

Important Dates

Dec 3 – Saturday

Holiday Remembrance Service:

1:00 PM at Burrirt Hill Funeral Home, 332 Burrirt Street, New Britain, CT and 4:00 PM at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, CT. This program is complimentary and open to all. RSVP 860-666-0600.

Dec 6 – Monday at 7:00 PM

Worldwide Children's Day Candle Lighting Ceremony held at the base of the Christmas Box Angel at the West Meadow Cemetery, 679 Willard Ave, Newington at 7:00 PM

Dec 11 – Sunday. *Worldwide Candle Lighting*, 4:00 PM in Waterbury at Rowland Park, West Main Street or 7 PM privately

Dec 14 – Wednesday - TCF Meeting



TCF 2012 National/International Conference

The Site of the 35th TCF/USA National Conference and the 5th International Gathering will be in Costa Mesa, California and will be held July 20-22, 2012. "We welcome to this conference all who are grieving the death of a child for grief is a universal language and one that TCFers around the world know all too well, says TCF/USA Executive Director Patricia Loder.

Because many people will be traveling long distances from countries around the world, special excursions are being planned for before and after the conference.

As I get more information, I will let you know. You can also stay updated from the national website.

TCF Worldwide Founder Simon Stephens Accepts Invitation to 35th TCF National Conference/5th International Gathering in Costa Mesa July 20-22, 2012

The Reverend Canon Simon Stephens, worldwide founder of The Compassionate Friends organization, has confirmed that he will be present at The Compassionate Friends 35th National Conference,



Worldwide Candle Lighting

Held annually the second Sunday in December, this year December 11, 2011, The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died at any age from any cause. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time, creating a virtual wave of light, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of children in a way that transcends all ethnic, cultural, religious, and political boundaries.

Now believed to be the largest mass candle lighting on the globe, the Worldwide Candle Lighting, a gift to the bereavement community from The Compassionate Friends, creates a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone. Hundreds of formal candle lighting events are held and thousands of informal candle lightings are conducted in homes as families gather in quiet remembrance of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.