

THE TOWER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I would like to talk about the question of discipline within the church's membership!

At a recent meeting, I heard one of the bishops define the church as a community which equips its members for ministry. I wonder how many of us choose to be part of Golden Hill so that we can be equipped for ministry. I wonder what sorts of difference it would make to Golden Hill if all of its members, or even if a majority of its members saw their membership as a means of becoming equipped to perform ministry.

Stanley Hauerwas identified the inspired church "as a disciplined community." I found Professor Hauerwas' idea to be thought provoking, to say the least.

The professor suggests that the church has opted to become communities of care, as opposed to communities of discipline. Discipline, he suggests, has received a bad name (a synonym for authoritarianism) in a culture which puts a high value on the individual's right to think for him/her.

As he continues to reflect with doubt that people are capable of thinking for themselves, before they have been disciplined to the craft of thinking of all, I was reminded of a creative writing class in college. For two thirds of the class, we practiced imitation. We imitated the writing styles of many well-known writers.

Of course, most of us objected. We have been nurtured to create not imitate. Yet I found the discipline of imitation to be, finally, one of the greatest lessons I had to the development of a writing style I wanted.

In much the same way, Professor Hauerwas suggests that the church needs to get back into the business of teaching church members to imitate the ministries of the saints. We cannot be communities of care, unless we have those who are trained and disciplined in the craft of caring. Professor Hauerwas suggests that because of the decline of discipline in churches, we don't really have caring. We have only friendliness. It is unclear, maintains Professor Hauerwas, how "friendliness" contributes to the growth of God's church meant to witness to the kingdom (the realm) of God."

Uncritical friendliness as the mode for building the church presents a problem for the church. Uncritical friendliness denies us the right to train members, to criticize members, to guide members for ministry. One cannot be friendly, after all, if one is going to impose training and ministry on those who want, merely, to come to a friendly place for a friendly discussion.

One of you said to me recently that we, Golden Hill, probably fish for members in different ponds from which the growing churches are fishing. I think he is onto something. We may be fishing only for fish who want low-level commitment, for fish who want to be left alone. Dare we become something more than a friendly church? Dare we become a called-out community, whose purpose is to equip persons to "serve God and neighbors in all that we do?" Dare we ask questions of ourselves about the appropriateness of disciplining ourselves and other members? Dare we issue the "Choose!" command, the way Jesus did?

Peace (or maybe not!), *Taka*

Weekenders Update!

Thanks to all of you who support the Weekenders project! The week after Easter, Bridgeport public schools went on Spring Break. School is scheduled to end on June 16, with the "absolute last day" on June 23. As you can imagine, preparing backpacks for vacation put a dent in our inventory. With all of May and at least half of June to go, this will be a list of items that are always useful and appreciated!

Individual servings of:

- Cereal (hot or cold)
- Juice boxes
- Crystal Light or comparable
- Pudding, fruit cups, applesauce
- Raisins
- Fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups
- Popcorn
- Vienna sausage
- Pasta with tomato sauce, like Chef Boyardee ravioli, spaghetti's, etc.
- Mac and cheese
- Tuna
- Canned chicken
- Cheese and crackers
- Peanut butter and crackers
- Ramen noodles
- Chili
- Hash



Basically anything that is packaged in individual servings, and is easy for kids to use, works well.

If you have questions about Weekenders, or would like to participate, please see any UMW member, or talk with Melodye Merola, Mary Agostino, Yvette Richardson or Diana Crosdale.

Aromas from the Parlor Kitchen

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The children's list of how to follow Jesus included:

- Respect others.
- Love and care for others.
- Be nice to people: in your family, at school and other places.

Thank You

To Golden Hill Church Members,

Thank you for your prayers & especially for your beautiful cards which have helped to sustain me during this very difficult time in my life - the passing of my beloved twin sister, Kay Norvell. I especially want to thank two people - one, Melody Merola for the time she spent talking with me and the wonderful books and pamphlets she gave me to read. Also, a big thank you to George Nelson and Barbara. Not only did they send us a beautiful card, but George drives out of his way to take Harry to the Sunday night Bible studies, "Tracing Our Roots." What wonderful friends they are! I have read some of the materials and it has helped me.

