



*"Thou shalt remember the Lord thy  
God. Deuteronomy 8:18"*

# **THE MEETINGHOUSE MESSENGER**

The First Congregational Church  
in Stoneham  
February 2009



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### **February Birthdays**

1	Paul Bilbo
1	John Chetwynd
1	Kimberly Savage
6	Esther Lee
6	Jason Sawyer
11	Lorraine Prestera
12	Emily Wallace
15	Ryan Bergstrom
15	Heather Merrow
15	Robert Merrow
16	Helen Lister
16	Zachary Dearth
19	Elsie Wallace
22	David Sturks
22	Mark Savage
24	Arthur Clark
26	Katy Bemis
28	Donna Wall

If you would like to be added to the birthday list, please call the church office or email Heather.



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## **MESSENGER DEADLINE**

The Deadline for the March 2009  
Messenger is Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Cantata!

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Cantata rehearsals will begin January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The title of the cantata is Jesus Son of God by Gary Rhodes. It is a beautiful; and very dramatic piece. I'm sure you will love it!

The Cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday night, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. The final three rehearsals will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM and April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

We invite anyone between the ages of 16 and 90 to join us. We are in need of sopranos and men.

Please Join Us!

-Joyce Simpson

## POINSETTIAS

### *Given By:*

*The Barry Family*  
*The Bower Family*  
*The Bower Family*  
*Robert & Lou Ann Bumstead*  
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*Robert & Lou Ann Bumstead*  
*Judi & Stephen Catalano & Family*  
*Ellen & Ginny Cummings*  
*Bob & Marge Dearth*  
*Janice Droz, Joyce Amazeen & Families*  
*Priscilla Oliver & Family*  
*Carole Photopoulos-Paulis*  
*Clara Rolli*  
*Clara Rolli & Family*  
*Kay & Herb Selander*  
*Joan Snyder Santamaria*  
*Marian & Dan Totose*  
*Richard & Elsie Wallace*  
*The Whittaker Family*

### *In Memory Of:*

*Italo & Ruth Macchia,*  
*Lynn Herron*  
*Anne Bliss Bower*  
*Anne Bliss Bower*  
*Ralph & Betsy Neth*  
*John & Helen Bumstead*  
*Alvirda Farmer*  
*Ann Catalano & Michael Rolli*  
*Earle Prentiss*  
*Don Hanson & Dot Dearth*  
*Michael J. Rolli, "Dad"*  
*Earle Prentiss*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Michael J. Rolli*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Parents & David*  
*Christine Totose*  
*Loved Ones*  
*Pauline Whittaker*

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### NOTICE OF A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

A Special Business Meeting of the First Congregational Church in Stoneham will be called to order at the close of worship (about 11am) on Sunday, ~~February~~ *February* 8, 2009, in the Sanctuary of the Church. The Purpose of the Meeting is to choose a group of 12 or more members to be a Search Committee, charged with finding a suitable Minister for this Church to call as its permanent Pastor. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Church this is the only business which will be transacted at the meeting. The following articles constitute the Warrant for the Meeting:

Article 1 - To select a Search Committee composed of at least 12 members, nominating and voting on such members

Article 2 - To commission the Search Committee with appropriate ceremony and promises, that we may support their efforts, work for unity and clarity among us, and offer our prayers for the faithful completion of the task before them.

(Signed) *Tim Kavan*  
Moderator

(Signed) *Sara Thompson*  
Clerk

Date: *1-24-09*

## ***CHURCH SERVICES ON STONEHAM TV***

The service can be viewed at the following times:

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Monday 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 3:30 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Comcast Channel 9, RCN Channel 3, Verizon Channel 34

### A Note from the Editor:

It's not too late to sign up! The Messenger is now available by email (in .pdf format) for those who are interested! Anyone who chooses this paperless option will save the Church money on postage and printing and paper costs. Please send me an email if you are willing to receive the messenger by email. (and you have not already told me!) Thank you!

(holiver@thecia.net)

### Don't Forget Your Offering!!!

Please don't forget that the expenses of the church go on all year round, regardless of the weather. When you miss church due to foul weather or church is cancelled, don't forget to bring your offering envelopes or pledge checks for the week(s) you missed!

## Correspondence

Dear Friends,

Thank you in for the Flowers given to my Mom, Ann Clark, from the Service several weeks ago. She has been struggling with all kinds of stuff for the last 3 months and it was very generous to have those flowers to give to her. She was thrilled.

