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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### See You at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The lilacs are blooming, the leaves have exploded into maximum greenness, and last Sunday the chancel was adorned by a riot of colorful tulips and daffodils from the Hatch's beloved garden. It must almost be time for the Annual Meeting of our church! If this causes you to give a little roll of the eyes or to emit a small groan, fear not! Such gatherings need not be: (1) Boring, (2) Grumpily contentious, or (3) Way too long.

Perhaps a bit of re-appreciation is in order for this under-rated and often dreaded annual event. Let us offer an ode encouraging robust attendance and good cheer as we approach this time-honored event, scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> after church....with brunch!

*On a warm Sunday in June  
After that closing hymn tune  
Your garden may call  
Your weeds need your all  
But must you take leave so soon?*

*For it's annual meeting, you know,  
Where the seeds of good stewardship we'll sow.  
Your input we need  
Your presence indeed  
Will help the proceedings to flow.*

*So don't rush away before lunch  
We'll even feed you a brunch!  
After the homiletics,  
The coffee and omelletics,  
Ideas and numbers we'll crunch.*

*Holy conversation is an art;  
Please come do your part.  
You're part of the body  
Without you it will seem oddly  
Missing in one warm caring heart!*

In Christ's love,  
Mary

## STEEPLE VIEWS ONLINE!

Many of you will be reading this issue of the Steeple Views on your computer screen or printing out your copy at home. There are many benefits to this means of communication.

First of all, it will save the church postage – a lot of postage, especially since the price just went up again! Secondly, it will save on the cost of paper and of making copies at the church. With our budgetary problems, every little bit helps. But also, consider the concept of stewardship. If we, in fact, read the Steeple Views on our computer screen (the PDF file is even clearer to read than the printed page, I think!), we are helping to reduce paper, reduce waste (when we recycle the paper after reading), reduce the fuel costs in delivering the mail to us and delivering paper to the transfer station. You see where I'm going with this, don't you?

Think of other positive aspects - you will be able to get the news quicker by going online and reading it on the church website. It is a big step for us at First Congregational, but one that is necessary to cut costs and lower our carbon footprint at the same time. Good Stewards all around!



If you haven't given us your email address so we can email you the news, please do so by emailing Lynn at the church office at [fcwakefieldnh1@verizon.net](mailto:fcwakefieldnh1@verizon.net). And she will add your email to our list. If you would like to be off of the Steeple Views mailing list, please send an email or call at 603-522-3189. Snail mail works, too!

*Carol Jeffery and Lynn Shaffer*

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

On June 1, we will welcome new members – Tim Lloyd, Curt and Mary Cook, Penny and Ken Ellis, Linda Petkunas, and Christine McPherson. Bob James and Molly James are joining as associate members. For the next couple of months, Steeple Views will feature them as way of introduction.

Tim Lloyd has lived most of his life in Wakefield and is the nephew of Joanne Dolbear. Prior to becoming the manager of the Aubuchon Hardware Store in Sanford, Maine Tim was a hunting guide in Montana. Tim enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Tim has two boys, Dylan and Justin.

Curt, Mary and Cameron Cook live on Pine River Pond. Curt is a self employed carpenter who enjoys the outdoors and fishing with his family. In addition to fishing, Mary enjoys researching genealogy. Cameron, their 13 year old son enjoys playing video games. Curt will be a new and welcomed member of the Prudential Committee.

Christine McPherson is rejoining the church after a short hiatus at the Rochester Congregational Church. She is no stranger to most of us having been an active member from 2004 – 2006. You may have seen her in church recently with Lilly, one of her 3 grandchildren. Welcome back, Chris.

## SAVE THOSE STAMPS

You may wonder what we do with the used postage stamps that are collected in the jar at the back of the church. The Rehabilitation Institute, which is part of the Medical College in Velore, South India has organized a project which enables severely disabled patients an opportunity to earn some income. The stamps are prepared for marketing by deserving patients. They are soaked, dried and sorted. The stamps are then arranged on a card and marketed through two societies, CODES (Community Development Society) and SHARE (Self-Help Association for Rural Education and Employment) in Velore. So remember, KEEP SAVING THOSE STAMPS, the ones that are a little different, and bring them to church.

