

## **Retirement Reception for John and Maria Clarke**

**Sunday, June 3, 2012** will officially end the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. John Clarke at First Congregational Church of Meriden. It will also end the remarkable stewardship of our Sunday School by our Coordinator/Teacher Maria, who has faithfully loved and taught the church children these many years.

Following worship on that day, you are encouraged to join us in Smith Hall for a reception in honor of John and Maria. There will be a time of fellowship and ample opportunity for you to visit with them both. We need to know if you are attending so that we can have sufficient food on hand. To that end, please call the church office at **203-235-5704** or e-mail to [Pat-Firstchurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pat-Firstchurch@sbcglobal.net) to let us know if you will be joining us.

In honor of their ministry among us, we would like to put together a purse to help John and Maria move into retirement. To that end, if you would like to contribute to a purse, you may send your donation to:

**Kerry Muravnick, 115 Ridgetop Road, Wallingford, CT 06492**

Please make checks payable to "First Congregational Church", with "Clarke" in the memo line.

This promises to be a wonderful time of worship and celebration. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet our new pastor, **Bruce Miller**. We very much look forward to your presence with us at this special time in the life of our historic church.

***WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND WORSHIPPING WITH YOU***