Kathy Bergstrom

Dear Friends,

I received a Christmas card this season that touched my heart so very much. This came from First Church and I am at a loss for words.

Now that I am on my feet both literally and figuratively I intend to (as Oprah advocates) pay it forward. Thank you seems so inadequate but hopefully my actions will speak louder than my words.

Sincerely, Pam Moriarty.

Dear Friends at First Church,

Just a note to thanks you for the beautiful flowers that both my husband and I received. It is such a nice feeling to know someone is thinking of us. We are both struggling with health issues but a new year is coming! Please know that your prayers and thoughtfulness are really appreciated. God Bless and thanks again,

Jack and Bette Biggio

To everyone at First Church,

I want to thank you for the lovely flowers delivered to me after the death of my mother, Helen Gates, at the age of 99. I want especially to give thanks for Betty Baumann for bravely walking up our snowy driveway to deliver the beautiful arrangement. Your thoughtfulness and sympathy are truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Barbara Pease

Dear Friends,

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the help with this year's toy drive for the Salvation Army. Although we know times are tough for people this year due to the economy, the outpouring of donations was overwhelming. Thank you for your continued support.

Gods Blessings!

Lorraine Savage

Stoneham Welfare Secretary, Salvation Army

**Dinner and Silent Auction  
Proceeds for Heating System Repairs**

**March 1st after church.**

Roast Pork, applesauce, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, rolls and cakes.

Tickets will be \$8.00 adults, \$6.00 children 12 and under.

This is always a fun time so please be sure to come. Tickets and reservations are available at the church office.

If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction, please call Lorraine Savage at 781-438-7545.

**CRAFT GROUP**

Crafts will not meet again until March.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

We're all working on the best way to notify people if church service is cancelled due to inclement weather. We had closed in December due to the snow storm, and had to rely on phone calls to members and friends. Unfortunately, not everyone got a phone call, so we're working on getting any possible closings listed on television. So far, we are registered with Channel 5 (WCVB) and can post a church closing with them. We are working on getting channels 4, 7 and Fox 25 up and running as well, but it may take a while to jump through all the hoops that they require! So if the weather is bad on Sunday mornings, please tune your TV's to channel 5 for potential closings. We'll let you all know when we have more TV stations up and running.

### youth group news

February 1<sup>st</sup> is Souper Bowl Sunday (or Super Bowl Sunday for the athletes). The youth will be helping in leading the worship service, please be patient with them. The youth have participated in the souper bowl program for nine years running. Coffee Hour will be several pots of soups for more of a luncheon atmosphere. The youth group will be collecting money to shop for the food pantry. The souper bowl program is a nation wide program and has helped feed many people all over America. You can check out the website at [souperbowl.com](http://souperbowl.com). Please help our youth fill the shelves in the food pantry

February 15<sup>th</sup> the youth will take the money they collected and shop at a local grocery store with a supplied list to help put food on our food pantry shelves. We had great fun doing this the last several years. We will be looking for a couple drivers to take us to the store and return to the Church.

### *THANK YOU JOYCE!*

On behalf of the drama group parents and the entire Church, we would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Joyce Simpson for her hard work, patience, sacrifices, and did I mention patience, for the many months of rehearsals that led up to the fantastic production of Daniel in the Lions Den. The kids love participating in the weekly rehearsals and the results are phenomenal. Joyce puts so much love and time into working with the growing group of children who are both from our church and surrounding towns. WE THANK YOU!!!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:15 Souper Bowl Luncheon 5-7 Youth Group	2 8-9 AA (Lounge)	3 5:45 Comm Dinn 7:00 Book Study/Parlor	4 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:30 Adventista (Chapel)	5 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal	6	7 9-2 Adventista 9-2 Pinewood Derby
8 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship	9 7:00 Books & Chocolate Movie Night 8-9 AA (Lounge)	10 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Discoteat (Parlor)	11 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:30 Adventista (Chapel)	12 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 \$5+ Singles/Lounge		14 9-4 Adventista
15 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 5-7 Youth Group	16 8-9 AA (Lounge) OFFICE CLOSED	17 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Book Study/Parlor	18 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:30 Adventista (Chapel)	19 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal		21 9-2 Adventista Red Cross Blood Drive
22 8:30 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Council	23 8-9 AA (Lounge)	24 5:45 Comm Dinner 7:00 Book Study/Parlor	25 3:30 Chimes 4:30 Drama 7:30 Adventista (Chapel)	26 7:00 Cantata Rehearsal		28 9-2 Adventista Set up for Silent Auction