*Betty Crowe*

## DIACONATE NOTES

A lunch was held in May for those who plan to join our church and we will welcome them to church membership on June 1.

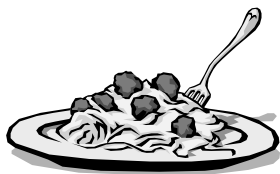
Rev. Mary will be on vacation from June 15 to June 30. Rev. George Harvey will lead our worship services during this time and will be on call for emergencies.

The greeting cards that are signed by many of us at coffee hours are truly appreciated by the recipients. We keep in prayer those mentioned at the worship services and they receive many cards and notes from our church family. If you know of someone whose spirits might be lifted up by additional cards or notes, please let Diaconate members know.

Rice wafers for Communion are available for those who are allergic to gluten.

Diaconate members will serve a brunch during our annual meeting on June 8.

*Betty Crowe, Diaconate*



## CHURCH SUPPERS

There has been some talk recently about having Church Suppers as fundraisers for our church general fund. It was discussed in Diaconate and then brought to the Church Council and it was decided that we should give it a go. The idea is to have one supper a month throughout the year. What we'd like to see happen is to form a "Church Supper Team" to plan and coordinate the suppers. This planning team would then ask for volunteers to help cook and serve the suppers. Since we would like to take advantage of the summer visitors, it would be great if we could have our first church supper in July. There are many decisions to be made regarding menu, date, time, price, etc. If you are interested in being part of this team, please call the office and leave word.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at the Church.

The Diaconate will be serving Brunch - be sure to attend!

## PAUL FUND

Do you have a great idea for a new program that would further the mission of Jesus Christ on earth? The Outreach Committee invites you to apply for start up monies from the Paul Fund for Innovative Programming. Applications will be accepted through June 1<sup>st</sup> and may be obtained from Robin Kent or in the Church Office.

*Robin Kent, Outreach*

## PARISH HELPERS

The Parish Helpers held their annual Spring Luncheon on May 8. Over 30 women met at the Granite State Grill in Rochester for a delicious meal. A good time was had by all.

The final meeting of the season will be on Thursday, June 12. Betty Seibert will share stories from the book she has recently written, "In the Shadow of Moose Mountain". All are welcome.

Soon the Treasure Shop will be opening and plans for the fair to be held on Saturday, August 16, are well underway.

*Betty Crowe*

## CATCH THE SPIRIT

Are you one of the 63 who have sent in your pledge for 2008—2009? If you haven't gotten around to it yet, please remember to do it soon. The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, June 8, and it sure would be good to know what our finances will look like for the coming year. We are still quite short of our goal to meet our budget, so please pledge your support of our wonderful church!

**CHALLENGE THE MIND,  
WARM THE HEART:  
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**



All are invited to join us on Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 in the Parish Helpers Room for our book discussion group. Our next book is The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards. As one reviewer writes, this novel is about "parallel lives, familial secrets, and the redemptive power of love." Our last group involved great food, and very lively discussion of great issues. We also shared in some very hearty laughter! Hope to see you at our next meeting.

*Rev. Mary James*

**TOOLS AND BLANKETS**

June 15th is the date for our Tools and Blankets offering this year. This Church World Service program helps people in 80 nations including the U.S. with emergency assistance (think blankets and tents) and long-term community development.

Imagine the warmth a blanket can bring to a person made homeless by disaster or conflict. Only \$5 will provide one of these comforting blankets.

Tools are part of long-term help and come in all shapes and sizes. For example, your donation can help provide gardening tools, fishing nets, sewing machines or even a well. Things like these, which we often take for granted, can change the lives of children and families in need.

Please mark June 15th on your calendar as another opportunity to show your love to others around the world. You can also send or deliver your gift to the church office, designated for Tools and Blankets.

