# The Spire

## From

**September 2009**

*"We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day."*
*~Edith Lovejoy Pierce*

The calendar may read September, but for many of us, including KCC Members and Friends, we are embarking on a new year. September marks the beginning of a new school year. URI begins its new year with a new president. Here at KCC, we begin our new year by welcoming Rev. Patricia L. Liberty as our Interim Minister. Pat was the unanimous choice of the Board of Deacons and Church Council. We are excited by her energy and experience. Pat begins her ministry at KCC on September 8th and will lead us in worship starting on Sunday, September 13th. Following the worship service on Sunday September 13th, KCC will host the ALL CHURCH PICNIC where we will have the opportunity to meet and to welcome Pat.

The New Year traditionally marks a time of reflection and resolutions. This is an opportunity for all to reflect on the over three hundred year history of KCC as we shape the next three hundred years. Our weekly bulletin states, we are all ministers of the church. The church is **"the people"**. That is why it is so important to have all of our hopes and dreams and concerns heard. You have recently been asked to complete a survey as part of the church's strategic planning. These responses will be used as the basis for discussion during upcoming small group meetings. We are a church of diverse ages and opinions and there is a page reserved for each of us. So in the coming year, let us fill in the blank pages TOGETHER.

**Happy New Year!**

Deb Shaw
Board of Deacons, Chair

***Welcome*** *to new visitors and to old friends.* ***Welcome*** *to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, single people and children.* ***Welcome*** *to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientation, to young and old, to believers and questioners, and welcome to questioning believers.* ***Welcome*** *to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. We joyfully and unconditionally welcome you. We hope you find peace and inspiration in our service.* ***YOU are welcome here!***

(Voted on and approved by the congregation January 28, 2007)

## *In Sympathy*

The congregation expresses deepest condolences to the following:

Barbara Hart on the death of her mother, Lois Guise on July 15, 2009.

The family of Suzanne Kenyon who died on July 16th at the age of 103. A service was held in the sanctuary on July 20th.

Helen Behrens and family on the death of her husband, Herb Behrens who died on July 17th. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on August 13th.

Deborah Ricciarelli and family on the death of her husband, Louis Ricciarelli on July 28th.

Joy Utter and Daehler Hayes on the death of Joy's mother, Dorothea Utter who died on August 3rd. A memorial service was held at Seekonk Congregational Church on August 6th.

Jeff and Andrea Richardson and family on the death of Jeff's father who died on August 4th.

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## *Baptism:*

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| Travis Benjamin Coleman | Parents: David and Jennifer Coleman | March 29, 2009 |
| Laurel Elizabeth Coleman | Parents: David and Jennifer Coleman | March 29, 2009 |
| Mason Kammy Thorn | Parents: Robert and Niki Thorn | August 2, 2009 |
| Zander Luke Winter | Parents: Toar and Melissa Winter | August 2, 2009 |
| Gavin Stiles Urian | Parents: Craig and Kileen Urian | August 9, 2009 |

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*September's Deacon of the Month is Beth Asher.*

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## THANK YOU!!!

**THANK YOU** to Enrico Garzilli and Kevin Munroe for their inspiring services and pastoral care they provided to the congregation during July and August. We are truly blessed to have such immense talent in our midst.

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### WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS

**REMINDER:** With Pat Liberty, our new Interim Minister starting in September, the Deacons would like to remind everyone to please wear your NAME TAGS to make it easier for Pat to get to know us. If you need a name tag, please fill out a request form at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour.

# Thank you.

When I started my new ministry as the 17th Senior Pastor of the South Church in Andover on Sunday, August 2nd, my eyes welled with tears as I opened the bulletin and saw that the flowers for that day were given by the people of the Kingston Congregational Church. Many people here commented about how thoughtful that was. Donna and I are deeply touched by your farewell to us: the celebration luncheon, the wonderful gifts and funds to be used for something that will remind us of you, the memory book signed by so many, the cards, letters, emails, poster from the children, a CD of the video and soundtrack produced for the celebration, the song created by the children in my final service, the stunning painting by Elizabeth Ferry, and the Adirondack chairs inviting us to rest and entertain in our new yard. We will cherish our fond memories of being with the good people of the Kingston Congregational Church and hold you in our prayers as you move into new adventures with the hope that the best is yet to come. Thank you!

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# Shed and Pastor's Study

Our backyard trash shed has had a major overhaul. Thanks to the repairs from Dave Cox, Alan Embree and Howie Hallberg, I was able to then give it a good cleaning, and a coat of paint to freshen it up a bit. Audrey Hallberg

If you get a chance, stop by and see the Pastor's Study. It has all been thoroughly cleaned and repainted. There is a large desk in that study, but does anyone know where it came from? If so, kindly let Pat Cox, Dick Shaw or Audrey Hallberg know about it. Thank you.

# Bricks

We are offering you another opportunity to purchase an engraved brick for our walkway. Wouldn't it be nice to remember family members, friends, graduates, marriages, births, anniversaries, etc. with a special gift of an engraved brick to last many, many years to come. Your own names would be a super addition to our KCC walkway too, knowing you will be helping our church as well. Bricks are $100 each, unless you use extra letters which cost another $5.00. Kindly make checks payable to KCC, and write BRICKS in the memo line. Forms for the brick orders are in Fellowship Hall on a table. Please leave all orders in the church office. Questions? Call Audrey Hallberg at 364-0803. Thank you.