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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1 CHURCH STREET  
STONEHAM, MA 02180

Yes, I would like to donate to the Steeple Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
First Congregational Church in Stoneham Steeple Fund

Please make this donation in memory of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The Steeple Fund Committee will be printing a list of name of those people who have donated to the Steeple Fund. This list will be displayed in Fellowship Hall. If you do not wish to have your name printed on this list, please indicate here:

**NO**, do not print my name \_\_\_\_\_



**-Daily Lectionary-**  
**February 2009**

*These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. Please share this resource with members of your church.  
 \*The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
*Sun	Feb 1	Deut 18:15-20	Mark 1:21-28	1 Cor 8:1-13
Mon	Feb 2	Josh 3:9-17	John 3:30-47	1 Cor 6:12-20
Tues	Feb 3	Josh 4:1-18	John 6:1-15	1 Cor 7:1-7
Wed	Feb 4	Josh 4:19-5:1	John 6:16-27	1 Cor 7:8-13
Thurs	Feb 5	Josh 5:2-15	John 6:28-40	1 Cor 7:12-35
Fri	Feb 6	Josh 6:1-14	John 6:41-51	1 Cor 7:17-24
Sat	Feb 7	Josh 6:15-27	John 6:52-59	1 Cor 7:25-31
*Sun	Feb 8	Isa 40:21-31	Mark 1:29-39	1 Cor 9:16-23
Mon	Feb 9	Josh 7:1-15	John 6:60-71	1 Cor 7:32-40
Tues	Feb 10	Josh 7:16-26	John 7:1-13	1 Cor 8:1-6
Wed	Feb 11	Josh 8:1-21	John 7:14-24	1 Cor 8:7-13
Thurs	Feb 12	Josh 8:20-35	John 7:25-36	1 Cor 9:1-12a
Fri	Feb 13	Josh 9:3-16,22-27	John 7:37-52	1 Cor 9:12b-18
Sat	Feb 14	Josh 10:1-15	John 7:53-8:11	1 Cor 9:19-27
*Sun	Feb 15	2 Kings 5:1-14	Mark 1:40-45	1 Cor 9:24-27
Mon	Feb 16	Josh 23:1-36	John 8:12-20	1 Cor 10:1-13
Tues	Feb 17	Josh 24:1-15	John 8:21-30	1 Cor 10:14-22
Wed	Feb 18	Josh 24:16-23	John 8:31-41a	1 Cor 10:23-11:1
Thurs	Feb 19	Ezra 1:1-19	John 8:43-47	2 Cor 1:1-7
Fri	Feb 20	Ezra 2:3-8,15-23	John 8:47-59	2 Cor 1:8-11
Sat	Feb 21	Ezra 3:1-4:3	John 9:1-7	2 Cor 1:12-20
*Sun	Feb 22	2 Kings 2:1-12	Mark 9:2-9	2 Cor 4:3-6
Mon	Feb 23	Ezra 7:27-28,8:21-36	Matt 17:1-9	2 Cor 4:7-18
Tues	Feb 24	Ezra 9:1-15	Matt 8:1-11	2 Cor 5:1-10
Wed	Feb 25	Joel 2:1-2,12-17a	Matt 6:1-6,16-21	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10
Thurs	Feb 26	Ezra 10:1-17	Luke 18:9-14	Titus 1:1-16
Fri	Feb 27	Neh 1:1-11	Luke 9:57-62	Titus 2:1-15
Sat	Feb 28	Neh 2:1-20	Luke 4:1-8	Titus 3:1-15

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

Here is our list of "Items of the Week" for the month of February. Please remember to pick up these items when you are grocery shopping. Please do your part to help stock our pantry for those in need in our church community and in Stoneham and the neighboring communities.

Feb. 1 – 7	Beef Stew
Feb. 8 – 14	Instant Coffee
Feb. 15 – 21	Cake/Brownie Mixes
Feb. 22 – 28	Muffin/Cookie Mixes

Thank you all for your continued help!  
 Lynn Haddad, Lorraine Savage and Sara Thompson



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