*Jan Brejwo, Outreach*

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

It's not too late to donate to the United Church of Christ's OGHS. Our congregation has donated \$677 so far. Please send your check to the church office and mark it "OGHS". Thank you.

**A NEW INITIATIVE:  
ONE MEETING NIGHT A MONTH**

At the most recent meeting of the Church Council, it was unanimously voted to try a new model for church board and committee meetings. Beginning on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, all boards and committees of the church will meet on the **first Wednesday** of the month from 6:30 to 8. We will gather promptly at 6:30 in the sanctuary for 10 minutes of worship, and will then meet in our various groups until 7:45. We will then gather all together once more in the sanctuary for inter-committee communication and coordination. After a closing prayer, we will all head home at 8:00.

Our sister UCC Church in Wolfeboro has been using this model, and has experienced many advantages. The gathering of all the committees at once gives the proceedings a more unified and festive atmosphere, and starting off with worship connects the work of the groups very meaningfully to the context of the prayer life of the church. Getting together after individual group meetings has improved communication and coordination of ideas, projects, and events, and maximized the efficient use of resources. Folks are protected from burn-out because they can only serve on one board or committee at a time! Sticking to the time parameters also causes groups to work more efficiently.

The minister will spend much of the evening with the Diaconate, but will also check in with other groups as needed and appropriate. We are talking about the Diaconate beginning its meeting a bit earlier in the evening so that there is ample time for the minister to visit with other committees in the course of the evening.

We do realize that there is no night that is good for everyone, but we felt that the first Wednesday of the month seemed good for most people most of the time.

All are prayerfully encouraged to give this a good try, in the interest of church community spirit and better coordination and communication. Thanks to all in advance for giving this a good effort!

*Rev. Mary James*

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2—Jason Ward  
June 3—Amanda Bolstridge  
June 4—Pascale Baudin, Nicholas Legere  
June 6—Sienna Canney  
June 7—David Cotreau, Pam Frazier, Jo Higgins  
June 8—Chuck Dolbear  
June 9—Kevin Connell, Red Cornell  
June 10—Elizabeth Schnurbush  
June 11—Steve Michaldsy  
June 13—Joseph Cawlina, Betty Crowe  
June 14—Erin Perkins  
June 15—Adam Koukal, Devon Ward  
June 16—Frank Frazier, Cathy Koukal, Julie Leyare  
June 17—Janet Carr  
June 19—Lorrie Hughes, Lois Royal, Eric Toussaint  
June 21—Connie Littlefield, Jacob Toussaint  
June 22—Jean Ball, Russell Garland  
June 25—Kaylee Fogg  
June 26—Ayla Farley, Florence Morrison  
June 27—Morgan Haag  
June 28—Bill Denley, Louise Wheeler  
June 29—Thomas Tamilio  
June 30—Seth Fogg

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1—Edward and Florence Morrison  
June 2—Bob and Mary James  
June 4—Paul and Janet Twombly  
June 5—Ryan and Martha Jo McCarthy  
June 6—Bill and Lorrie Hughes  
June 8—Curtis and Janet Carr  
June 9—Chris and Titia Bozuwa  
June 12—Jack and Marie Hebb  
June 14—John and Carol Reilly  
June 15—Phil and Connie Twombly  
June 20—George and Donna Ackerman  
June 21—Maurice and Ann Hatch—50 years  
Wayne and Lisa Robinson  
June 22—Russell and Edie Garland  
June 23—George and Marion Blomster  
June 25—Al and Lil Amundsen  
June 26—Ken and Carol Jeffery  
John and Sue Tamilio—15 years  
June 27—Leonard and Carolyn Chase  
Bruce and Judy Levis—55 years  
June 28—Jim and Lucille Pirie—55 years

### FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

We ask your continued prayers and support for those members of our church and wider community who are ill, or who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for their families.

