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THE PASTOR'S PLACE . . .

EARTH CREATURES ALL

As the beauties of spring unfold before our eyes, we become so very aware of the myriad forms of life supported by our only home, Earth. With all the greening and blossoming around us, it is hard to believe *that this very greening and blossoming is deeply threatened by the massive impact of unbridled human consumption of resources.*

Our faith tradition teaches us that we are called to be stewards of this precious creation. We cannot exist apart from it, yet we tend to think of ourselves as somehow outside of nature. We are not! We are as much creatures of the earth as are the birds of the air, the fish in the sea, and the moose that roam our mountains. We are those earth creatures who are meant to shepherd and care for all life, that all may have life.

This spring, let us remember our call to ðcreation justice.ö Creation itself has become a victim of our over-use of its resources, and the situation has become dire.

Many scientists believe that though our situation with climate change is dire, and though the possible collapse of certain life forms upon which many other life forms depend could be imminent, there is hope. As people of faith, we must respond with urgency and great love to assure that we can turn things around.

How?

There are so many ways: consume less water, oil, gas, and electricity; drive less often and seek to use vehicles that get better gas mileage; recycle and re-use everything you can; **do not** use toxic pesticides and insecticides; garden organically; make compost; plant a pollinator garden to help bees and butterflies do their jobs; stay away from chemical fertilizers and over-fertilizing lawns; mow your lawn less often; write your legislators about environmental concerns; purchase locally grown food whenever you can. You probably have other ideas to add to this list!

As we sing in church: *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies; for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies! Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!*

Happy spring, Earth Creature! May we assure endless springs for our children& children.

Blessings and peace,
Mary

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
Genesis 1:31

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are all so thankful for your loving support of God's work and our Church and its missions. Your faith, the dedication of your time, your special and unique talents, and your monetary support make all possible.

As with any Organization, family, not-for-profit, or for-profit entity a budget is necessary to help determine the upcoming years plans and how to accomplish these goals. I hope you've had the opportunity to review the proposed budget for this upcoming year. If so, you will note that anticipated pledges are \$116,901, a slight increase from last year. As of April 18 we have received 24 pledges in the amount of \$45,929 for this upcoming year. With joy we appreciate your support and anticipate and welcome continued commitments of pledging.

We will have our Dedication Sunday on May 8. We hope you can join us on this special day of celebration!

Blessings,

Chris Feddern, Stewardship
cfeddern@myfairpoint.net

P.S. If you have any questions or concerns, please know that Rev. Mary and I are available to talk.

LIBRARY CORNER

Special thanks to Ann Bilodeau for donating Robin Russell's latest book Those Roys of New England. This book continues the family's saga as the girls enter their teenage years. You can find it in the Junior Fiction (Blue) section of the Fellowship Hall Library.

Do you have a copy of Titia Bozuwa's book, The Emperor's Guest? Our library copies have been lost and your donation would be appreciated.

Linda Petkunas, Church Librarian

For more information on articles you read in the Steeple Views, contact the editor at steepleviews@gmail.com or call the church office at 603-522-3189.

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<https://twitter.com/wakefieldnhucc>

Pentecost Sunday Worship and Reception
Welcoming New Members!
May 15

LOCAL MISSIONS OF STEWARDSHIP

We have 3 sons who love this town they grew up in. And they love their friends and family fiercely. Our 3 sons no longer live in this town. In full disclosure it really was time to give them the boot but they could have chosen to stay around! They chose to leave.

A lack of employment opportunity was certainly a factor as well a desire to see other parts of the country and do new things. But these weren't the only reasons. They also left because they had lost many friends and acquaintances due to heroin and drugs. Now our boys weren't angels but this was sobering even to them. And they were smart enough to realize that if they stayed there would be a greater chance that they would see others be destroyed and perhaps even themselves.

Unfortunately this is not an unfamiliar story. Locally, in NH, and nationwide--parents, sons, daughters, teachers, health and social workers, and law enforcement are fronted with the tragic deaths and circumstances of loved ones and community members on a daily and hourly basis.

