

# STEEPLE VIEWS

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## *THE PASTOR'S PLACE . . .*

*The Lord has told you,  
O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require  
of you  
but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with  
your God?*

**Micah 6: 8**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014

Income:	\$126,739.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$133,767.15</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (7,028.15)</u>

### Restricted Funds balance as of May 31, 2014: \$2,106.99

As of the end of May, expenses paid continued to outpace income received for this fiscal year. This was expected since we used some of the unexpended funds remaining from previous years in order to balance the 2013-2014 budget. June customarily is a good month and this year is no exception. I am happy to report we should once again end the year with money remaining in the checking account to begin the next fiscal year.

The July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 Treasurer's annual report will be out early in July. It will be distributed by email, posted in the narthex and limited copies will be available at church.

This is my last Steeple View's article as your treasurer. It has been a tremendous experience serving as your treasurer for the last four years. Being treasurer provided a wonderful opportunity to work with and get to know many people in the church. A special thanks to assistant treasurer, Pam Frazier and Zim treasurer, Connie Littlefield for all their assistance and hard work. It has been a pleasure working with them. I wish the new treasury team all the best.

*Janice Brejwo, Treasurer*  
[jbrejwo@roadrunner.com](mailto:jbrejwo@roadrunner.com)

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## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In recent months many shawls have been given away and our supply is low. Please bring any finished shawls to the church office if you are unable to attend our monthly gathering. We still have a wonderful HUGE supply of yarn available for prayer shawls and prayer squares.

### LIBRARY COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart  
By Peter J. Gomes

Do you have trouble interpreting the Bible? Are passages that conflict with each other confusing to you? Is it hard for you to reconcile some parts of the Bible with modern Christian life? Peter Gomes can help you through this process. He will give you the mental tools you need to get to its truth and make it relevant to your own life.

This book is presently available on the mobile shelving unit in Fellowship Hall and is usually shelved in the "About the Bible" section of the Parish Helpers Library.

*Linda Petkunas/Church Librarian*

### NEWS FROM THE DIACONATE

The Diaconate has been asked to revisit a familiar subject: Announcements from the pulpit at the start of the Sunday service.

We hoped this issue was resolved when we offered to have announcements printed in the Sunday bulletin, but lately verbal announcements have crept back into the time before the Call to Worship, shortening the time of what we come to church for on Sunday morning: worship!

From now on we ask that appropriate announcements be submitted in writing to the Church Office in time to be included in the printed bulletin, as well as being included in the Monday morning "New from the Pews" e-mail. A verbal announcement should be submitted in writing before the service to a member of the diaconate. Rev. Mary can make the announcement at her discretion.

Of course, it is wonderful there is so much to share about the positive work in our various ministries, and the diaconate certainly doesn't want to stymie this energy. But all at the proper time, please! The start of the Sunday service is for greeting and meditation, for centering ourselves before we worship together. We are fortunate to be able to get the word out via printed materials and the internet. Please make use of them!

*For the Diaconate: Titia Bozuwa*

## PARISH HELPERS RAFFLE

The Annual Parish Helpers raffle is underway. This year three items are being offered: A quilt which we named “**Friends of Florence**” in memory of quilter and Parish Helper, Florence Morrison. It is a couch size quilt—70” x 84” that was machine pieced by the Parish Helpers Quilting Team and beautifully machine quilted by Attic Cat in Effingham, NH



Next is a mink teddy bear, named “**Minky**”. This bear was handmade by Parish Helper, Edna Wilson, who is well known in the area for her beautiful bears and bunnies made from no longer wanted mink coats and shawls. The bear has moveable head, arms, and legs and comes with its own rocking chair!



Lastly, we have a genuine **American Girl Doll** with her own wardrobe of ten items. The doll clothes were hand made by Catherine Britton, who, if you didn’t know, is the sister of Elizabeth Heinlein and a member of the Parish Helpers. She is sure to be the best dressed American Girl Doll in town!



Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take place at the church’s Harvest Fair in November. All profits support the Parish Helpers’ good works for the church and community. Tickets are available from the Parish Helpers and will be sold at the Treasure Shop as well at the church during coffee hours and other church events.