Connie Buckland	Jim Pirie	Paul Twombly	Jennifer Russell
David Huggard	Jeff Dugas	David Bolduc	Ginny Wentworth
Leif Johannessen	Peg Harvey	Millie Garrett	Dot Roberts
Andrew Parisi	Marilyn Keating	Alice Sturgis	Billy McGlincy
Bill & Marian Maleham	Mae & Dimi Dimitroff		

Our servicemen and women, the residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities in our area.

The Darfur region

Our friends in Rufumiso

People in China, Myanmar, and the United States affected by natural disasters

## NH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The NH Women's Fellowship UCC Spring Forum was held at our church on Wednesday April 16, 2008. About 45 women attended.

We began the program with worship with Communion by Rev. Mary James. After the business meeting, Angela Jones Christian Education, director of the First Congregational Church, UCC in Littleton, spoke on "Where is Jesus in Those We Encounter". She brought her Jesus doll and used him to illustrate her points.

After a delicious luncheon served by the Parish Helpers, Beth Bascom of the Bethany Children's Services talked about "Supporting Foster Families, On by One". She is always searching for more foster homes, but others can help by offering respite care for children for brief periods to relieve foster families.

A number of women were recognized as outstanding women who have contributed significantly to their church communities. Our own Peg Harvey was recognized for her many contributions over the years to our church. Congratulations Peg!! We are very proud of you.

*Janet Carr*

## THE POWER OF CHANGE

Please continue to save your change and bring it in to church. You may also empty the loose change in your pocket and put those coins in the plate as it passes. You'll hardly notice the difference, but the cumulative effect will aid us in meeting our fiscal responsibilities.

The response to the Power of Change has been wonderful. Thank you. And a special thanks to those who even wrap the coins! There are specially marked change jars on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you don't have one, please help yourself.

*Carol Jeffery, Stewardship*

*"A penny saved is a penny earned"*

## ATTENDANCE

May 4	74
May 11	82
May 18	81
May 25	68

## CITY REACH REFLECTION

*SOCK IT TO ME – Cathy Koukal*

Socks, think about them...if I had to rate the importance of an article of clothing from my wardrobe, it wouldn't have been socks, white socks at that, sitting at the top of my list.

But think about it, what do socks offer us—a simple pair of white crew socks can offer warmth, dry feet and a needed feeling of comfort.

When we took the mission of the Common Cathedral to the streets of Boston, we carried two bags, one full of sandwiches and snacks and the other full of socks. We always asked two questions when we approached someone who was homeless – Would you like something to eat, Would you like a pair of socks?

I naively thought that food would be their primary concern, but sock it to me, I was wrong, it was socks, the warmth and comfort that they could offer was more important than food. Socks were as precious as my most valued possession. When people heard that we had socks, they came up to us to ask for a pair.

As we take our journey through life, there are those things that make indelible impressions that remain with us for a lifetime. Handing out a pair of socks to a man who immediately sat down on the curb, removed his soaking wet sneakers, peeled off his less than fragrant socks, gently, wiped his feet while expressing his embarrassment at the condition they were in and gratefully put his new socks on all the time thanking us profusely was one of those moments ... As Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

## A FOND FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND, OUR SANCTUARY PIANO

After much discussion and consultation involving our Music and Prudential Committees, and in consultation with our trusted piano maintenance person, it became clear over the course of these past few years that the grand piano is no longer able to hold its tuning. Its condition, over time, had become such that it was impossible to maintain a state of tuning adequate to the task of serving as a sanctuary instrument. The cost of attempting to maintain it appropriately would have become prohibitive, and without any long lasting success. Ginny Silcocks, whose family had so generously donated the piano, and to whom we are so grateful for sharing the piano with us, was also consulted in the process of making the decision.

There is no doubt that we will all miss the sight of the piano in the sanctuary. Such an instrument has a visual beauty and grace that is not easily replaced, except by another grand. Unfortunately, we are not in a financial position to acquire another suitable grand piano. The Music Committee, our Choir Director, and others worked to come up with a good solution, which has come in the form of an electronic grand piano. This versatile instrument has excellent sound quality, and comes with a full piano keyboard of 88 weighted keys. At less than \$800, it was a cost effective solution to our need for a performance quality instrument in our sanctuary. It has the sound of a lovely grand piano, if not the look.