It has been especially difficult because Kay is my identical twin sister, and we literally did everything together - including having our children only days apart! Because of this the cousins are extremely close and really stick up for each other! All five of them participated in my sister's funeral, and their closeness was so apparent, it brought tears to my eyes! Their love for one another was so apparent.

My sister was the epitome of everything kind and generous in this world, and it goes without saying that I will miss her forever.

Sincerely, *Carole Clauss*

JUNE "TOWER" DEADLINE

Our submission deadline for the June issue will be on May 15. Include your name and committee or organization with your submission. Please submit articles to the blue folder in the church office, or send via email to: tower@goldenhill.org

The Tower is a monthly newsletter of the Golden Hill United Methodist Church, 210 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT. Submission deadline for articles is the 11th day of the month.

Jenny McLachlan, Editor

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What Golden Hill opportunities are ahead to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts and service? Walk or sponsor someone in the **CROP Hunger Walk** May 2nd. Clean your closets and donate clothing & small household items for the May 7-8 Grace-Rachel Circle **Rummage Sale** and then come buy more stuff and tell your friends and neighbors about the sale. **Weekenders** Backpack Project continues to need food donations through the rest of the school year. Read this month's **Stewardship Thoughts**. Wear RED for **Pentecost** on May 23 as our **Confirmation** class become church members. Our **Sunday School** classes are preparing to lead worship on June 13. Meanwhile, Bishop Park has invited the entire **NY Annual Conference** to a **Celebration of Ministry** June 12, and Golden Hill wants to send a bus load of us to be there, so sign up now if you want to be among them. For more information on these activities and other church news, turn the page.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

is it an organization or an event? BOTH!

Bishop Jeremiah Park has extended an invitation to all United Methodists in the New York Annual Conference (that's us!) to attend a celebration of ministry on Saturday, June 12th. The celebration will be held at Hofstra University. We hope you will be able to attend this exciting event, friendly to folks of all ages. Cost for transportation and

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Come learn about Jesus & his followers

Join us each Sunday for study, fellowship and prayer. Classes for all ages.

Sunday School is open to people of all ages and our Kid's Club is open to children from 1st to 3rd grade. We have wonderful teachers who are ready to share with you the people and stories of the Bible! Those children eligible for Kid's Club meet during the 10:30 A.M. morning service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

This year, we will be holding our Christian Education Sunday on June 13, 2010. All of our Sunday School attendees (children, youth & adults) will be conducting and participating in both the 8:30 A.M. worship service

and the 10:30 A.M. worship service. Help us prepare for this by having your child in attendance at Sunday school during the weeks preceding June 13, so they can learn and practice their part of the worship. Please consider this a personal invitation to all to come and worship with us!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REMINDER

To all Sunday School teachers and students: Please remember that there will be no more Sunday School classes after June 13, 2010 until fall. To the teachers, please remember to wrap up all your studies by the end of May, 2010. We will be rehearsing promptly at 9:30 A.M. on June 6, 2010 for the following Sunday. Please remind all your children of this each Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Thanks for a good year!

In Christ Jesus, *Sonya Green*,
Church School Superintendent

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



If you or a family member are graduating this spring we want to know about it. We want to share in celebrating this life event with you.

We will recognize graduates at the 10:30 A.M. worship service on Sunday, June 13th which is also Christian Education Sunday.

Please send us your:

Graduate's name:

School:

Grade or degree completed:

Future plans (if known):

Submit this information to the church office no later than Sunday, June 6 by calling 203-336-0152. or via email to: office@goldenhill.org

Children's Book Corner



Bad Bear Detectives, by Daniel Pinkwater. Grades kindergarten-2. Irving and Muktuk are back again and this time they claim they are being wrongly accused of stealing some Italian designer muffins.

Marley Z and the Bloodstained Violin, by Jim Fusilli. Grades 4-6. Marley's friend Marisol has been accused of stealing a rare violin and Marley sets off to find the real thief.

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls. Grades 10-adult. In this memoir, the author tells of growing up in poverty while her parents followed their own dreams.