## INTENTIONAL GIVING REPORT

**We are a blessed church family.** The I. G. effort has come to a close with \$120,515 in promised giving for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Thank you each and every person for discerning the gift that is right for you. For anyone unable to make a promise at this time, have peace in your heart and know that stewardship takes many forms – time, talent as well as treasure. You are welcome to give in the offering plate whatever you can, whenever you can. And, should you wish to make a pledge at a later time, it will always be welcome.

**How to be more GREEN** – Environmentally, that is! - Good weather sure helps on the oil bill, doesn’t it? It’s also a great time to check some things that will help this winter. By insulating your electric water heater and its outgoing pipes, you can lower the temperature setting and save up that way as well. Check with a plumber for safety.

**Circle 228** - Looking for a small, but valuable way to help your church? Check out the Circle 228 Boards in Fellowship Hall. Take a tag ... or make a tag. Some items always in need are: ream of copy paper, paper towels, dishwashing soap, sponges, art supplies, gift cards to Staples, Rite Aid, Hannaford Grocery.

**Liberty Shanguro’s Education Fund** Going Strong! Thanks all you coin-generous folks for continuing to make the Liberty Jug jingle with coins.

*Carol Lundgren, Stewardship Ministry*

## NEWS FROM ZIMBABWE!

Rev. Mhururu has been delighted to hear the news of the church members and he writes, "It is really difficult to separate myself from this Church. I love to continue to be briefed about your activities." He has been busy with his work as President of the UCCZ Volunteers (The Volunteers are an extremely active group and could be compared to a combination of our Parish Helpers and the Men's Alliance but on a national level.) He was responsible for leading an intense three day national meeting with activities around the clock. He also reports, "I have just arrived from Mozambique where I have gone since Friday to attend their Volunteers' Annual General Meeting. From Zimbabwe we were 11 delegates then tomorrow Monday I will travel to Masvingo to visit Gamuchari (Rev. Mhururu's wife) at her school. We will then travel together back to Harare on Friday. There is no electricity to use my computer. However I will come back to you to respond to email when I am in Harare. I will not drive but use the public bus."

Rev. Mutsumbei arrived safely back in Chipinge three weeks ago to the delight of his family. His wife Lillian noted that she was "the happiest person under the sun." Little son Nyasha, almost 3, is enjoying the toy guitar he received and has either played it or slept with it for several days. Rev. Mutsumbei wasted no time in getting his projects up and going. He has been working on making and distributing maputi (popcorn) to the local shops and schools, a challenge with his vehicle that isn't working properly. He resumed supply preaching at South Down (the site of one of our 2012 work camps) and has already begun the first of his women's empowerment workshops. He said the men were "full of questions" about the program. He writes, "I am missing my friends at Wakefield and I love them so much."

## CARING VISITATION

Would you like to have a visit with our Pastor or with one of our Visitation Team members? If so, please call Pastor Mary and let her know. Our Pastor carries out much pastoral visitation, and necessarily prioritizes the most urgent situations each week, while trying to keep up with less urgent situations over time. Our caring lay visitors are also available. When it comes to visitation, it is very important to remember that **when you want a visit, the minister does not know unless you tell her.** Haven't seen Mary in a while and would like to? Pick up the phone and call the church and tell her or leave her a message. You can also email her at [fccwpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fccwpastor@gmail.com). She will be very glad to hear from you and will know to prioritize scheduling a visit.

## ONE PERSON'S TRASH . . .

The Treasure Shop, located in the Old Town Hall in Wakefield Corner, is open for business on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon throughout the summer. You will love the new look that Carole Doughty and Rachel White have given the shop! Stop by and see what treasures you can find! The Parish Helpers welcome your donations. Items can be dropped off during open hours or contact Carole Doughty to make other arrangements.

## WIDER CHURCH NEWS!

As members of the Carroll Strafford Association, all are warmly invited to attend the ordination and reception of Celeste McQuarrie on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Church Congregational, in Rochester, NH.

Looking ahead, the NH Conference 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Center in Concord. This is a wonderful opportunity to be one of five delegates from FCCW joining with other UCC churches throughout NH. The national president of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Geoffrey Black, will be part of this special day-long event. Please see Rev. Mary, Penny or Donna Ackerman for registration details.

