

## WCF Annual Report 2009

WCF! What is WCF? Who is WCF?  
It's all about FELLOWSHIP!

Our church has embarked on something new with WCF – so read on!

On the evening of September 9, 2009 (090909) several women gathered for a meal and fellowship, with the intent to discuss the future of the Women's Christian Fellowship group. A lovely supper, catered by Jesse Camilles and served by Peggy Dufresne and Jane Walsh (with the helping hands of Josh Dufresne) was enjoyed by all.

The attending women were: Dottie Hewes, Lori Hale, Eileen Russo, Joyce Monem, Barbara DeBisschop, Jean DeBisschop, Kay Smilo, Stacey Cypher, Marji Hughes, Carol Delagrang, Doris Carroll, Dixie Lafo, Gail Novey, Nancy Nurnberger, Emma Fabian, Linda Bosse, Jane Walsh, Heidi Sullivan, and Peggy Dufresne.

Gordon led us in prayer as we began our discussion which centered on our grateful thanks to the many women who came before us, and supported, nurtured and grew together as women in this church community. These women gave greatly and their gifts are evident through-out our buildings and in the community. Founded first as a service organization, evolving to a more social organization with service intent, women developed leadership styles and position – bringing them into the workplace and to be active and able leaders in the church. The time for this organization to evolve again appeared evident and this group prayerfully and joyfully embraced the opportunity to be an active part of that evolution.

Gordon introduced the discussion based on the 'old car' metaphor. We have an old vehicle that just hasn't been running lately. Do we want to invest in fixing up the old car or buy a new one? Will investing in the old vehicle take us where we want to go without wasted expense? Or is it time to scrap the old one and invest in a new vehicle to take us where we want to go? Will we find a Mercedes underneath the rust?

With Linda Bosse as our moderator, (Thank you, Linda!) we were guided thru 4 questions:

- 1) Are you interested in more opportunities for Christian Fellowship? For just women, or for CF involving the whole church family?
- 2) In what KIND of ways would you like to EXPERIENCE AND FOSTER fellowship with one another?
- 3) Using our "old car/new car" metaphor: Do you feel it is best for us to invest in "renovating" our old vehicle for fellowship or do you feel it is best for us to invest in a "new vehicle"?
- 4) Are YOU willing to invest in renovation our "old" vehicle? Are YOU willing to invest in the purchase of a "new" fellowship vehicle? (with your TIME and TALENTS and ENTHUSIASM)

To question #1 - YES came from each of the tables. All agreed that Christian Fellowship activities should be offered and extended to both women and men and the whole church family. While there was lively discussion on the need for activities for 'just women', the consensus was that we should not operate in an exclusive manner. We need 'all' parts of the church family to be active (not just as participants – as leaders too). The group recognized that there are some basic components of the WCF in place and while the need will be there to update them, there was no need to re-invent them.

The group consensus was to base this new **Whole Church Fellowship** upon the following:

*An over-arching co-ed leadership creating opportunities for Christian Fellowship via social, spiritual and service events, with strong marketing behind it and child care offered.*

To question #2:

The responses identified the need for activities that were geared to adults and family, with some activities for just women and just men.

In response to question #3:

The group recognized that there are some basic components of the WCF in place and while the need will be there to update them, there was no need to re-invent them. *The concept of a "board" leadership structure was not useful and the group saw the need to create an "action team" or "steering committee".*

In response to question #4:

*All the women present indicated their willingness to participate in the future of Christian Fellowship. It was recognized that strong marketing and invitation is essential to reaching out into our church family, offering encouragement and opportunity to 'get involved' in an area where there is some passion and enthusiasm. We must help each other find the area(s) that speaks most...and explore the news ways of connecting as a church family.*

Eight women stepped up to offer to be part of the steering/action team.

They are: Barbara DeBisschop, Peggy Dufresne, Joyce Monem, Lori Hale, Dottie Hewes, Gail Novey, Emma Fabian and Nancy Nurnberger. Since then Heidi Sullivan has been a routine member!

The names of several men were offered to be invited to participate in this team also. A group of 12 seemed manageable, and the group asked several men to be part of leadership. Those agreeing to serve were: Charles Roberts, Ron Humphrey and Dave Shaw. Others invited to participate declined, however all meetings will be announced and anyone interested in attending will be welcome.