We are a Church active in mission. Zimbabwe is an excellent example. We have helped children and orphans, schools and villages. Friendships have developed and trusts established. These are missions we wholeheartedly support.

There is also much work to be done near our own home. We have a unique opportunity with the help and employment of Paul Nickerson, author and consultant. With his guidance we are developing a truly focused plan and roadmap to accomplish our goals. Goals which are being specifically identified, measurable and relevant to the people of our Church and community.

And so we have commissioned our Pastor to work within our local area--with churches, business people and committees--to address many local issues such as homelessness and addiction. She cannot do it alone and will need all the help she can get that is where we all come in. Until everyone in this community knows there is a God who loves them our work is not done. And so we have a lot to do! **Our journey begins . . .**

Chris Feddern

MEET GEORGE HARVEY



Pastor Emeritus George Harvey became our pastor 25 years ago in 1991 and served as our pastor until he retired in 1996 to enjoy it with his dear wife Peg. George's ministry began in 1958 after his graduation from Andover Newton Theological Seminary and ended in 1996 when he retired after serving our congregation for 5 years.

George was born in Weymouth, MA in 1933 and always aspired to follow a career in teaching like his Dad who taught Latin and Math in a Boston prep school. His Mom was a retired nurse and a stay-at-home mom to George and his two sisters. His was a family with strong values, and for many years his 2 grandmothers lived with the family.

He was a good student and, despite being accepted to Harvard, decided to go to Bowdoin College, which offered a scholarship. He majored in European History intending to become a teacher like his father. His career aspirations changed dramatically when he attended a talk on Christian ministry given by a visiting professor from Andover Newton that so inspired him he decided to pursue a career in ministry.

At Andover Newton during his second year a friend arranged a blind date with a very special young lady named Peg Maynard which resulted in an instant chemistry between them, and their romance through life began. Peg had attended the Chandler School for Women and was working in the national office of the Congregational Churches in Boston. They became engaged at Christmastime and were married in August of 1958 following his graduation.

His ministerial career began that same year as pastor of the Fryeburg, Maine Congregational Church. Peg was a gifted musician and singer and became the church's choir director, a scary position for her, but all worked out well. His next pastorate was at the Slatersville Congregational Church in Rhode Island from 1964 to 1983. From there he went to First Congregational Church in Brewer, Maine, serving until 1991, when he was called by our FCCW, where he stayed until his retirement. His family began with the birth of a daughter Faith in 1960, followed by Martha in 1961, Deborah in 1963 and son David in 1967. Peg and George's strong faith was passed to their children and their ministries flourished over nearly 40 wonderful years.

George's ministry at FCCW began with an amusing event in the Fall of 1991. The beginning of his ministry coincided with the family weekend retreat held at a camp ground in Alton. Connie Littlefield and several others on the search committee had gotten to know George quite well and decided to give him an interesting introduction. After the first night's sleep when George went into the washroom, he opened the door to the only stall in the restroom to find a stuffed deer head staring at him from the top of the toilet seat. When he emerged surprised from the restroom, Connie and many others were gathered to give him a rousing round of smiles and applause and a hug exchange. Quite a welcome to our church family!

George's ministry here was full of enriching growth, not least of all planning for an addition to the church. Peg was the President of Parish Helpers for several years, was a welcome addition to the senior choir and handbell choir, and got involved with our Zimbabwe sister church when she represented the NH Conference Women's Fellowship in a visit to Zimbabwe. George and Peg enjoyed retirement from their home in North Wakefield and later residence in Wolfeboro until Peg's untimely death in 2011. They filled their times with interesting activity. George served several churches as interim minister, and Peg continued her much enjoyed work as librarian of the lovely little Wakefield Library across from the church. George now lives with his daughter Faith in her new home in nearby Dover, where he is close enough to worship with us in Wakefield whenever he can. He has survived two strokes, working diligently to recover each time.

He observed to me during our talk about his life that God has a major hand at dozens of junctures along his life journey. His faith has always carried him through whatever obstacles seem to be in the way. We finished our fine time together listening to a wonderful recording of Peg singing a duet with a dear friend many years ago at the Slatersville church.

