



# Connections



The EBBC INFORMATION SOURCE † January 29, 2012  
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**TODAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>: Pastor Kevin preaching.**

- 8:15 Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Evening Service, Sanctuary

**MONDAY:**

11:30 AA, Harrington Center

**TUESDAY:**

- 8:30 Men's Group, Coulter Hall
- 1:00 Women's Bible Study, Cheney 10

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 12:00 AA Discussion Group, Harrington Center
- 2:00 Music Lessons, Sanctuary
- 6:00 Family Night, Coulter Hall. MENU: Chicken & rice, salad & ice cream
- 6:45 Classes
- 7:00 Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:00 Honor Court, Harrington Center

**THURSDAY:**

- 10:00 Prayer Group, Cheney 9
- 4:00 Wee Believers, Rooms 3 & 4
- 6:30 *GriefShare* group, Chapel
- 7:00 Bible Study at the Bellerive home, led by Ted Steensen, Sr.

**FRIDAY:**

- 11:30 Living Sober Group, Harrington Center
- 7:00 TTL, Coulter Hall
- 7:00 AA, Harrington Center

**SATURDAY:**

- 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Coulter Hall. Speaker: Adair Rivera
- 12:00 Private birthday party, Coulter Hall
- 4:00 AA, Harrington Center
- 5:00 Young adults meet at the Cross home

**WORSHIP SERVICE:** Our church offers children's worship opportunities during the 11:00 am Worship service. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Nursery, which is located just outside the Sanctuary on the right, and Junior Church is in room 11, just before the Nursery.

*Stephanie Cross* will lead Junior Church today.



One count is that there are over 650 prayers in the Bible. That works out to almost 2 per day, and enough topics to cover almost every situation we could ever find ourselves in. So much time is spent on prayer in the Bible that we recognize the extreme importance of prayer.

How is your prayer life, really? I know mine can use a good tune up, or maybe a thorough overhaul! I sometimes find that my prayers are not too effective. I wonder if God really cares about my prayers. Yet as we read the Bible we know that God does have great compassion on us. Unanswered prayer, or perhaps more properly, ignored prayers, may actually be a lesson in building our faith, refining our prayer life, refocusing our prayer emphasis.

Take the Lord's Prayer, for instance. God has instructed us to pray in the same way the Lord's prayer demonstrates. Have you prayed the Lord's prayer this week, using the different phrases to guide your prayers? Perhaps this week you can take one of the prayers on the back of the bulletin and read it through. Use it as a basis for your prayer life this week. And see what happens to your prayers.

As we relate to God in prayer and learn more about Him, let's be sure to remember that our prayers are *indeed* heard by God, and He will respond. We catch His ear when we whisper His name, and He takes notice!

May His hope that surpasses all understanding well up remarkably in you this week!

**Annual Reports—**

Extra copies of our Annual Report for 2011 are available in the Narthex on the Welcome Desk. Please take only one per family. Thank you!



Also, there are copies of the proposed by laws that will be discussed on February 12<sup>th</sup>, along with the rationale behind them, on a table in the Narthex.

**Upcoming Events:**



- Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Coulter Hall, **Spaghetti & Meatball dinner fundraiser** for Pastor Kevin & Julie Cross' mission trip to India. Donations needed: salad ingredients and either French or Italian bread; or cash donations for these items will be accepted. See *Gerry LeBlanc*. Dessert will also be served. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children up to age 12, and there is a family cap of \$20.
- Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m., in Coulter Hall, there will be a meeting to discuss the proposed **by-law** revisions.
- Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Family Game Night**, Coulter Hall at 6 p.m.
- **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**, a 6-week educational program for family caregivers, sponsored by TriValley, beginning Thurs., March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm at the Harrington Center. A minimum number of participants is necessary. Please call either *Laura Black-Silver* from TriValley at 508-949-6640 or *Debbie* in our church office at 508-867-7725 if you wish to participate.

**Missions News:**

*Chloe Milhous*, eldest daughter to our missionaries in Boston who serve the LORD in a Japanese church, will be going to the Northeastern coast of Japan with Converge Worldwide (BGC) from February to June 2012. While in Japan, she will serve those affected by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, by responding to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the people. You can keep up with how she will be living out the Good News in the community as a resident witness at [beautifulthingsofdust.blogspot.com](http://beautifulthingsofdust.blogspot.com)



“Thank you to everyone who prepared casseroles, desserts, etc., for last Sunday’s Please Stay for Dinner. Thanks also to the wonderful kitchen crew for all their help and support. You are all a blessing.” Love in Christ,  
*Millie*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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| January 29 | Irene Lovely                        |
| January 31 | Mackenzie Bilz & Kathleen Kohlstrom |
| February 1 | Kitty Gliniecki                     |
| February 2 | Hunter Brodeur & Bill Hall          |
| February 4 | Elaine Gratton                      |



**PRAYER POINTS for the week...**

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| <i>Sara Blackwell</i>                            | <i>Sandy Perrault</i> |
| <i>George Cross</i>                              | <i>Harold Smith</i>   |
| <i>Patricia Gobble (Gladys Clark's daughter)</i> |                       |
| <i>Dexter Jewell (Becky Beeman's father)</i>     |                       |
| <i>Jane Mumford (Fekay's granddaughter)</i>      |                       |



**Area Church:** Pastor David Libby and 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of North Brookfield  
**Armed Forces and families around the world.**  
**Sponsored Child of the Week:** George Lengo from Zimbabwe, sponsored by Jim & Sue Gustafson.

**New Sunday School classes—**

Interested in finding out more about **Prayer & Fasting**—scriptural basis and practical knowledge? A 5-week Sunday School class has begun in *Pastor Kevin's* old office (next to the church office), using a *Jentezen Franklin* book. Teacher: *Linda Cross*

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, a **marriage class** will begin during the Sunday School hour. This class will be interactive and discussion based. We will kick off this 6-week series on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> with a light breakfast and DVD introduction from 9—11 am Whether you've been married for 50 years or 5 months, this is a great class for you! More details to follow!

In addition, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, *Rick Hosterman* will be leading a Sunday School class focusing on the book of **Colossians**.

**Scripture Verses from our Bible memorization program:**

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| <b>Lesson 2</b> | Psalms 16:1: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.  |
|                 | Psalms 47:6 Sing praise to our God, sing praises; sing praise to our King, sing praises.           |
| <b>Lesson 3</b> | Psalms 47:8 God reigns over the nations; God is seated in His holy throne.                         |
|                 | Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.             |
| <b>Lesson 4</b> | Psalms 51:12 Restore in me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. |
|                 | Psalms 54:4 Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.                            |