We have begun the evolution to WHOLE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP and ask that you come with your enthusiasm and passion ON!

The WCF Steering Committee quickly planned several events spanning the months of September thru April!

October 16<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed 'Farkle' Night – a fast paced dice game open to all. We had a wonderful turn-out with ten tables of action! Thanks to Barbara DeBisschop, who took the lead on this!

November is fair month! The Steering Committee supported Valerie Dunn in her leadership of our annual Christmas Fair. This is a fun time for all, and Valerie was a great leader! As always the work got done, the fair was magical and we raised approximately \$9000! Thanks Valerie for stepping up and taking on the organization and planning!

We also took a little time in November to just enjoy a night out – with no work! On November 20<sup>th</sup>, WCF traveled to the Methodist Church down the street to their Friday night Coffee House! Thanks to Emma Fabian for making the arrangements!

December found us caroling, with a shortened route due to a snowstorm on our scheduled day. We did have a large group of joyful singers that traveled to see several of our homebound members! December also provided an opportunity for a little fun with some trivia games, snacks and a grab bag. Many thanks to Marji Hughes for her creativeness and for pulling this together!

January was Military Euchre month! We had 8 tables of six players each for a really fun time! This was SO much fun; we are planning to play again in June, so start assembling your teams now and be ready! Many thanks to Jillian Dufresne for being our 'caller'.

February is Birthday month! We celebrated EVERYBODY'S' birthday on February 21<sup>st</sup> with a soup and salad lunch following worship. Many thanks to our Cake Bakers for the event: Barbara DeBisschop, Lori Hale, Gail Novey, Jennifer Dupont, Stacey Cypher, Rolanda Mitchell-Linton, Charles Roberts, Dave Shaw, Jean DeBisschop, Heidi Sullivan, Joyce Monem and Nancy Nurnberger. Also to our Soup suppliers: Heidi Sullivan, Emma Fabian, Peggy Dufresne and Dave & Barb DeBisschop! We celebrated by asking all who attended to bring a birthday gift to the kitchen to replenish old utensils and dish towels, etc – so thanks to all who gave!

The WCF bank balance is \$20,135.14 as of 2/8/2010 per our Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Nurnberger

**There is more to come and fun for everyone – so stay tuned to your Parish Scope and watch for announcements on our coming events. April will be a museum tour and luncheon in New Haven led by Dave Shaw.**

**And remember – its' WHOLE Church Fellowship – so it is about YOU!**

Sincerely,

Peggy Dufresne, Barbara DeBisschop and Nancy Nurnberger

## Clothier/Book Nook Annual Report 2009

We had a good year and received many great clothes, including many new ones, some with tags still on. Also purses, tote bags, curtains, linens and blankets. Through advertising and word of mouth we have developed a constant clientele and they in turn bring in their family members and friends and in a short time, become regulars.

We were able to make the following donations to the listed groups and organizations:

Boy Scouts Troop #102 (They meet in our Parish Hall) \$500.00

The Ecumenical Food Bank of Naugatuck \$500.00

Simply Smiles \$250.00

The Casa Hogar/Oaxaca Group \$1,000.00

The Pilgrim Fellowship Group \$1,000.00

The Scrooby Group \$1,000.00

God's Adventurers \$250.00

The clothier also bought a new freezer for the Parish House kitchen.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the clothier and the whole church had a great loss on the passing of Louise Morgan – you are greatly missed.

We pray that the new year of 2010 will bring us additional volunteers, customers and a greater return for the good of our church.

Volunteer workers are:

Jean DeBisschop

Marianne Mullens

Barbara Lampo

Rolanda Mitchell-Linton

Cindy Creem

Linda Traver

Susan Ardry

Kay Smilo

Kathy Begin

Ginnie Millo

Our long time volunteers, Helen Wilmot, Lillian Terrill, Ginny Newell, Ruth Kirk and Sarah Sandri felt it was time to step down. A great big thank you to all the past and present volunteers along with Claude Traver who is a great help; he keeps the clothier clean for us, thanks Claude.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean H. DeBisschop  
Clothier Manager

Boy Scout Troop 102 Annual Report for 2009 - Boy Scout Troop 102 respectfully submits the following report of troop activities and accomplishments for 2009 to the Congregational Church of Naugatuck, its charter organization.