Our beloved old piano has found a new home at a local non-profit organization called "Arts Rochester." It will be used as a practice instrument for the organization, which lost some of its pianos in previous springtime floods. We offer our thanks to Ginny Silcocks for the donation of our piano and the subsequent donation to the school, to Ed Morrison for keeping the watering system in operation, and to Lance MacLean for his great efforts at maintaining it. Thanks go to Lance also for arranging and completing the Herculean task of moving the piano at no cost to the congregation.



We do acknowledge that some are not comfortable with an "electronic" replacement for a venerable traditional grand piano. We hope and pray, however, that all will recognize that those we entrust with decisions pertaining to music worked in good faith on behalf of all of us, and made a good and reasonable choice. Here's to beautiful music!

*Rev. Mary James*



## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURERS

Dear Friends,

Harriet and I are so grateful for the generous "extra mile gifts" that have enabled us to meet our financial commitments for May. In the past few weeks we have gently encouraged the idea of tithing a portion of the windfall tax rebate now appearing in our mailboxes. Your consideration, in any amount, will help us close the current gap.

We appreciate your continuing love, commitment and support for our wonderful church.

Thank you,  
Connie

## PRIDE DAY

Thanks to all of you who baked cookies and bread, popped corn, crafted bookmarks, and helped out at the Pride Day Booth. The church earned about \$500 in all.

Robin Kent and our church float won the 1st place trophy in the parade. Thanks, Robin!

It was a beautiful day and great fun!

*Pam Frazier*

*An excerpt of a recent letter published in the Zimbabwe press which exemplifies the undying hope, spirit and faith of many Zimbabweans....*

### **Dear World, Remember Me?**

Over a year ago, when I was sixteen, I wrote a letter to you, the world, regarding my homeland, Zimbabwe. Well, in five months, I will be eighteen, and we're still here; still broken. But, it's different now - the Winds of Change blow over the sands of Africa. There is an air of expectancy hanging over Zimbabwe, and the brooding horizon of the Future has crept a little closer than it ever has before.

For the first time, some dare to hope. Emotions run high as the fluctuating results of our elections seep through to the people. No one will admit it, for fear of disappointment, but, deep inside the hearts of Zimbabweans, flickering within these Children of Repression, something akin to the Hope we used to know ignites. With bated breath and shining eyes, we watch as the tiny flame of Hope, though small, begins to glow ever more brightly. Sure, there has been nothing definite, but when one has experienced suffering as Zimbabwe has, the faintest hint of Change, a mere breath upon the wind, is as blatantly obvious as the Dawn. And Dawn it is. After the longest Night of our lives, Dawn is about to break. There may be no rays evident upon the horizon as yet, but the Sun is there, ready to break free of its chains and Light our paths once again.

We have kept Faith, for a quarter of a century, and now, finally, finally, we are on the verge of Tomorrow. It took all we possessed to hold onto what little Hope we had, and many fell prey to Dejection, but we are Zimbabweans: Hope will forever burn in our hearts! Even in the Darkest of Days, we will hold our heads high, because, really, Pride, along with Hope, is all we have... (No food, no electricity, no food, no fuel, no food... It's hard to eat Hope, but it kept us alive regardless!)

And so, I wish to extend all the gratitude of my heart to you, the World. Though we are not quite free yet, our bonds are frayed, our cages rusted - they cannot hold us forever! To those of you who heard my plea, to those of you who listened, to those who cared - thank you. Thank you for your sympathy, thank you for your assistance, thank you for your prayers. Because you kept us in your thoughts, Someone, Something, out there, came through for us; Fate backed off, and we got to our feet, at last. So thank you.