# Fundraising Event with all proceeds to KCC

The largest event on our church calendar to raise money for our general funding takes place in November of this year! KCC will host a Holiday Bazaar offering items for sale and auction. The event will last two days reaching out to everyone in our church and those in the surrounding communities. We need items to sell and here are a few ideas of things you could donate:

Antiques, toys, vacation rentals, sporting equipment, jewelry, lawn tools, furniture, computers, household appliances, tools, lamps, china, artwork, quilts, clocks, books, ceramics, ornaments, candleholders, cameras etc… Clothing, footwear and accessories will only be accepted as brand new.

We will begin accepting all donations! To arrange a special pick-up of an item too large to carry, please allow at least two weeks for our KCC preferred carrier service to pick-up at your location.

This event will be advertised free in all local newspapers in the community section the weeks before the event. We will also get advertising free in the South County Living Magazine in their calendar of fall events section. To assure exposure in our immediate region, the South County Independent Newspaper will serve as our primary resource. We need sponsors for advertisements! The following is a list of ads you could donate to:

One Inch Column $10.00
1/16th page $80.00
1/8th page $160.00
1/4 page $320.00
1/2 page $640.00
Full page $1,280.00

Please feel free to call me with any questions: Mark Tortolani – 401-539-7417.

# Contemplative Prayer

Beginning September 14th, the program of contemplative prayer will be held Mondays, 7-8 pm and Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm. It is held in the church library. All are welcome and there is no cost.

This time of quiet restfulness with God and one another lasts about 40 minutes and features the inspiration of great music and the encouragement of Bible-based readings.

# 2nd Annual Golf Outing
# Sunday, September 27th at Laurel Lane

Tee times are from 12:15 to 1:30PM. **The Entry Fee is $100.** The event's Cash Raffle will be open to anyone who wants to take a chance; we'll be selling tickets each Sunday in September. So talk with your friends and get a foursome together for the 27th. A sign up poster is in Fellowship Hall. Contact Tom Butcher, Paul Schubert or Jim Ross for more details.

# S. P. N. M.

The LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AWARD will be presented by South Providence Neighborhood Ministries to the Kingston Congregational Church in recognition of the long term support of their programs through financial and volunteer efforts of KCC members. The award will be presented at the SPNM Chocoholic Frolic and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 17th at the Canonicus Conference Center, Exeter, RI from 3 – 6 p.m. In addition, one individual and one mission team will also receive an award in their category. The entrance fee will be $15 and tickets should be purchased prior to October 17th.

Donations of gift certificates or baskets are needed for the Auction. Such themes as gardening, Thanksgiving, birds, dogs, cats, Halloween or candy or any others are fine for a basket. If you have an item to contribute, call Nancy Bancroft, Frolic Chair at 783-4231 or the Mendillos 789-0937 or the Findlays 783-2254.

Those Kingston UCC members who attended last year had a great time and ended up leading the singing to the music of Marc Ferrelli with his accordion. Come join us this year!

# Thank you.

We want to thank everyone who sent cards, and those who personally congratulated us on our 70th wedding anniversary. We feel blessed to have had each other for so many years, and to belong to such a warm and caring congregation.

George and Wilma Moore

# Church School News

It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of the summer – and time to think about "back to school" again!

Church School begins this year on September 13th with a Church School Open House at 9am. Come join members of the CE Board, the Church School Director, and your children's teachers for a cup of coffee before the service - and don't forget that the church picnic takes place after church at the West Kingston Playground!

Please remember that all children need to be registered for church school. Registration Forms will be available at the Open House and in the Church Office. It is also easy to register on-line at the church's web site, www.kingcongchurch.org .

There will be a CPR and First Aid Class presented by the Kingston Fire District on October 4th at 11:30 am. The class will be held at the Fire District Headquarters on Asa Pond Road and will last approximately 3 hours. Church School teachers will be given first priority, but there should be room for several more participants. There is no cost for the class, but there is a $5.00 processing fee for the certification card. Please see Joanne Gyorgy to register, or for more information.

Church School Wish List: If anyone could donate these items, please let Joanne know:

- Battery operated wall clocks for classrooms
- Toys for the Nursery (no stuffed animals or toys with small parts) – "Little Tykes"-type toys would be especially appreciated!

# POTLUCK FAMILY GAME NIGHT!
# September 25, 2009 at 5:30 pm

The CE Board is sponsoring the first KCC family game night! Please bring a main dish to share and drinks for your family. There will be a signup sheet at the Welcome Table. We will have a fun time with the KCC family as we play games for all ages!

# KINGSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

EVENT: **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

DATE: **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009**

TIME: **12:00 TO 3:00 P.M.**

*NEW* LOCATION: **West Kingston Park**
**Kingstown Rd., Route 138**
**Kingston, RI**

## DETAILS:

- We will grill delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers for you, and we will provide chips, condiments, and both lettuce and pasta salads.
- Come ready to Play! Bring a glove for softball, or enjoy playing Frisbee, bocce, or croquet. This park also has a playground, tennis and basketball courts.

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Please bring a *dessert to share* or *beverage to share*.
- Lawn chairs, blankets, sunscreen.
- Any lawn games you may have.

West Kingston Park is 2.3 miles/4 minutes from church

See you all there. ☺