Immigration Forum is May 1

The West Indian American Association of Greater Bridgeport and Society and Missions will be co-sponsoring an Immigration Forum on Saturday, May 1 at Housatonic Community College from 9am to 12 noon. Golden Hill and WIAAGB will provide a light breakfast. The Forum will feature a panel of distinguished lawyers including Attorneys Adoo and Maresca to give information on current immigration laws and possible reforms. The Forum is FREE and is open to all. Encourage friends and neighbors to attend!

Health Kits for Haiti- a real partnership!

The UMW and Society and Missions formed a partnership to fill 55 health kits for Haiti which were mailed off this week. You may have noticed that we have BOXES more of kits from 6 to 6 Magnet and Thurgood Marshall Schools. Sabine Auguste, from Haiti, is one of the SHU students who stayed at Golden Hill for Community Connections, She now teaches at Thurgood Marshall and thought health kits would be a good, tangible project for her students. They decided to partner with us and the whole school took it on.

The kids all packed bags on April 9 and finished with 202 kits! I watched one first grader pick out a pink washcloth, a pink towel and pink toothbrush "for a girl like me in Haiti." I wish you could have seen how seriously the kids took the project. The school also donated \$125 to cover the costs of toothpaste and shipping to Haiti (\$2 for every kit), with some more money to come in from staff after vacation week. We mailed off 60 of the health kits from the school this week.. They were delighted to know that the kits would be in "good hands" with UMCOR and that UMCOR had been working in Haiti for many years before the earthquake. On staff member told me that she hadn't donated to Haiti before because she was worried that the money wouldn't really get to the people who need help, but she was glad to give a generous donation to this project.

Thank you to all the members of Golden Hill, the UMW, Society and Missions and ALL the students and staff at 6 to 6 Magnet and Thurgood Marshall Schools for forming such a productive partnership to help the people of Haiti!
Phyllis Machledt

♪ Golden Hill Musical Notes ♪

Thank you to all the Choirs, Soloists, and Instrumentalists for your meaningful ministry during Holy Week and Easter!

Our **Steel Drum Band** is rehearsing and going strong. If all goes as planned you should be hearing them at the 10:30 Worship on May 9th. The Steel Band Practice Schedule continues the training and practice sessions for the steel pans on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

The **Young Glory Singers** are singing on May 9th at the 10:30 Worship Service for their final time until fall. The Young Glory Singers rehearse every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. They are scheduled to sing at worship on Mother's Day, May 9th.

Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday Nights at 7:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays Nights at 7:05 p.m.

Gospel/Praise Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m.

Stop & Shop Card Fund Raiser

Spring has sprung – at last! How about springing to join our painless fund raiser? Many of us have planted an action seed that bears fruit each week when we bring our check books and "shop" each Sunday by buying a Stop & Shop Card.

This Current Expense Fund raiser needs YOU. We average about \$800 in sales each week. It seems our entire congregation buys more Stop & Shop groceries than that each week. You get full value of the card and your church gets 5% from Stop & Shop. Please help us grow this fundraising effort – at no cost to you!

Should you have questions about this program, stop by and ask us – better yet, ask one of your friends who is doing it – they are all around you! It's easy! Cards are sold after chapel and before the 10:30AM service each Sunday. Melodye also has a limited number of cards available during the week.

Council of Churches honors Barbara Stinson with Life Member Award

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport is pleased to announce the presentation of its **"Life Member Award"** to Barbara Stinson, a resident of Stratford, Connecticut and member of Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport. The Life Member Award is given to *"individuals who consistently demonstrate over time a commitment that shapes the organization and leaves their imprint on it ... who provide board or professional leadership over a decade or more, distinctive and sustained generosity that supports mission, or personal work that sets policy and direction into the future."*

Barbara has fulfilled all of these requirements, and more. A complete description of her accomplishments will be offered with the award, presented as part of The Council of Churches' Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Covenant Church of Easton, One Sport Hill Road (Exit 46 just north of the Merritt Parkway), Easton, CT 06612.