Dave Schweitzer

JOIN IN THE FUN OF PRIDE DAY

Give and get free Hugs during the parade, prayers and blessings at our booth, face-painting, songs and a general good time of outreach. We'll have our new FCCW tee shirts to wear! Join us in the parade, at the booth and along Meadow Street as we show our pride in our church and our community

REMINDER!

The church no longer has a post office box. Mail sent to the church should be addressed as:

First Congregational Church of Wakefield, UCC
2718 Wakefield Road
Sanbornville, NH 03872

VITALITY NEWS!

We're excited after our first Vitality meetings! There is not only true enthusiasm but also a united front and action plan. As Mary spends more deliberate time in the community, so shall we. 'We' meaning not only 'Vitality' but we hope all of us. As we strive to become more relevant to our community we will need to really listen to what people have to say as well hear their unspoken words. We will need to effectively communicate and act in ways that make a statement and impression.

And so our spring plans begin with sponsoring a T-ball team. We think this is fantastic! Knowing of course that doesn't start and end with T-shirts. It will also include supporting the kids at their games (which if you've ever been to a T-ball game can be endless), and after their games, and with appreciation events. Think of being at the Pub when their teams (and others) come in after games for a celebration--or maybe just because their folks need a beer by then--I'm sure both come into play--but what energy they have! Keep an eye out for the Team schedule and events to support them. Go Team!

The Service Auction will be a real church showcase. Holding this at the Town Hall is brilliant. If we're all able to participate both with a Service offering as well as active Bidders and local folks join us, well, what fun! Laughter & fun--yes! Invite all you can to participate and help raise money for Zimbabwe. (Please see Connie or a Z-Team member with a Service you may want to donate.)

T-Shirts are being ordered for church members to purchase. This is another way to help spread the news of God and our Church and another opportunity to start and continue conversations and start new relationships. Also a great identifier during different events that we hold such as the Yard Sale and Pride Day.

Speaking of Pride Day, May is right around the corner! Pride Day--another opportunity to shine with laughter, fun & relevance. This is when locals really want to shake off the dust, go outside and get together and visit and have fun and kick off the start of summer. Help and coordination is needed for many aspects of this day including the Parade, Tent, and a host of activities some yet to be determined. Let your imaginations have fun! Your ideas participation and help will be greatly appreciated.

Other activities and events include walks on Rails to Trails in Wolfeboro and other places. And to deliver Blessings on Memorial Day.

(Continued)

Last but not least, and perhaps even most important, will be Congregational Care especially care of our Pastor, a most precious resource! To keep her Vitality up she will really need lots of help, love & care. Oh, and a few days off wouldn't hurt.

We're very thankful for our Vitality Prayer group. They will truly bless us with God's loving and guiding hand.

With the love of God,
The Vitality Team

Rev. Mary James
Margie Galabrun
Chris Feddern
Jillian Currier
Sharon La Fond
Dave & Ginny Schweitzer
Susan Raban
Bob Foulks
Donna & George Ackerman

WITH GREAT THANKS

Pam Frazier has decided to step down from her role as Assistant Treasurer, and we thank her most ardently for her years of service in that exacting and demanding role. Our Treasurers (currently Janice Brejwo and Shannon Johnson) and our Assistant Treasurers have difficult jobs that are critical to the running of the life of our church. Though their work is largely invisible to the congregation, we could not do without all the functions that these volunteers fulfill on our behalf. Many churches have staff cover these functions; we are blessed with capable volunteers who handle our finances.

We thank Pam for being such an ever-present, diligent, cheerful Assistant Treasurer! Pam always has a smile on her face, and carried out her role with precision and warmth. Always seeking to be helpful, Pam was right on top of all those numbers in receiving and accounting for funds, banking, and sending out helpful reminder and thank-you letters to all who pledge to the church's support.

Thank you, Pam, for your special blend of warmth, humor and attention to detail!

