



# CIRCUIT RIDER

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## January 2007

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### January Lectionary Cycle C 2007

#### Jan. 7, 2007

Psalm 29 (UMH 761)  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

#### Jan. 14, 2007

Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Cor. 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

#### Jan. 21, 2007

Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Cor. 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21

#### Jan. 28, 2007

Psalm 71:1-6  
(UMH 794)  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
1 Cor. 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

### WORSHIP IN JANUARY

- Jan. 7 1st Sunday after Epiphany**  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Baptism of the Lord  
Communion Sunday
- Jan. 14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
Martin Luther King Observance  
Human Relations Sunday
- Jan. 21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
Ecumenical Sunday  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
(January 18-25)
- Jan. 28 4th Sunday after Epiphany**



### Sunday School meeting time to change

The trial period of 9:30-10:20 a.m. has not been effective. **Beginning January 7, 2007, Sunday School will revert back to its former time 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**2007 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP** is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please sign up on the Sunday you would like to purchase flowers in memory of or in honor of someone special. Cost of flowers is \$25 and checks should be made payable to CUMC. Please put a star by your name if you wish the flowers to be delivered to a shut in. Questions? Call Faith Geyer, 536-1615.



**Sunday Morning Worship  
10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School  
(Pre-K thru adult)  
9:15 a.m.**

**Nursery Care available during  
worship for ages 5 & under.  
Older children are encouraged to  
remain in worship with their families.**



### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Nov.	26	77
Dec.	3	79
Dec.	10	92
Dec.	17	85
Dec.	24	82
Christmas Eve		111

# Our Church Officers

Church Council Chair: Carl Smith  
 Lay Leader: Gail Watrous  
 Lay Member A. Conf. Carol Boiselle  
 Trustees Chair:  
 Finance Chair: Evelyn Cooke  
 SPRC Co-Chairs: Rich Kozlowski  
 Emily Lanz  
 Treasurer: Carol Boiselle  
 Financial Secretary:  
 Church Historian:  
 Membership Secretary: Janet Long  
 Nurture Team: April B., Jane N.  
 Outreach Team: Darrell Fox  
 Witness Team: Kevin & Kathy  
 O'Shea  
 Fellowship Team: Tim Smith  
 Sunday School  
 Superintendent: Audrey Smith  
 UMW President: Teddy Timpano  
 Shoreline Cluster Rep: Audrey Smith  
 Parish Nurse: Teddy Timpano  
 Youth Representative: Eric Boiselle

## Christian Education

*"You want to know God, in order to enjoy Him in time and in eternity. But remember, before all, in all, and above all, your great point is to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.*

JOHN WESLEY

Superintendent: Audrey Smith  
 Pre-K/Kindergarten  
 Grades 1-3 Charlene Hughes  
 Grades 4-6 Lisa Thomasco  
 Youth Chikwendu  
 Ibejunjo  
 Music Stella Ibejunjo

## Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School 9:15 am Sundays  
 Pre-K thru Adult (Sept to June)  
 Adult Study Thursday mornings  
 9:30 am in church  
 library

## FROM THE PASTOR



What's up with the minister's hair? That's what I'd like to know. If you haven't seen me lately, you might be surprised by my new hairdo. I know I am. I just got my first permanent in 45 years and I'm not sure exactly why because the last one was not exactly a resounding success. For some reason my mother decided October 31 would be a good day for my first beauty shop permanent. The results were unusual to say the least, but that's okay---it didn't last long, because I went to a Halloween party at church that night and one of the activities was bobbing for apples. Let's just say, I won, but the perm lost big time. Apparently, you're not supposed to immerse your whole head in water right after getting an expensive beauty parlor permanent; at least that was the case in those archaic times. Of course my mother was furious, but I was secretly glad to be mostly rid of the horrid, unnatural curls.

So what possessed me to try again? Well, I heard the whole permanent scene had improved somewhat in the intervening years. For one thing it doesn't take all day anymore. And your hair doesn't fall out in clumps if the solution is a little off. A kindly hairdresser suggested my hair would benefit from a "body perm", and I had a coupon on the back of my Big Y receipt. So I took the plunge.

A very nice lady spent quite a lot of time analyzing and fussing over my hair, and things were going okay until, in the middle of "part B" of the treatment she got a phone call. I guess her husband was annoyed that she was working late and wanted her to leave immediately. He was on his way to pick her up. She seemed a little rushed after that. Just as she was blow drying my hair and explaining how to take care of it, he pulled into the parking lot. I didn't have my glasses on, but everyone said it looked great. I left with it still damp and didn't really see it till I got home.

Before, my hair was flat and listless. Now it has character. Lots of character. Some days I look like a cross between Harpo Marx and Arlo Guthrie. Or, for you fans of British television Sci-Fi shows, Tom Baker as the fourth incarnation of Dr. Who. I think its because I didn't get the full explanation of how to manage it. And after my experience with my last perm, I'm afraid to wash it.