*Connie Littlefield*

## SUMMER HAPPENINGS FOR THE PARISH HELPERS

Our busy summer is underway! The **Parish Helpers Picnic** will be held on July 10 at noon at Carol Lundgren's home at 94 Grenier Road, Wakefield – 522-8235. You can get there from Pine River Pond Road, to Lord Road, right at fork to Grenier Road. It's on the right—a brown house, white shutters, red roof. Please plan on bringing a pot luck dish (we love salads in the summer!) The hostesses will provide beverages and desserts.

The **Treasure Shop** is open and we are in need of volunteers to help out! Please speak with Carole Doughty or Rachel White or stop in the Treasure Shop and sign up.

Also, keep in mind that the **Village Fair** will be held on Saturday, August 9 We'll be looking for pie and cookie bakers, craft makers, and helping hands at the Fair. For more information on how you can help, please see Carol Jeffery or Ginny Schweitzer.

Happy Summer!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE  
JUNE 18, 2014**

The total amount pledged to the Capital Campaign as of this date is \$164,095, and \$117,430 of this amount has been received. After deducting the \$22,457 already spent for consultant fees and work on the church already completed, there remains \$94,973 currently available for other projects.

It has been decided that 70%, or \$64,094 of the available amount is designated for In-reach projects to maintain, improve or update the church's buildings and grounds; 20%, or \$20,586 for Legacy, which is the money held in reserve for major capital expenditures; and 19%, or \$10,293 for new or continuing Missions.

The Capital Campaign is now in its third and final year, and we are hopeful that the last \$46,665 pledged will be received before the end of 2014. If you have made a pledge, please do your best to fulfill it. We continue to encourage *everyone* to make a contribution, however modest, so that the goal of 100% participation in the first capital campaign in our church's history can be reached.

*Submitted by Bill Goodwin for the  
Capital Campaign Advisory Group*

**BUDS AND BLOOMS**

It's been a slow spring but summer is coming and hopefully your flowers are blooming. The Ministry for Visual and Decorative Arts is looking for any and all donations!! If you have flowers blooming now or in the next couple of months and are willing to share, please consider helping to decorate the church. Maybe you have a beautifully blooming flower pot(s) or garden flowers for making all or part of a vase arrangement. Please just let us know what and when.

The Ministry's members are willing to either pick and/or arrange your flowers. We have a variety of vases that anyone is welcome to use. If there is someone you'd like to honor or memorialize, we can include that dedication in our written announcements.

A week's notice is all we need and ALL DONATIONS, big or small, are welcome! Please contact Deborah Smiley @ 569-2867 (home) or by email at [smiley.deborah@gmail.com](mailto:smiley.deborah@gmail.com). Rachel White and Titia Bozuwa are also available for questions, ideas and donations.

*Deborah Smiley  
Visual and Decorative Arts Ministry*

**FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ**

Please remember to pick up a package of fair trade, organic coffee, tea or chocolate the next time you're at church. Remember that when you buy product from our little store, you are helping in several ways:



You are supporting Equal Exchange, a worker owned co-op which helps train and organize small farmers to work together in local, independently governed co-ops. You help small farmers participating in the co-ops to remain on their land and provide better lives for their families.

You help preserve the rain forest by helping the small farmers tend their land rather than sell out to large corporate producers. (Coffee, especially, is a shade loving plant, but when grown by large corporations, it becomes a sun-blasted, forced product which artificially produces more quickly and more often.)

You also help small farmers in the US. Equal Exchange and United Church of Christ have an agreement of mutual support, therefore a small percentage of each purchase goes toward small farmers in the US.

Much more information is available. Please feel free to pick up one of the brochures from the Fellowship Café cabinet.

*Margie Galabrun*

**SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL**

Our summer church school program of guided child care is now underway. Children attending church during the summer will participate in craft time, music led by Raenya Morann, and healthy play, out-of-doors whenever possible. The craft, as suggested by the Whole People of God curriculum, will following the same theme that the adults in the sanctuary are hearing. The playtime will also be directed as much as possible toward that theme. So if you hear the happy sounds of children drifting in the windows during the summer services, offer up a little prayer of thanks for each of them, and know that they are worshipping right along with you.