The evening begins with a reception at 6:30. Worship and a brief business meeting follow at 7:15. At 7:30, inspirational speaker Jeannette Harris will be our keynote presenter. At 8 p.m. awards will be presented, concluding before 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Those desiring to make tributes gifts in Barbara's honor may make them payable to "CCGB," memoed "Stinson tribute" and mail them to The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport, Inc., 1100 Boston Avenue, Building 5A, Bridgeport, CT 06610.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

- May 2 CROP Walk 1:30 pm (United Congregational Church)
UMYF 6:30 pm
- May 5 Community Supper, Locke Hall, 5:00 pm
Taize, Chapel, 6:30 pm
New Members, Parlor, 7:30 pm
Confirmation, 7:05 pm
- May 6 Rummage Sale Setup
- May 7 Rummage Sale 10 am -4 pm, Locke Hall
- May 8 Rummage Sale 10 am -2 pm, Locke Hall
- May 9 MOTHER'S DAY
UMYF 6:30 pm
- May 12 Community Supper, Locke Hall, 5:00 pm
Taize, Chapel, 6:30 pm
New Members, Parlor, 7:30 pm
Confirmation, 7:05 pm
- May 15 B&P Spring Day, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- May 16 Japanese Special Ministries, 3 pm, Oak Rm
UMYF 6:30 pm
Tracing Our Roots, 6:30 pm, Parlor
- May 18 Finance, 7:30 pm, Oak Room
- May 19 Community Supper, Locke Hall, 5:00 pm
Taize, Chapel, 6:30 pm
New Members, Parlor, 7:30 pm
Confirmation, 7:05 pm
- May 20 Investment Committee, 7:30 pm, Oak Room
- May 23 PENTECOST Sunday /Confirmation
UMYF 6:30 pm
- May 25 Church Council, 7:30 pm, Locke Hall
- May 26 Community Supper, Locke Hall, 5:00 pm
Taize, Chapel, 6:30 pm
New Members, Parlor, 7:30 pm
Confirmation, 7:05 pm
- May 30 Peace with Justice Sunday
UMYF 6:30 pm
- May 31 MEMORIAL DAY (Church office closed)

Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday, May 23

We celebrate the birthday of the Christian church as we begin the season of Pentecost. Since the symbol of Pentecost Sunday is the red tongue of flame that appeared over those worshipping together, please wear something bright red to honor that day.

Our Confirmation Class members will be joining the church on Pentecost Sunday May 23 at the 10:30 worship service. Confirmation is a big step in a young person's life. When a youth reaches

8th or 9th grade it is time for them to renew the vows that were made for them at their baptism and to take on the promises to lead a Christian life for themselves. To assist them through this part of their faith journey we offer a 9 month class which meets weekly for one hour beginning in September.

During this class they read and study scripture, discuss the meanings of the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer, memorize the books of the Bible and the Ten Commandments (among others), learn about John Wesley and the history of the United Methodist church, participate in the Community Suppers program and the Easter Prayer Vigil, and learn about the history, traditions and many service projects of Golden Hill. June Sibley-Prusak and our Pastor Taka Ishii lead the Confirmation group. Each confirmand also has an adult mentor.

Stewardship Thoughts

Reflections on our membership vows to "covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness."

This month's Stewardship message is about **Presence**. God's presence is all around us, in our hearts, our thoughts and our reaction towards life. This message for me was felt during Roena's Lenten Study classes. The passages and the group's thoughts, opened my mind to have a stronger understanding of God's presence in my life.

I also felt God's presence during our Maundy Thursday Service. My thoughts and beliefs were deepened as people read passages from the Bible. The passage that stood out for me was John 13:12-17, **"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."**

As members of Golden Hill United Methodist Church what example are we setting? Our presence in Church is truly one way of following these words, but there are many other ways to show our presence: The Weekenders, Community Supper, and Christmas Baskets. There are many programs offered at Golden Hill and I hope members will search out other ways of having God's presence in their daily life.

I want us to continue being examples of God and I hope our presence on these committees will help expand the growth of Golden Hill United Methodist Church. *Claudette Giscombe*

Golden Hill United Methodist Youth Fellowship



**For all youth entering grades 7 through 12!
Mark your calendar to join us.**

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) is open to all young people entering grades 7 through 12. UMYF meets at the church each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

District Youth Game Day

Golden Hill UMYF members attended the Connecticut District Youth Game Day at Wethersfield UMC in Wethersfield, CT on Saturday, April 17 where they enjoyed participating in activities with youth groups from throughout the district.