Something new is always a challenge, even if you more or less asked for it. A new baby is a delight, but it sure shakes up your life. And that might turn out to be a good thing. Maybe that's why God sent us a baby on Christmas. And now we have to learn to live with him. And isn't he just what we asked for? When we needed help we cried to God and God heard our prayers and sent a savior; someone who shares out sorrows and joys; someone who knows what its like to be human, to experience the daily slings and arrows and exquisite sweetness of living in this complex and beautiful world. What a comfort in tough times. What a challenge to engage with life as Jesus teaches us to do. We might as well get used to it though. Its who we are now. In Christ we have been transformed into the children of God.

As we start a new year, let us embrace the newness of life, looking forward with joy to all that God has in store for us. I've only had my new hair for a few days now. I'm still surprised when I look in a mirror. But I'm sure I'll get used to it. If not, there's always bobbing for apples.

## Church Office Hours

8:30-11:30 Tues,  
 8:30-3 Thurs.,  
 8:30-11:30 Fri.

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 Fax: 860-448-1254

Email: christumcgroton@juno.com

## February Circuit Rider Deadline is Mon., Jan 15!

**Please note: information not received by the 15th is not guaranteed for inclusion!** Please remember--just because I may not be in the office does not mean your articles shouldn't be! Thank you.



# Circle of Love



## Keep In Your Prayers

We are starting a new prayer list for the new year. If you would like a name added to the list, please let Jan know by calling **445-0088** or emailing [christumcgroton@juno.com](mailto:christumcgroton@juno.com)

**Shut Ins:** Hazel Ware, Thelma Scarano,  
Sandy Sanderson

**Nursing Home Facilities:** Vi Damon,  
Ruby Sanderson

**Note:** Please be sure when you are admitted to any hospital you list your church affiliation so we will be notified in a timely manner. As required, all details will be kept in strict confidence unless you release the information.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO**

3 Ruth Fell	16 William Beebe
Adelle Coleman	20 Bradley Bensko
6 Dot Headley, Grace	21 Brandon Forde
Nepomuceno	24 Amy Geyer
12 Sushma Sidhu,	26 James Damian
Brynn Doughty	27 Dakota Bryson
13 Dominic Larubina,	28 Diana Timpano
Darrell Fox,	
Lisa Thomasco	

If we've missed your birthday, our apologies. Please call, write or e-mail the church office



THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! for once again responding so generously to a need at Claude Chester School. I have delivered 9 jackets for them to give to students who need them. I have also taken the ones not needed by the school, at this time, to Groton Social Services for them to dispense. Thank you again. Carol Alvarez

Thank you very much for your generous donation of boys' and girls' winter coats. It will mean a much warmer winter for many of our students! Best wishes for a great New Year! A very special "thanks" to Carol Alvarez for delivering the coats to us!! Your friends at Claude Chester Elementary School

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have sent cards, prayed for me and supported me through this ordeal. I am very slowly getting better. Carol Scaletti

Thank you to the congregation for the wonderful Christmas gifts. Pastor Jean

- Sarah Long — Honors
- Billy Schmeelk — High Honors
- Eric Boiselle — Honors
- Dana Buttermore — High Honors



## In Memoriam

*Evelyn Kelly*

*August 4, 1913 - November 24, 2006*

From April Britt: We are saddened by the sudden death of Evelyn Kelly on November 24 at Fairview at the age of 93. She was a knowledgeable, generous and humorous lady. She was also a spunky person. All who knew her loved her.

We have planned a memorial service for her on January 29 here at CUMC at 7:00 p.m. Come and share some thoughts about Evelyn.

**Please keep all of our military personnel in your prayers!  
PRAY FOR PEACE!**

ENS Aaron Fuller	Heath LaBox
Chaplain Rendell Rozier	Patrick Fox
Michael Bennett	Steve Veteto
Mike Sanders	John Selander
Russ Adams	Todd Meyer
Joshua Balter	William Kenyon



# UMW (United Methodist Women)

## Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 4 Pot Luck (*Birthday Cake/Janet*)  
UMW Leadership Team Report
- Jan. 11 Bag Lunch, Business meeting
- Jan. 18 Bag Lunch, Response Moment (Teddy)
- Jan. 25 Bag Lunch, Prayer Calendar (Janet)

UMW invites all women that attend our church to join us for our luncheon meetings. We gather in the Library at 11:30 am every Thursday. Please think about joining us for fellowship or any special program planned.

