



Colebrook Congregational Church

The Friendly Church on the Green

REFLECTIONS



These are tough economic times. That is probably an understatement. As each of us struggles to make ends meet, the church is faced with a similar situation. Our costs to open and operate our beautiful building have risen, especially, the cost of heating and lighting it. Our permanent investment account is not producing as much interest as it has in the past due to the current market downturn. We have relied on this interest in the past to shore up the weekly plate and pledge offerings. As we prepare to present the budget for next year we are being cautious in our task. We have to basically "hold the line" and make do with the same or less money.

Your support is needed more than ever at this time. We want to be able to continue at the same level of ministerial services, to continue to have a good music program and to be able to support our Sunday school as it continues to grow.

We are certainly not alone in our struggle to make ends meet. Many of my colleagues in far larger churches are making adjustments to their budgets for the difficult days ahead.

CCC has been around since the 1700s through times of plenty and times of scarcity. We will continue to be around even longer if we all pitch in and work together to hold together. I have tremendous faith in our small body of Christ and I know that everyone will do all they can do as we walk together along God's pathway.



Love and peace, *Pastor Alice*

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On Saturday, October 18, from 9-10:30 a.m. there will be an informal meeting at the church for those who would like to consider becoming members of Colebrook Congregational Church. During this meeting the structure of Congregational churches will be described as well as the history of CCC and what it means to be a member of the church. Pastor Alice and the Deacons will be present to answer any questions.

So, if you have thought about joining the church but were not quite ready before, now is the time to check things out. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Alice, 379-2517.



AUXILIARY NOTES

\$1315 was deposited to the Auxiliary account following the Tag, Bake Sale and Café held on September 27. While the weather was less than we desired, we did quite well.

There is a Thanksgiving Pie Sale coming up. The price per pie will be \$12.00. We will be baking pumpkin, apple, pecan and chocolate cream. If you would like to donate ingredients for the pies, or simply make a cash donation to this project, please contact Pastor Alice, 378-2517 or Debi McKeon, 738-0850. The order deadline is November 14. The pick-up date is November 26 from 4-6p.m. at the church. Checks should be made payable to Colebrook Church Auxiliary.

On December 13, we will be holding our annual Breakfast with Santa event. This is also the day of the Colebrook Christmas Fair and we will have a table in Town Hall. There will be more details in following newsletters.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested in supporting the work of this group is welcome to attend.

Pastor Alice, Chair

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FROM THE CAFÉ



I would like to thank all of the people who not only helped in the kitchen but everyone who came and supported us, despite bad weather, fun was had by all!

Please don't forget to place your Thanksgiving Pie orders. Order forms are available on the Church website (www.colebrookchurch.org) as well as at the Church and Town Hall. Please call Pastor Alice or myself if you need any assistance. We are offering nine inch pecan, chocolate cream, apple and pumpkin pies at \$12.00 each. This is an Auxiliary Fundraising project.

Debi McKeon

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Study Group will resume meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 10 a.m. We will be looking at the formation of the Bible using a series of articles by Bishop John Shelby Spong. Anyone interested in attending this group is welcome

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The new dividers have arrived. They will be a wonderful addition to Fellowship Hall easily moved and stored when we need full use of the room. The purchase of the dividers was made possible by two generous grants from the Ross Foundation, a long time supporter of CCC.

Jen Hodgkin is the new director of the Sunday school program. She succeeds Linda Farnham who did a wonderful job for us these past few years.

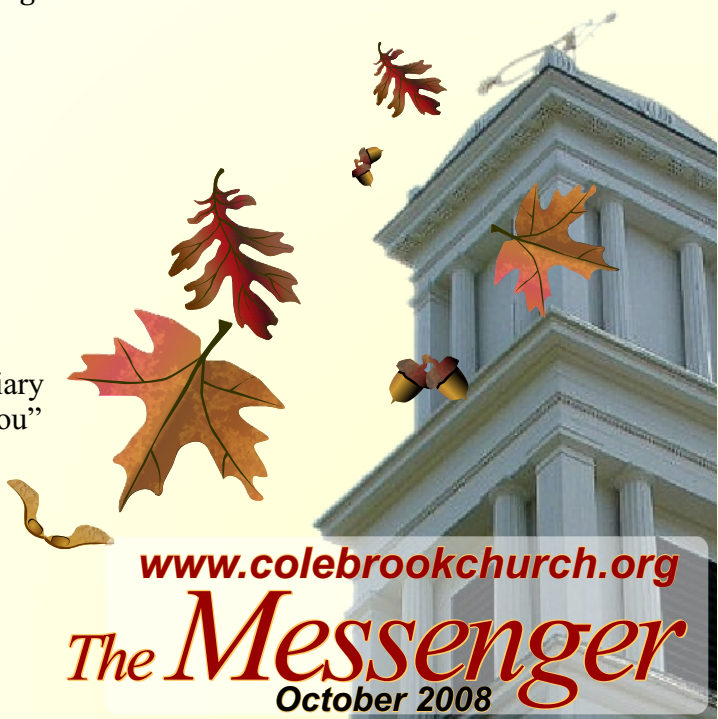
TREASURER'S CORNER

August 2008		Year-to Date	
Income	\$4,827	Income	\$35,685
Expenses	\$7,89	Expenses	\$54,7861
Net Balance	-\$3064	Net Balance	-\$19,101

Our expenses continue to exceed our income in August. The generous donation of \$1500 from the Church Auxiliary helped to prevent a much larger deficit. A big "Thank you" goes out to the hard working Auxiliary volunteers.

As we enter the fall season, if you are able to make an extra donation toward our heating expenses, it would be most appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alison Jassen, Treasurer*



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