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The Spire

July/August 2022

We have been re-opened and in person for a full year now. Wow how the time flies. Thank you for sticking with us and helping us to worship together as a community. As July is ushered in just a reminder that masks are no longer needed for singing. We will still have masks for those that are more comfortable with them on. There are also still at home test kits in the back of the sanctuary.

FAMILY NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Nathaniel Keck	7/4/14	Elizabeth Forbes	8/22/08
Mary Rehnberg	7/14/16		
Trevor Deitz	7/26/12		

Financial Statements will be sent out sometime in July to all those who made a faith promise for 2021. If you do not receive one please let Gloria know. We know this has been a very difficult time and some of you may have trouble keeping up with your pledge. We appreciate all those who have been able to continue their giving. **Please note: your financial statement will now come from email address gghill74@gmail.com**

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Barbara will be in the office most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Barbara will be on Vacation for the week of July 1-8, 2022 but can still be contacted via email at any time. The September Spire deadline is Monday, August 24.

JULY-AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

July 3	Justin Luis
July 5	Jeremy Matson
July 6	Eric LaRocca
July 13	Abigail Johnson
July 24	Tyler Fredritz
July 30	Carol Kallstrom
Aug 7	Judy White
Aug 9	Tyler Hoadley
Aug 11	Kristina Luis
Aug 17	Nancy Brown
Aug 29	Betty Carlson

ANNIVERSARIES

July 6	Bob & Kathy Lamb
July 11	Jim & Gini Blackketter
July 15	Linda Nacinovich
Aug 4	John & Amanda Forbes
Aug 15	Hal & Jan Kamm
Aug 16	Brian & Morette Orth

Keeping in Touch With the Church

If you need to contact Pastor John for pastoral concerns, or for any reason, there are three ways you can do so: by emailing him at fcckentminister@gmail.com, stopping in during office hours at the church or Wilson's or

by calling the church at 860-927-3335. Give him a call or send him an email, and he'll get back to you!

Online Worship Prayer Requests

We want to provide a way for you to share prayer requests if you are joining us on online services. All you will need to do is email Pastor John at fcckentminister@gmail.com or call him at church at 860-927-3335 and let him know about your prayer request. Also, please let him know if you want your prayer request shared during worship, or if you would simply like the name of the person for whom you're making the request shared, or if you want the entire request kept confidential. Prayer requests received before noon on Saturday will be shared at that week's service. So Keep on praying for each other!

Opportunities within the congregation

THESE DAYS for July-September are available on the Lecture Room table. If you would like a copy but don't have a key, please contact the church office.

RALLY SUNDAY!

Just a quick reminder that Rally Sunday or the start of the year celebration is scheduled for September 11! There will be a cookout and time spent as a community. More information to come in the September spire.

Book Club will start meeting again in September. If you want to join and help pick out the next book just email Pastor John and he will get you all set up.

Opportunities/ Events within the Community

Kent Memorial Library is always looking for new books and puzzles for the book sale. So if you have any extras sitting at home you would like to donate, they would be appreciated at the sale. Also Bethany is always looking for people to help do the puzzles to ensure all the pieces are there. She does them all year, so even in the winter, or chilly fall. If you want to help her and pass the time in a very relaxing way give her a shout.

50th Anniversary Celebration for the Eric Sloane Museum!

It's a party, and you are all invited! Join us on July 2nd as we celebrate over 50 years of the Eric Sloane Museum. The day's activities will include historic craft demonstrations, live music, guest speakers, food, and much more! Help us celebrate the museum and make this one of our biggest events to date!

Wet Plate- Tin Type Photography Hands-on Class

Sat, Aug 13th @ 10:00am to 4pm. Cost \$400

Join us as we explore 19th-century wet plate photography through a hands-on workshop at the Eric Sloane Museum. The likes of Matthew Brady and Alexander Gardner may be gone, but the art of wet plate photography has experienced a rebirth in the past couple of decades. Come learn this unique and challenging art in a hands-on workshop with photographer and teacher Mark Bingham. Students will receive complete instruction ranging from a history of the art, how to set up your darkroom, and most importantly, will receive hands-on practice in taking photos using original cameras and lenses from the 1860s. Additionally, each student will receive a manual to take home that reviews the process and suppliers, along with your practice photos taken during the class. All required supplies and equipment are provided during the one-day class.

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE SPACE IS LIMITED:

August 20th & 21st Iron Works Weekend: Join us for guided tours throughout the weekend of the Kent Iron Works and discover the rich history of the region's iron production.



Annual Antique Small Engine Show @ CT Antique Machinery Assoc.

Sat, Jul 23rd @ 9:00am-4:00pm COMBINED EVENT! Annual Small Engine Show AND Giant Rock and Mineral Sale. Sale sponsored by and at the Museum of Mining and Mineral Science on the CAMA grounds. Thousands of specimens, from local, US and world sources. Great prices! Fossils also. Buy by the specimen or by the flat.



Enjoy the significant history of Connecticut and take advantage of our State Museum Sundays!

FREE admission for **Connecticut residents** at any of the four SHPO-operated State Museums on the third Sunday of each month, June--October.

The four Museums include: Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine in East Granby, Henry Whitfield State Museum in Guildford, Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, & Prudence Crandall Museum in Canterbury. The Prudence Crandall Museum is open by timed guided tours.

Tours are offered at:

9 am / 10:30 am / 1:30 pm / 3 pm

Tours are limited to 15 people per tour. Advanced ticket purchase is strongly encouraged.

****The first floor of the Prudence Crandall Museum will be open; please be aware that the rooms are currently empty and do not contain exhibits.****

About the Museum

The Prudence Crandall Museum is a National Historic Landmark located in Canterbury, CT.

In 1832, Crandall, the white principal of the Canterbury Female Boarding School, was approached by a young Black woman named Sarah Harris asking to attend the school. Encouraged by conversations with both Harris and Maria Davis, a Black woman who shared copies of the Abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* with her, Crandall agreed to admit Harris. When residents protested the school's integration and parents threatened to withdraw their students, Crandall closed her school and reopened in 1833 for non-white students. Students traveled from several states. Connecticut responded by passing the "Black Law," which prevented out-of-state Black and Brown people from attending school in Connecticut

towns without local town approval. Crandall was arrested, spent one night in jail, and faced three court trials before the case was dismissed. In September 1834, a nighttime mob attack closed the school. These events made national and international news in the 1830s and galvanized the burgeoning Abolitionist movement. Many of the students such as Julia Williams, Mary Miles, and Mary Harris, went on to become educators, reformers, and leaders in their communities. Crandall v. Connecticut impacted two U.S. Supreme Court decisions and laid the framework for the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Prudence Crandall Museum is a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience. Owned by the State of Connecticut, the Museum is operated by the State Historic Preservation Office.

KENT SIDEWALK SALE DAYS returns!
THURSDAY AUGUST 4 thru SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2022
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Come shop the sales and support the merchants of Kent!



PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

Join the Library and House of Books on Thursday evenings this summer! Outside behind the Library at 8:30 p.m. *Blankets or chairs encouraged! Free and open to the public. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Donations to our Endowment Fund gladly accepted. Please email kla-bmcallister@biblio.org to register.

Schedule:

June 30 Planes, Trains, & Automobiles

July 28 Fantastic Mr. Fox

August 25 Stand By Me

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!