

# Stepping Stones:

Exploring the teaching ministries of the church  
for those working with children, youth and adults

## Course Schedule: Winter 2010

Our fifth season!

**You're invited! Stepping Stones** is a series of mini-courses for Christian Educators: pastors, superintendents, youth workers, lay leaders and those responsible for Christian formation who want *to inform and renew* the teaching ministry. These short-term courses explore faith formation topics and contemporary issues and ideas, and offer an opportunity to network with others called to similar ministries. **Stepping Stones** is sponsored by the Connecticut **Partners in Education**. (Often identified as *P.I.E.*)

Those who have participated in previous **Stepping Stones** events have expressed appreciation for these opportunities for continuing education. Advance registration is important! Please let us know you will attend.

*Each program begins with **registration** and a soup/salad supper at **6:00 p.m.**, followed by instruction and dialogue from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.*

*There is a **\$12.00 fee** for each course.*

*3 or more registrants from one church may register for \$25.00*

Tuesday February 23, 2010

(snow date TBA)

### Parents and Children Together in Faith

Parents are the primary nurturers of their children's faith. Leaders in Christian education and faith formation can find more resources than ever before to help support parents in their important role. This workshop will give an overview of where we are right now in the area of family faith formation, and introduce a number of books and resources to strengthen such a ministry. Workshop participants are encouraged to share ideas or resources on this topic that they have found useful.

We will explore one particular curriculum, called *Together in Faith*, that the presenter has found useful in the classroom with children and their parents. One parent called it "the best thing we've got going in church school!" Another said, "My husband worked a lot of Sundays last year and missed these great experiences. This year, he is making *Together in Faith* Sundays his priority; we really want our family to learn and live these lessons together." Come and consider ways you could adapt this resource to use in your congregation!

LEADERS: Rev. Jane Rowe, Associate Minister for Children and Families

LOCATION: First Church of Christ Congregational Church, 75 Main St. Farmington, CT

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

(snow date 3/23/2009)

What about those Tweens? Ministry for Youth Grades 4-8

Were you a church school drop out? I was! By the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, I had decided to help with the younger grades instead of attending my own church school class. Does that sound like any 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> graders in your church?

Our middle schoolers and even youth as young as 9 years old are a challenge for church school teachers, youth advisors, and parents alike. How do we reach the video game generation with the good news of Jesus Christ? How do we connect them so they remain connected to the body of Christ?

This workshop will answer those questions; talk about the unique characteristics of the Millennials (1982-98) and Generation Z (1999-2019); build on the learning of family faith formation; and explore creative models and curriculums for reaching our tweens.

LEADER: Rev. Kristen Kleiman, Pastor, First Congregational Church U.C.C, Bristol, CT.

LOCATION: First Congregational Church of Southington, 37 Main ST., Southington, CT

Driving directions to each church will be available at: [www.ctucc.org/steppingstones](http://www.ctucc.org/steppingstones)

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**Registration Form for Stepping Stones- exploring the Teaching Ministry**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which workshop(s) you wish to attend:

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010 “Parents and Children Together in Faith”** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010 “What about Those Tweens”** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check for \$12.00 per course per person or \$25.00 per church per session made payable to:  
*Missionary Society of CT*, 125 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105,  
ATTN: Karen Ziel, Minister of Christian Education

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