the *Simply Smiles* fee on June 1st. The total cost of the trip per person will be about \$1,650. We will apply for grant funds, host fundraisers, and solicit donations to support the trip. We need a minimum of 15 people (and a maximum of 25) to make the trip possible. It will be an amazing and rewarding experience for anyone who decides to take this opportunity. Visit www.simplysmiles.org to learn more about the type of work we will be doing and to see photos and stories from other *Simply Smiles* projects.

Reverend Pete Allen, the vice president of *Simply Smiles* will be visiting our church on Sunday October 9th. Please plan to come hear Rev. Allen in worship. If you are interested in the mission trip, there will be a chance to talk to Rev. Allen about *Simply Smiles* and the project after the service. If you are interested in going on the trip, talk to Pastor Diane or sign up on the sheet outside the Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER 25th

There will be a meeting at **6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** to discuss ideas for a future Youth Group for the church. Anyone in grades six through twelve is welcome to come. There will be pizza and drinks served for dinner.

There are several projects we would like to get the Youth Group involved with and to help out with:

- Giv² (joining other youth groups in the state to help with local and state community projects)
- Fall Festival - children's games
- Mission Trip with *Simply Smiles*

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

Author, Karen Armstrong's most recent book is called *Twelve Steps to Compassion*. Her goal, in writing the book, was to set out a program that can lead us, as a society, toward a more compassionate life. She contends that "while compassion is intrinsic in all human beings, each of us needs to work diligently to cultivate and expand our capacity for compassion." Armstrong's book was motivated by her work developing an international Charter for Compassion calling on communities throughout the world to embrace the golden rule, "Treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves."

The congregation is invited to read *Twelve Steps to Compassion* over the next few months and to discern whether we should adopt the Charter for Compassion as a guide for our work. Pastor Diane will incorporate many of the ideas outlined in the book into sermons and we will explore what this important work might mean for us throughout the Fall.

Copies of the book are available at Oblong Books in Millerton, on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or at the Scoville Library.

CHARTER FOR COMPASSION*

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves.

Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity.

We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women

- To restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion.
- To return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate
- To ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures
- To encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity
- To cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries.

Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

Pastor Diane

**property of the Charter for Compassion and TED Conferences LLC*

is our longest continuous Fall Festival activity. For about 35 years they have supported artists and crafts people in third world countries while delighting fair-goers with their great selection of offerings.

* The Children's' Activities on Saturday are organized by Pastor Diane Monti-Catania (435-2442) and the young people from our church and the community. Parents and others are welcome to help. Please give her a call.

* Strong backs wanted - Festival Coordinator Mike Fitting (413-229-2917) needs lots of help before and after the Festival with setup early Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2nd, a partial takedown late Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8th, and final cleanup late afternoon, Sunday, the 9th.

* Cash Contributions - Underwriters are special workers, too. You can help defray the costs of the Festival - entertainment like the very popular magician and the Salisbury Band Senior Quickstep HotShots - and other expenses and supplies - printing, banners, web site, decorations, food, etc., etc.

If you cannot be involved in the actual running of the Festival, your financial contribution will really help. Please send your check to the church (PO Box 392, Salisbury, CT 06068) and note that it's for the Fall Festival.

The Fall Festival is an extraordinary annual event, eagerly awaited by visitors from near and far. Other activities in Salisbury and Lakeville continue to be added every year. We hope everyone will share in the fun of our church's hometown, homegrown celebration. If you have ideas, suggestions, or questions, please contact any committee member.

For the Fall Festival Committee

Chair - Lee Collins (435-0051)

Coordinator - Mike Fitting (413-229-2917)

Publicity - Jeanette Weber (435-4804)

Treasurer - John Estabrook (824-5896)

Theresa Carroll (435-2312)

Harriet Morrill (435-0154)

FALL FESTIVAL TREASURE TROVE

Do you still have unopened packing boxes left from when you moved 15 years ago?

Do you remember your New Year's resolution from 2007 to "declutter?"

Do you really need four waffle irons?

We have the answer for you. Donate your gently-used, all-parts-present, still-working items to the Fall Festival Treasure Trove.

Got antiques? Small appliances? Art? Baby items? Books? Cameras and photo equipment? China, pottery, glassware? Collectibles and giftware? Craft supplies? Small furniture items? Games? Gardening items? Holiday items? Housewares? Jewelry? Lamps? Linens? Pet supplies? Tools? Toys? We would be delighted to recycle them for you.

Please, no computers or TVs, no exercise equipment, no clothing.