### From the President

*Teddy Timpano – 536-6819*

Happy New Year and welcome to another wonderful year, full of opportunities to serve the Lord by serving our fellow man! As a relatively new member of the UMW I, like many others, have had an inaccurate understanding of what the group is all about. Sewing? Crafting? Cooking? Selling stuff? (Honestly, isn't that what one *sees* us doing?) Not sure that's up my alley, said I... I was uninformed about what the actual UMW PURPOSE is. Just for review:

*The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

For a concrete thinker like myself, what does this mean and specifically, how is CUMC's UMW unit living up to this purpose? What are we doing right and where can we grow to include more of our church women? The UMW Leadership Team is proposing that our unit tackle these questions in 2007 in creative and flexible ways. *Watch what happens!*

**MOTHER'S RETREAT CHRISTMAS PARTY:** I wish you could have heard the words yourselves...The young women of Mother's Retreat are so thankful to each of you who so generously gave Christmas gifts to them and their children. Gift giving to their own children is not often a possibility for them so *your* gifts were so special and appreciated. A festive pot luck lunch, carol sing and arrival of Santa completed the time together.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this party successful. (P.S. Thanks to those UMW ladies – Janet, Faith, Teddy – who held Christmas crafting sessions with the mothers. The projects turned out great and in many cases, helped the girls develop leisure skills they didn't even know they had.)

BE ALERT in January for news about a special Memorial Service that will be held for our dear Evelyn Kelly. Our hearts ache at losing this kind soul but we are certain she is in God's warm embrace now.

COMING SOON to our CUMC website... A UMW link that will give you details of what our unit is all about *and will help you see how you can fit in!*

**Mother's Retreat wish list.**


- Good used blankets or comforters.
- Tools for a toolbox for the MR home: pliers, hammer, screwdrivers, hand drill, etc.
- House vacuum
- Small handheld vacuum.

If anyone has extra of these items call Janet or see her in church. 572-9091.

## April's Musings

Janet & Ed Kent have moved back to the area, Ledyard. They lived in Oakdale before.

Alma Clinton wrote that daughter Jen is getting married in Middletown, CT in April. Glad Alma is doing well after surgery.



**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**  
Darrell Fox, Chairperson  
536-7363

## New London Meal Center Upcoming Dates

**January 23, 2007**  
**January 31, 2007**



## CUMC HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Teddy Timpano, Parish Nurse

Your Health Ministry is active on several fronts and wants you to know:

January is *National Blood Donor Month*. We will be providing general information about the importance of donating blood and how to get ready to do so. We hope to recruit some first time donors and help them develop this *very positive habit*. **Our church will host its annual blood drive on March 19, 2007 between 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm.** As usual, the very able UMW will provide refreshments for donors. *Please save the date!*

Committee members will be teaching a variety of health topics to CUMC kids in 2007. They will do so through various formats, including mini-health talks. Content will be very basic and comes from materials from the Ledge Light Health District and the American Red Cross.

Consensus is that the Health Ministry Committee needs to promote more clearly the kinds of helping supports that are available for church members. Please look for our nifty Helping Hands flyer in upcoming church bulletins and Circuit Rider.



### NURTURE TEAM Chairpersons

April Britt, 448-0308 &  
Jane Nemeth, 536-4029

The Nurture Team will be evaluating our weekly communion at our January 30, 2007, meeting and is looking for your feedback. We would like to hear from you as to what your thoughts and concerns are. Please talk to anyone on the team or put a note in our mailbox (in the hallway near the back doors). Thank you!

Many of you have enjoyed the bulletin covers that were generously donated this fall by Gayle Webb. If you would like to purchase a bulletin cover for a particular Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one(s), please see Gayle Webb (401-377-2113) or Jane Nemeth (536-4029). The cost is approximately \$10.00. Thank you!

## Committee on Lay Leadership

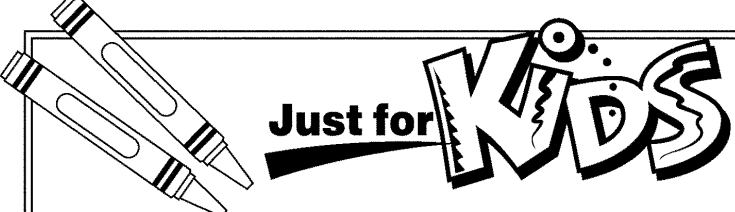
(Nominations)



We are looking for volunteers to serve as the following:

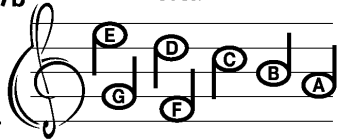
- Member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (meets approx. four (4) times a year)
- Church Historian (please see Cliff Beebe if you have any questions, 536-7675)
- Financial Secretary (most of this can be done on your home computer or on the church computer)

Please see Jane Nemeth (536-4029) or April Britt (448-0308) if you are interested.



**Psalm 147:1,7b** Code:

Use this musical code to fill in the blanks. Write the name of each note on the line.