UMYF officers

President – Daniel Gregorio
Vice President – Matthew Bollaro
Treasurer – Xavier Hardison
Secretary – Aaliyah Dillion
Grade Representatives:
7/8 Domonique Thompson,
9/10 – Akalia Chambers, 11/12 Elizabeth Martin

NEWS & NOTES FROM The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport

Join us for the **65th Annual Meeting** of The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport! The meeting will be held at Covenant Church of Easton, One Sport Hill Road, on Thursday, May 6. Registration and a bountiful dessert reception provided by Covenant's gracious hospitality team will begin at 6:30 p.m. Devotions and business meeting commence at 7:15 sharp ~ at this time the 2010-2011 slate of Officers and Directors will be presented and voted upon. At 7:30 we are pleased to present our keynote presenter, Ms. Jeanette Harris. Fondly known as "Momma J," Jeanette uses her gifts and talents of music, storytelling, poetry, comedy and drama to bring smiles and inspiration to her audiences. This evening Momma J. will engage us in contemplating "**The Categories of Gratitude.**" At 8 p.m. we will recognize our "**Great Friends**" people whose service and commitment have uniquely advanced The Council's work of "Leveraging Hope and Changing Lives."

Founders Award: Rev. Hopeton A. Scott

Community Builder: Rosa J. Correa

Lurline W. Reid Award: Charles B. Rosenthal

Life Member Award: Barbara Stinson

The evening will conclude on or before 9 p.m. Advance reservations are helpful, email: pattyjensen@ccgb.org

Bridge Building Ministry: Leadership Breakfast: *The Housing Crisis* – focusing on community programs to help avoid foreclosure or "Mortgage Poverty" May 11, 7:30 – 9 am at City Hall Annex, 999 Broad street in Bridgeport. Panelists include: Mr. Todd Fagan – Foreclosure Intervention Specialist; Rev. Marjorie Nunes: President, Divine Mortgage Solutions and Ms. Elizabeth Torres, Executive Director of the Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust, Inc.

Project Learn (turning students into scholars)

Please join us for a very special concert on Saturday, May 15 at St John's Episcopal Church. The New Haven Chorale will perform a benefit concert

for Project Learn. The program includes exciting vocal and instrumental music from Central and South America, and features **Misa Criolla** by Argentine Composer Ariel Ramirez, exciting instrumental music performed by the Alturas Duo, contemporary choral works in Spanish, and audience singing of popular songs in Spanish. Pulsating rhythms, impassioned singing and virtuoso playing will energize your spirits and fill your hearts with joy! Ticket prices are adults: \$20; seniors: \$15; prime seating: \$35 and students are free with their ID. Tickets are available at www.newhavechorale.org or call 203.776.SONG.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 1: First Church of Fairfield will be hosting Battle of the Bands Part II, a fundraiser to support the **Janus Center for Youth in Crisis**. Come support these talented youth as they "rock-out" for area kids in crisis. 7 to 10 pm. Doors open @ 6:30. \$5/ person \$15/family

Sunday, May 2: Greater Bridgeport CROP Walk 1:30 – 5 p.m., departing from United Congregational Church, 877 Park Avenue (at State Street), Bridgeport.

Thursday, June 17: Plan to join us at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre featuring the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.**" The 2010 Faith and Community Award will be presented to **Southport Congregational Church** that evening. \$65/person – for more information, email pattyjensen@ccgb.org or call 203.334.1121 x 243.

Golden Hill Flower Ministry

If you wish to provide flowers or floral arrangements for our worship services in honor or in memory of loved ones, please contact Ruth Hurd. There are a few dates open on the Flower Calendar. After their use in worship, you may take the flowers home with you or leave them to be shared and delivered to our church shut-ins.



CROP Hunger Walk 2010: Walk or sponsor a Golden Hill Walker

Many Golden Hill members will be walking in the **2010 CROP Walk on May 2**, and need your sponsorship to help raise money to support hunger outreach. You can improve your own fitness at the same time if you join them as a walker. Support the CROP Walk and raise money for food nationally and in our own area.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised goes to local hunger programs. **See Dan Gregorio to sign up and get a CROP Walk sponsor sheet.** Our goal is at least 25 walkers from Golden Hill! If you cannot be a walker, please sponsor someone who does.