Monthly Activities:

Jan - The troop overnight camped for a weekend in a cabin at White Memorial in Litchfield, CT- program included hiking and skiing at Mohawk

Feb - The troop overnight camped for a weekend in a cabin at BSA's Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, CT. Scout patrols also competed in the annual Klondike Derby. On Scout Sunday, the Troop participated in a service at the Congregational Church.

Mar - The troop overnight camped for a weekend in a cabin at BSA's Camp Mattatuck

Apr - The troop overnight tent camped for a weekend at White Memorial Campout & performed Community Service by cleaning up family camping sites at White Memorial in preparation of their family camping season.

May - The troop overnight tent camped for a weekend at Andrew Mountain, Naugatuck and participated in the Memorial Day Parade

June - no meeting/no campout

July - Twenty participants enjoyed the troop's High Adventure for 2009 - a week of river canoeing on the Allagash River, ME. The Allagash River is a remote, pristine federally protected waterway along the northern border of Maine. The trip concluded with an overnight stay at an outfitter's cabin in Allagash Village and a hotel stay in Freeport, ME, home of L.L. Bean.

Aug - The troop attended summer camp at Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth, CT 22 Scouts and 3 Scouts on Camp Staff

Sept - The troop overnight tent camped for a weekend at Wilmot's Farm

Oct - The troop overnight tent camped for a weekend at Camp Mattatuck

Nov - The overnight tent camping was cancelled due to severe wind conditions. The troop assisted the Congregational Church set up/takedown of tables & chairs for Council of Churches Dinner

Dec - The troop overnight camped for a weekend in a cabin at BSA's Camp Mattatuck

### Order of the Arrow:

The Order of the Arrow is an honor camper organization within the BSA Scouting program. Troop 102 has long played an active role in the local OA Chapter. We attended OA weekends April, June, September and hosted the OA Chapter Christmas party on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church. Two of our Scouts held the top officer positions in 2009, Chapter Chief - Peter Rodrigues and Vice Chief – Colton Wagner

### Venture Crew:

Venture Crew 102 is a subset of Troop 102 consisting of 14 Star, Life and Eagle scouts. The crew meets once a month, planning high adventure activities such as biking, hiking and kayaking. The crew ended 2009 with a trip to New Hampshire where they participated in a zip line outing, soaring on cables 200 feet above the ground at speeds up to 50 MPH. They then put on their hiking shoes and scaled Mt Monadnock in the White Mountains. The crew is currently planning a ski trip and a whitewater rafting trip.

### New Eagle Scouts / projects:

Nick Ascencao - Hopeville Elementary school in Waterbury - basketball court upgrade. Became Eagle Scout in Dec 2009

Zach Blum – Congregational Church garage repairs, shrub bed on side – plan to finish Spring 2010. Working on other Eagle Scout requirements

Troop Alumni Association website – led by Eagle Scouts Editors Matt Barbosa, Jon Bock, Asad Shahid. Called “The Scribe”, it’s the official Troop 102 Alumni Association Newsletter, and is available for download on the alumni web page [www.troop102alumni@yolasite.com](mailto:www.troop102alumni@yolasite.com) .

A Troop 102 Facebook website that was set up by Eagle Scout Frank Rodrigues has nearly 50 members.

The Troop held committee held various fundraising events that supported our programs. The primary events included the Harvest Moon, selling peanuts, and selling luminaries.

### Upcoming Events:

BSA National Jamboree - 100th Anniversary of Scouting is in February 2010 – Started meeting in 2009 with other National Jamboree bound scouts from across the state – 240 total from CT Rivers Council - 1 leader & 7 Scouts from Troop 102 attending. The Jamboree will be held in Fort AP Hill, VA in July, 2010.

Troop 102 celebrated its 96th year as a BSA Scout Troop in April, 2009. The Troop would like to thank the Congregational Church for being its sponsor since its inception.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara DeBisschop

Troop 102 Charter Organization Representative