## **Important Dates**

Dec 5 – Saturday. Holiday Remembrance - 1PM at Burritt Hill Funeral Home, 332 Burritt Street, New Britain, CT and 4PM at Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Avenue, Newington, CT.

**Dec 6 – Sunday**. Worldwide Children's Day Candle Lighting Ceremony held at the base of the Christmas Box Angel in Newington

Dec 9 - Wednesday . TCF Meeting

**Dec 13 – Sunday**. Worldwide Candle Lighting, 4:00 PM in Waterbury or 7 PM privately

Please call or email Kathy, Sharon or myself for any information on any of these events.

## **TCF Candle Lighting**

...that their light may always shine.



Held annually the second Sunday in December, this year, December 13<sup>th</sup>, the Worldwide Candle Lighting unites family and friends around the globe as they light candles for one hour to honor and remember children who have died. As candles are lit at 7 p.m. local time, a virtual wave of light is created around the globe as candles are lit in each time zone.

Waterbury TCF will have a special Candle Lighting Program on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Rowland Park. All are invited, members and non-members, family and friends. Please bring an item to decorate the Christmas tree at the park, an edible goody for the birds and squirrels, such as stringed Cheerios, dried fruit or store-bought seed bells. We will light candles in our children's honor along with inspirational readings.

Following the ceremony, many like to go for pizza as many find the TCF family comforting. The location will be announced at the November meeting. We hope that all can join so "that their light may always shine,"

# The Christmas Box Angel Candle Lighting Ceremony

Some newer members may not be Aware of the Christmas Box Angel Statue and the Candle Lighting Ceremony in Newington. The statue Is dedicated to all parents who have lost a child and was commissioned by Richard Paul Evans, author of "The Christmas Box," to help parents seeking a place to grieve.



For further information, please contact Kathy, Sharon or myself. Contact information is on page 7.

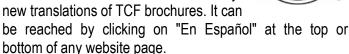
For the newer members, a memorial paver at the Christmas Box Angel can be purchased in memory of your child. Please contact Sharon for the information.



#### **TCF National Website**

http://www.compassionatefriends.org/

A new Spanish language support section has been added. This includes many new translations of TCF brochures. It can



## **FACEBOOK**

# National Office Now Has Facebook Site!



Social media is the new forefront of communications with those of similar interests and TCF is proud to announce the addition of a Facebook Page with which the National Organization can communicate information instantly with members. It's easy to do, even if you have never belonged to Facebook. Click on TCF's Facebook logo at the top of this article on the national website.

We are looking for a person to set up a Waterbury TCF Facebook website. If you have some extra time and are on the internet, please contact Kathy, Sharon or Judy. Contact information is on page 7.

This is another means of conveying the TCF message that "we need not walk alone."