We are also very grateful to Julie Kessler, who has agreed to serve as our new Assistant Treasurer. Thank you very much, Julie!

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>10 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>6 pm Bells</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>12:30 pm Caregivers Mtg.</p> <p>6 pm Choir</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p> <p>Calling and Discernment PPP 5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10 am Scrabble</p> <p>4 pm Diaconate</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Community String Band</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>Memorial Service for Barbara Golden 1 pm</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Mother's Day Stewardship Sunday 10 am Worship/ Coffee Hour 6 pm Bells</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>6 pm Choir</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p> <p>Centering Prayer 3:30 pm</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6 pm Pairs and Spares</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Parish Helpers Luncheon 12 Noon</p> <p>6:30 pm Community String Band</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Memorial Service for Barbara Burkam</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Pentecost Sunday 10 am Worship Welcome New Members and Coffee Hour Reception</p> <p>6 pm Bells</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>6 pm Choir</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>10 am Scrabble</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Pub Grub & Soul Food 6 to 7:30 pm Poor People's Pub</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Community String Band</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Wakefield Pride Day</p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>10 am - Worship Coffee Hour Leadership Council Meeting</p> <p>6 pm Bells</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>6 pm Choir</p> <p>Pastor Mary Vacation 5/23-5/31</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.</p> <p>6:30 pm String Band</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p>10 am Worship</p> <p>6 pm Bells</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>6 pm Choir</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>				

Celebrations!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Sarah Connell | 14 Scott Frothingham |
| 5 Emma Dolbear | 17 George Ackerman Jr. |
| 7 Dalton Ostrye | 17 Bridgette Gehring |
| 8 Scott Mercer | 18 Lance MacLean |
| 9 Maurice Hatch | 19 Cindy Eggleston |
| 10 Sophia Moran | 22 Peg Bridges |
| 11 Sharon Baldwin | 23 Marc Galabrun |
| 11 Patricia Martin | 23 Lynn Shaffer |
| 11 Wayne Robinson | 28 Luke Evenson |
| 13 Nicholas Gatchell | 29 Scott Twombly |
| 13 Dot Roberts | 31 Brittany Frothingham |
| 14 Elizabeth Fogg | |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Barry & Evelyn Truhn |
| 13 Charlie & Ann Bilodeau |
| 18 David & Gisela Haag |
| 24 Chip & Karen Hagy |
| 29 Rob & Kelly Druge |
| 31 Dick & Harriet Wilson |

thank
you!

I want to thank all the kind people of the church who sent me cards, brought food, came to visit and held me in their prayers during my convalescence from the knee replacement. It was really appreciated and very helpful.

Titia Bozuwa

DIPES AND WIPES NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY

The next special Food Pantry collection will be on Sunday, June 5th. The pantry is in great need of diapers and baby wipes. Please plan on bringing these items for our next Sunday collection!

Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



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

Dot R.	Jan F.
Tom and Barbara T.	Donald L.
George B.	George J.
Art W.	Sid S.
Mackenzie M.	Marcia H.
Marcia	Parker V.
Marsha A.	

AND FOR:

Our global neighbors in places where there is great strife.

Our servicemen and women

Our friends at Rufumiso Church, Zimbabwe
Residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement
Communities in our area

Caregiver's Support Group: Are you caring for a loved one with significant physical or emotional challenges? Would you like to gather for learning, support, and conversation with others who are in the same situation? Carol Lundgren facilitates a Caregiver Support Group here each month. Please call the church office if you are interested in taking part at 522-3189.

CHURCH VITALITY INVITATION

We have a great Church Vitality Team up and running. This was a team that was put together on the spot during our Church Vitality training day. However, this is not a closed team and we very much welcome any and all participation anyone would like to offer. So please, if you feel you would like to be included, contact Margie Galabrun or Chris Feddern. We'll be certain to add you to the e-mail list which is how much of our conversation happens, and we'll be certain to let you know about our physical meetings as well. Please join in and be VITAL.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2015 – Mar 31, 2016

Income:	\$ 122,311.08
Expenditures:	\$ (126,001.03)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,689.95)

Checking Non-Restricted balance:	\$1,578.46
Checking Restricted Funds balance:	<u>\$2,842.12</u>

Total Checking Account balance: 3/31/2016: \$4,420.58

As you see above there is a year-to-date loss. We began the year with \$5,200 in unexpended funds from the previous year. This is the reason expenses can outpace income for the year and there is still money in the general checking account. These unexpended funds are not included in the total income line above, but the expenses they covered are included in the total expenditures line above.