Treasures can be left in the church basement or call Barbara Collins (860)435-0051 to answer questions or arrange for pick-up.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15–October 15				1 9:00 - Staff Mtg.	2	3
4 10:00 - Worship & Communion Crib/toddler care is available	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6 4:30 - Comfort & Conversation - Wardell Community Room at the Scoville Library *	7 7:30- Choir Rehearsal (pizza at 6:30) *	8	9	10 Wedding Rehearsal & Wedding
11 Homecoming Sunday 9:15 - Church School Breakfast & Meeting * 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:30 - Board of Trustees 11:30 - Christian Action <i>Patriot Day</i>	12	13 4:30 - Comfort & Conversation - Wardell Community Room at the Scoville Library *	14 10:00 - Prayer Group 7:30- Choir Rehearsal	15	16 6:00 - Potluck Supper *	17
18 10:00 - Worship & Church School 11:30 - Church Council 3:00 p.m. - Service of Recognition for Rev. Richard Tabor as Pastor Emeritus *	19 CTUCC General Assoc. mtg		20 4:30 - Comfort & Conversation - Wardell Community Room at the Scoville Library *	21 7:30- Choir Rehearsal	22	23 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>
24 10:00 - Worship & Church School 1:00 p.m. - CROP Walk * 6:00 - Youth Group Pizza Party - Fellowship Hall *	25	26 4:30 - Comfort & Conversation - Wardell Community Room at the Scoville Library *	27 6:30 - 8:00 Board of Deacons	28 10:00 - Prayer Group 7:30- Choir Rehearsal	29	30 * Article in this MHT
DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH						



Happy September Birthday!

- 2nd Dianna Colpitts
- 3rd Dan Heck
- 6th Alvord Beardslee
- 7th Darby Craig
- 7th Diane Mayland
- 8th Joanne Taber
- 13th Susan Belcher
- 14th Rachel Child
- 15th Catherine O'Connor
- 17th Robin Dee
- 19th Zoe Gillette
- 20th Bill Morrill
- 22nd Heather Schaufele
- 23rd Natalie Crain
- 23rd Donald Allyn
- 25th Tom Stewart
- 26th Ronald O'Connor
- 27th Louise Robinson
- 29th Austin Wiggins

POTLUCK SUPPER

Join Us for Supper: **Friday, September 16th at 6:00**

It's the first potluck supper of the season for anyone and everyone who would like a casual evening out. Bring a large main dish or salad (either homemade or take-out) to share. Bread, dessert and beverage will be provided. Bring the family! Bring a friend!

There is no need to RSVP. Do you need a ride? Give one of us a call: Barbara Collins (435-0051) or Sarah Rydingsword (435-9479).



HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY! WHERE IS THE SAFEST PLACE?

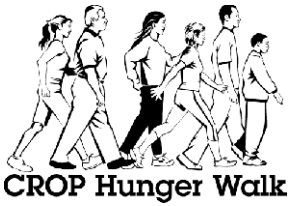
1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
 2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
 3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
 4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
 5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.
- But you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.

Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

And Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So attend church, and read your Bible. **IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

IT'S CROP TIME AGAIN



You ask, "What is CROP Time?" It is the time of the annual fall CROP Hunger Walk that will take place on **Sunday, September 25th, at 1:00 p.m.** starting at the

Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

This walk is held in hundreds of communities around our country every year and is sponsored by Church World Service. The money raised goes to Church World Service, which then returns 25% of the proceeds raised to us. This money is used by the pastors of the participating churches to help people in our area who have need of food. The larger amount raised nationwide goes to alleviate hunger both abroad and here at home.

The quiet, pleasant river road opposite the high school is our venue once again, and there are varying distances to choose from. The 5-mile walk follows the river road for 2 ½ miles and then back to the starting point. The 10-mile route goes along the river road for 5 miles and then back again.

Also there is the "oval" of ¼ mile in front of the high school. Even if you start out on the 5-mile, but decide that you do not have the time or energy to complete, then any amount you do qualifies you as a walker!

Besides walking one of the routes on Sept 25th, a walker's responsibility is also to get friends, neighbors, and church-goers to sponsor him/her so that our church might reach a goal this year of raising \$3000. Last year we raised \$2600.00 so we hope to stretch a little bit more this year.

Cynthia La Pier and I will be handing out registration packets starting on September 4th and continuing until the day of the Walk, Sept. 25th. We will be asking you individually to be walkers, or if not, then please to be a sponsor. We must all work together to end hunger one step at a time.

Sue Ritchie, Board of Christian Action

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grellet

IN A NUTSHELL

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

Note: all web & email addresses in this newsletter are live links in the online version of the MHT.

PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

plans know and for hope not declares to prosper have the you future

Answers: "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." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