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14

*Margie Galabrun, Christian Education Ministry*

# Celebrations!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Chrissie Mooers<br>Levesque | 17 Rick Denver     |
| 1 Tim Lloyd                   | 20 Andrea Szirbik  |
| 1 Betty Seibert               | 20 Stephen Steer   |
| 2 Marjorie Berg               | 22 Linda Foss      |
| 3 Tammy Canney                | 22 Patricia Golden |
| 4 Brenna Hagy                 | 23 Linda Petkunas  |
| 5 Royal Doughty               | 24 John Paul Eaton |
| 5 Sarah Tamilio               | 24 Chip Hagy       |
| 7 Robert Baldwin              | 24 Dick Nelson     |
| 8 Lucille Pirie               | 24 Stephen Royle   |
| 8 Lee Robinson                | 25 Sandy Burr      |
| 9 Keaghan Canney              | 26 Faith Harvey    |
| 10 Linda Shepard              | 26 Janet Twombly   |
| 13 TitiaBozuwa                | 28 Sue Littlefield |
| 14 Michelle Crew              | 28 Lynn Weeks      |
| 16 Kathy Frothingham          | 30 Jan Fairchild   |
| 16 Roy Olson                  | 30 Jan Maki        |

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Buddy & Nancy Dee
- 15 Curt & Mary Beth Cook (1993)
- 17 David & Ginny Schweitzer
- 24 Jean-Michel & Margie Galabrun

## PASTOR'S VACATION

Our Pastor will be on vacation from June 30-through Sunday, July 13th. Mary will be back on duty on July 14th. On the Sunday of July 6th, the service will be planned and facilitated by our Diaconate Co-Coordinator Titia Bozuwa and Jo Szirbik. Titia will be preaching. Thanks to them for the wonderful ministry! Please show your support by attending on the 6th, as well as on the 13th when our guest preacher will be The Rev. Ellen Lankhorst. We will celebrate Holy Communion in July on the third Sunday of the month, upon Mary's return.

The Diaconate will be handling any serious pastoral emergencies that might arise. Pastor Mary offers her deep gratitude for this time with her family.



## FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Paul T.            | David M.          |
| Dot R.             | Curt C.           |
| Jo W.              | Marcia            |
| Julia W.           | Penny C.          |
| Tom and Barbara T. | Wesley H.         |
| George B.          | Serena H.         |
| Art W.             | Harold            |
| Cathy K.           | Ed M.             |
| Mackenzie M.       | Paul and Agnes C. |
| Beth M.            | Marsha A.         |

### AND FOR:

- Our global neighbors in places where there is great strife.
- Our servicemen and women
- Our friends in Rufumiso, Zimbabwe
- Residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement Communities in our area



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, uplifting cards and words of support during my recent hip replacement surgery and recovery. It has mean so much to me, and so has the wonderful prayer shawl. It brings me comfort and warmth.

Fondly,  
*Berit Johannessen*

# JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Treasure Shop Grand Opening 9 a.m. to noon  Deacons Meeting 4:00	<b>3</b>  Scrabble 10 a.m.  *Community String Band TBA	<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon
<b>6</b>  Worship 10 a.m.  Church School	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon  Pairs and Spares 6 p.m.	<b>10</b>  Parish Helpers Picnic 12 noon  *Community String Band TBA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon
<b>13</b>  Family Sunday Worship  10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Scrabble 10 a.m.  Bible Study 12 noon	<b>16</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon	<b>17</b>  *Community String Band TBA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon
<b>20</b>  Worship And Holy Communion Church School  10 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Bible Study 12 noon	<b>23</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon	<b>24</b>  Prayer Shawl 10 a.m.  *Community String Band TBA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon
<b>27</b>  Worship and Church School— 10 a.m.  Commissioning, Blessing and Sending of the Z-Team and in honor of Connie Littlefield's new ministry there  Coffee Hour	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Bible Study 12 noon	<b>30</b>  Treasure Shop 9 a.m. to noon	<b>31</b>  *Community String Band TBA		

\* Community String Band classes will be scheduled throughout the summer as Shana is available. Participants should watch their email for class time announcements.



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**SUMMER OFFICE  
HOURS**

**TUESDAY—FRIDAY  
8:30 TO 12:30**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .**

June 28—Treasure Shop open 9 to 12 noon.  
Open Wednesdays and Saturdays through August

Community String Band—Thursdays—TBA

June 28—Z Team Service Auction—6:30 p.m.

July 10—Parish Helpers Picnic—Noon

July 13—Family Sunday—10 a.m.

July 15, 22, 29—Bible Study—Noon

July 27—Blessing and Sending of Z-team

August 9—Parish Helpers Fair—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 30—All-church Yard Sale