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# 2007 TEAMS AND COMMITTEES

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Peg McComas	Emily Lanz*	<b>Vanessa Evans</b>
Rich Kozlowski*	Sudhir Sidhu	<b>Sheila Church</b>
Jim Lanyon	Sue Barnard	Carol Boiselle
	Gail Watrous	

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Austin Alvarez	Walt Barnard	<b>Bill Long</b>
Lorraine Lanyon	Jane Nemeth	<b>Barbara Barber</b>
Gordon Angell	Charlene Hughes	<b>Carl Smith</b>

(The chairperson is elected at the first meeting in January)

## COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Jane Nemeth*	Janice Walker	<b>Ruth Fell</b>
Gordon Angell	Barbara Barber	<b>Lucy Anunciado</b>
Jim Lanyon	Faith Geyer	<b>Mike Weber</b>
	Gail Watrous	

(Chairperson is always the current Pastor)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Evelyn Cooke\*, Asst. Chair & Asst. Treas., Jim Lanyon; Treasurer & LMAC, Carol Boiselle; Council Chair, Carl Smith; Trustee Rep. picked by the Trustees; Stewardship, Sue Barnard; Lay Leader, Gail Watrous; Pastor Jean Marsh; Financial Secretary: At Large: Gloria Gancarz, Austin Alvarez, Sue Barnard (2008), Walter Barnard (2008)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES TEAM

Darrell Fox\*, Peg McComas, Ruth Fell, Don & Barbara Barber, Carol Alvarez, Lelia DeMitte, Vanessa Evans, Kevin O'Shea, Kathy O'Shea, Stella Ibebunjo

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES TEAM

Tim Smith\*, Carl Smith, Jim Lanyon, Gene Gancarz, Rebecca Krajewski, Jason Forde, Cindy Reynolds, **Janet Long, Emily Lanz**

## HEALTH CABINET

Teddy Timpano, RN\*, Jane Nemeth, April Britt, RN, Rev. Reuben Telemaque, **Rev. Jean Marsh, Vanessa Evans, Jim Lanyon, Sushma Sidhu**

## NURTURING MINISTRIES TEAM

Jane Nemeth\*, April Britt\*, Audrey Smith, Cindy Reynolds, Lucy Anunciado, Teddy Timpano, Chikwendu Ibebunjo, Judy Sylvia, **Heather Doughty, Gloria Gancarz**, Altar and Communion: Janice Humes, Faith Geyer (flowers), Gayle Webb (communion)

## WITNESS MINISTRIES TEAM

Kevin & Kathy O'Shea\*, Members:

## COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Lee Watrous	Doris Blazek	<b>Janet Long</b>
Ernie Cooke	Jan Walker	<b>Bill Long</b>
Jim Lanyon	Carol Alvarez	<b>Barbara Barber</b>
Gayle Webb	Ruth Fell	<b>Lelia DeMitte</b>
Gordon Angell	Sue Barnard	<b>Gloria Gancarz</b>
Emily Lanz	Walter Barnard	<b>Gene Gancarz</b>
	Sudhir Sidhu	<b>Mike Weber</b>

\*Indicates Chair or Co-Chair and those names in **bold print** are new to that Team or Committee

*Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*

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**DATED MAIL**  
**DELIVER IMMEDIATELY**

*Do you have news to share with the community?  
 Please call Jan at the church office. 445-0088 or  
 e-mail at [Christumcgroton@juno.com](mailto:Christumcgroton@juno.com)*

**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION**—If church should need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to WFSB-TV/CBS-3 or WVIT-TV/NBC-30 for cancellations.

Date	Ushers	Liturgist	Coffee	Acolyte	Psalter	Greeters	Counters
Jan. 7	Bob & Josh Anunciado	Gordon Angell	Gordon & Bethany Angell	Alex Reynolds	Sarah Long	Walt & Sue Barnard	Counters Needed
Jan. 14	Charlene Hughes Janine Boiselle	Carol Boiselle	The Sidhu Family	Andy Thomasco	Kurt Boiselle	Cliff & Marge Beebe	Counters Needed
Jan. 21	Marshall Humes & Carl Smith	Sue Barnard	The Doughty Family	Sushant Sidhu	Jay Rodriguez	Don & Barbara Barber	Counters Needed
Jan. 28	Gail & Lee Watrous	Audrey Smith	Ruth Fell & Lynne Traver	Chris Reynolds	Janine Boiselle	Carol Boiselle Doris Blazek	Counters Needed

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Christ United Methodist Church is a family of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. We accept Christ's call to proclaim the gospel in word and deed by our activities within the congregation - nurturing the members of His Church through education, prayer, worship and fellowship - and by our activities in the world - proclaiming a ministry of compassion in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Sunday Worship  
 10:30 a.m.**

**Coffee and Fellowship  
 11:30 a.m.**

**Nursery Available  
 during worship**

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