Golden Hill United Methodist Church has actively participated with a walking team in the annual CROP Hunger Walk for many years in Bridgeport. In 2009, Golden Hillers raised \$2,193 with 29 walkers sponsored by family and friends.

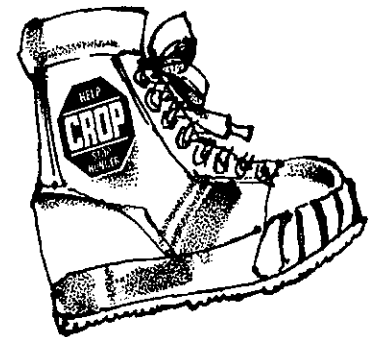
What is a CROP Hunger Walk? Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world - and in their own communities. And you are part of it!

To learn more, go to www.cropwalk.org or visit the website at www.churchworldservice.org and click on the tab labeled CROP Hunger.

HELP STOMP OUT HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Come walk with us and celebrate
36 years of hunger relief
Greater Bridgeport Crop Walk



Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010

Time: 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Place: United Congregational Church

877 Park Avenue, Bridgeport 06604

(Corner of State Street and Park Avenue Bridgeport)

For walk information or questions call: (203) 375-1284

Special note: In spite of the rainy weather the day of the 2009 walk, \$42,504.11 was collected. Many thanks to all who walked in the rain and contributed needed donations.

Dori Fuller receives volunteer award in NC

Charlotte, NC - Dori Fuller received the North Carolina Association of Not for Profit Homes for the Aging (NCANPHA) Volunteer Achievement Award for her volunteer work as an outstanding Aldersgate Resident Volunteer. Here are a few of the reasons she was honored, excerpted from the nomination letter.

Dori enhances the quality of life of older adults in many ways. As a retired Parish Nurse she weaves her ministries of faith & healthcare. She helped create & now coordinates the new resident-run Friends in Deed program in which Aldersgate residents help other residents and their families cope with life's changes that come with aging. Dori and her husband, Norm lead reminiscence groups, worship and hymn sings for residents and their families at Cuthbertson Village, an assisted living memory support center. Dori models how to encourage elders to live life to the fullest and find purpose in living.

Poster Contest Community Partnership Recognition of Appreciation to Golden Hill

The Fairfield County Chapter, The Links Incorporated partnered with the Bridgeport Public Schools, its Directors of Visual Arts and Physical Education, to undertake our fourth Poster Art Contest. This year's program was designed to demonstrate the powerful links between walking and preserving good health today and for future generations. The theme for the 2009-2010 poster art contest was: Project Walking Fete: Make Health a Habit! Stepping Out!

For three years Golden Hill has permitted the final judging of the posters to be held in Locke Hall. Some members of the church have also served as judges. They were: Geraldine Johnson, (three years), Rev. Ishii, (two years), Melodye Merola, (two years), and Roena Littlejohn, (one year). On Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Sacred Heart University, we celebrated the accomplishments of this project. Every student that participated received a certificate of appreciation. The 11 top prizewinners were awarded savings bonds and Golden Hill United Methodist Church was presented a plaque for its three years of contribution to the poster art program. This plaque was given with a deep appreciation to Golden Hill for serving as another fine example in which our church provides community outreach to programs in Fairfield County. I am very proud of our church's contributions to this project.

Geraldine Floyd, Chair
Fairfield County Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

It's Rummage Sale Time at Golden Hill!

Start cleaning out your closets and get ready for the Spring Rummage Sale at church, sponsored by the Grace-Rachel Circle.

Rummage Sale Dates are:

Friday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please gather your family's clean, outgrown or unused clothing, shoes, accessories, books, toys, knick knacks and any small household items. Leave them in the lower church kitchen and have our Office Manager sign a donation sheet which can be found on the counter. Donations will be accepted until noon on Thursday, May 6.

We thank you for your donations and support.

For more information, call Lil Harcarik at 860-738-8638
Julie Lewis at 203-929-4822, or Dianne Severance at 203-333-2934.