For the first time in March, we began using the Alden Young \$20,000 gift (which has been kept in our Savings account) to cover expenses in the current budget. As of March 31st, we had transferred \$7,500 of this gift from Savings to Checking. \$12,500 remains in Savings and will be used during the remainder of this fiscal year. At the point when a transfer is made from Savings to Checking the amount transferred shows up as "income" on the YTD budget report (Line 11 on the treasurer's monthly report) and included in the income total above.

Hopefully, this is helpful and makes sense. Just ask if you have questions.

Over the next few months we will be giving you information on the church's five bank accounts at Profile. In next month's issue of Steeple Views, we will cover the General Checking account and why it is divided into non-restricted and restricted fund balances.

*Janice Brejwo and Shannon Johnson, Co-Treasurers
fccwtreasurer@gmail*

HAPPY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Denine Foulks has volunteered to teach church school every 1st Sunday. Her plan is to bring the children back upstairs to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If there is another adult, youth or young adult who would like to volunteer to be the 2nd along with Denine, please contact Margie Galabrun, 522-6647.

PARISH HELPERS NEWS

The Parish Helpers' annual luncheon will be held at the Wakefield Inn on Thursday, May 12, at 12 noon. Please let Rachel White know if you are going to attend. You may call her at 520-2316 or email her at randrwhite1@yahoo.com.

At our last meeting, we unveiled our raffle offerings for 2016. Both items were generously donated by members of the Parish Helpers! Pictured here are Ginny and Rachel showing a hand-braided rug made by Catherine Britton, and a quilt by Susan Raban. Raffle tickets will be distributed to the members of Parish Helpers at our annual luncheon and will be sold at Pride Day and during the summer at the Treasure shop, the Village Fair, and the Harvest Fair. The winning tickets will be drawn after the fall fair.



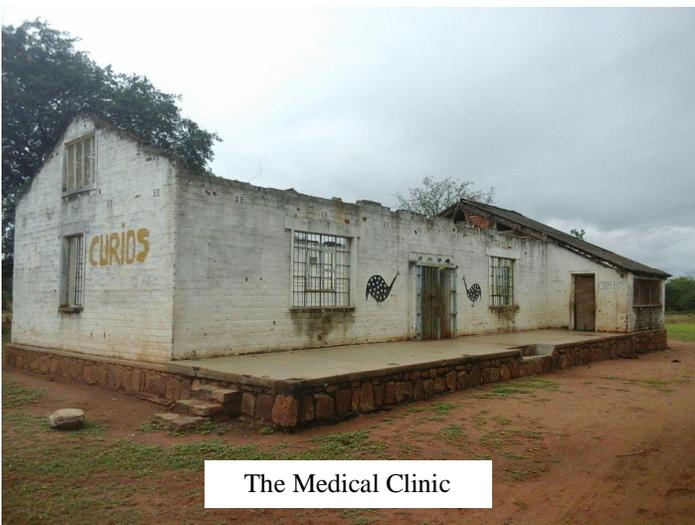
We are saddened by the passing of two of our Parish Helpers in recent months. A memorial service for Barbara Burkam will be held at the church on May 14 and for Ginny Silcocks on June 18th.

As always, all women of the church and community are welcome at the Parish Helpers.

Z TEAM NEWS

The Z Team is in the throes of preparing for the Service Auction, a wonderful event to be held at the Wakefield Opera House which is intended to involve the larger community. Not only is it great to spread the news about Zimbabwe and our church's caring outreach, it shows us as a church family, a church community who definitely prescribes to the idea of love in action.