(continued)

As I said, it's not over yet, but we're so close I can almost taste it! To my fellow Zimbabweans, my People, Black, White, Indian, Multi-racial, all; both within this prison and outside of it, well, look at us... Look at what we are... We are a nation of survivors, eternally adaptable, suitably humble, and damn near indestructible! We have been to hell and back; we've seen horrors, and lived worse, and now, we appreciate Beauty, we appreciate Life. They couldn't beat us. They sure tried, and they very nearly did, but we're still here! And I, for one, am proud to be a Zimbabwean!

Soon, when this is all over, and we may breathe again, I hope to see my brethren, free and unafraid, return to this, our country; our home, Zimbabwe. I hope to see the Future restore my Thriving, Living, Loving People, and I will not settle for anything less.

So, to you, the world, thank you. We're almost there; so close, so, so close. I was born into this version of Zimbabwe - it is all I have ever known. But I know it was better before, and we will be the Breadbasket of Africa once more. Never again will we allow ourselves to be dominated like this—NEVER. Now, all that remains after this Long, Dark War, is to rebuild. We will need all of your support in the Future, for to rebuild our Lives, our Homes, our Country, will take as much determination as surviving this Dark Era did, and the process of picking ourselves up will be even more arduous than bearing the beatings of the Past. And so, I implore you, remember us, the Nation that was brought to its knees, but which refused to give in. Remember us. And to the Zimbabweans out there, come home... This country is nothing without its People!

As we move on, and away from the Darkness of our past, let us remember:  
Humanity's history may have been written in blood, but our future doesn't have to be!

Tanya Hunt  
(An almost-eighteen year old Zimbabwean)

# June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30AM Worship New Members received</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6PM Choir rehearsals</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Wakefield Area Clergy Mtg.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30AM Worship 11AM Breakfast 11:30 Annual Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6PM Choir rehearsals</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6PM Pairs and Spares</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1PM Parish Helpers Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>NHC Annual Meeting at Brewster Academy</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>NHC Annual Meeting at Brewster Academy</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:30AM Worship Blanket Sunday</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6PM Choir rehearsals</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>10AM Scrabble</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30AM Worship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6PM Choir rehearsals</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6PM Prudential Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>9:30AM Worship 11AM Coffee, hosted by Officers and Staff</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6PM Choir rehearsals</p>					

# July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Treasure Shop Opens	3	4 Holiday— Church offices closed	5 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open
6 9:30AM Worship	7	8	9 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop <u>Open</u> Pairs and Spares Picnic	10 12PM—Parish Helpers Picnic	11	12 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open
13 9:30AM Worship 11AM Coffee— hosted by Outreach	14	15	16 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open	17	18	19 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open
20 9:30AM Worship	21	22	23 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open	24	25	26 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open
27 9:30AM Worship 11AM Coffee— hosted by Outreach	28	29	30 9AM-12PM Treasure Shop Open	31		



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SUMMER HOURS  
BEGIN  
JUNE 1, 2008  
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

ANNUAL MEETING  
AND BRUNCH  
JUNE 8, 2008  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

## JUNE LECTIONARY

**Sunday, June 1**, Third Sunday after Pentecost – *Waters of New Life*

Gen 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19; Psalm 46 or Deut 11:18-21, 26-28; Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24  
Rom 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31); Matt 7:21-29

**Sunday, June 8**, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—*Restoring Love*

Gen 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12 or Hos 5:15 – 6:6; Psalm 50:7-15  
Rom 4:13-25; **Matt 9:9-13, 18-26**

**Sunday, June 15**, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—*Named for Purpose*

Gen 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 or Ex 19:2-8a; Psalm 100  
Rom 5:1-8; **Matt 9:35 – 10:8, (9-23)**

**Sunday, June 22**, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—*Daring Discipleship*

Gen 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 or Jer 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18  
Rom 6:1b-11; **Matt 10:24-39**

**Sunday, June 29**, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—*Gifts of Compassion*

Gen 22:1-14; Psalm 13 or Jer 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Rom 6:12-23; **Matt 10:40-42**