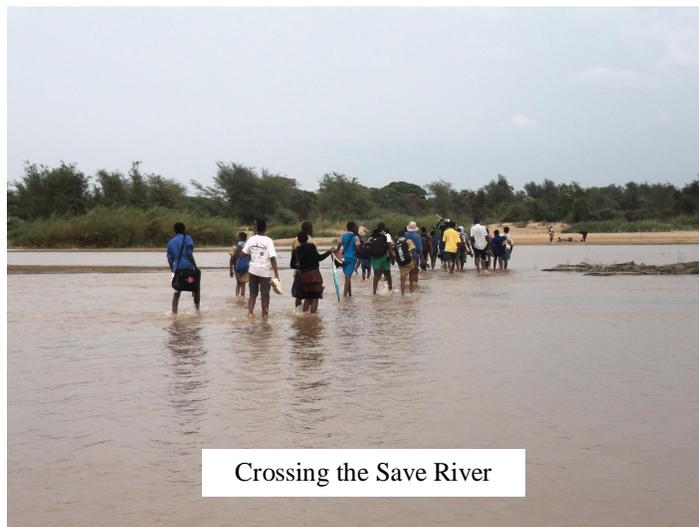
Love in action is what our summer mission trip is all about. Four travelers – Jillian, Max, Dalton, and Ann-- will be giving up the comforts of home during a beautiful part of our summer season to journey to a place that is experiencing extensive challenges with drought, food security, high unemployment (90%) and more. While there we will continue to work on the parsonage at Rufumiso, work at Humani on renovating a dilapidated (and I am being kind in that description) building to convert into a medical clinic, visit the Daisy Dube Home and meet the



The Medical Clinic

kiddoes and play a bit (YAY!), and then work at Dzika Primary School on the early childhood classroom with a bit of paint, and assist with constructing some playground elements. The money from the Service Auction will assist us in buying the necessary building supplies for these projects. The three weeks will go fast and our travelers will be different people when they return. (I will let you know how it goes on my end but I would love to hear their rendition of the stories when they return!)

So why are we doing all this? LOVE IN ACTION. In Humani, people walk obscene distances just to access basic medical care, upwards of 30-40 miles. When they do get to Humani they have to cross the Save River, which has crocodiles and walk another 3K to reach a clinic. A basic clinic. This is the equivalent of walking from Wakefield to Dover and then you take your life in your hands and hope the river is low and the crocs are upstream. Most people, especially the elderly and children, don't walk and so they remain ill or they die. No prenatal care, no immunizations for the school age kids, no treatment for high blood pressure or malaria or TB or HIV/AIDS or cholera or asthma or malnutrition. No treatment for cuts or other injuries



Crossing the Save River

which can become infected. Some of God's beloved have access to the best the world has to offer and others do not.

I love what Nelson Mandela had to say, "As long as poverty, injustice or gross inequality exists in our world, none of us can truly rest." And that's what I see happening in our church. I see people addressing poverty, injustice and gross inequality. Love in action. The church supports and encourages those of us who travel to Zimbabwe and those who are addressing those issues right here in Wakefield.

So dear friends, thank you for your love, prayers, care and support for our friends in Zimbabwe and for our travelers. Most importantly, thank you for being the church that values and encourages the many ways in which we all demonstrate our love for others.

Connie Littlefield

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS?

One of the ways we try to keep you informed of what is going on in the church and surrounding community is through an all-church email. We have recently found that not everyone is on that list. If you would like to get the weekly bulletin schedule and announcements, as well as other similar communications throughout the week, please be sure the office has your correct email address. This is particularly helpful if you are unable to be at church on a Sunday morning.

If you're already getting the weekly announcements, you're all set! If not, please send your correct email to the church office at fccwakefieldnh@gmail.com and we'll get you connected.

THANK YOU, DONNA

Donna Young has served admirably and ably as our delightful Administrative Assistant for just over a year. She was recently offered a job very close to home that will enable her to have just ONE job, instead of juggling two! We wish Donna all the best in her new endeavor, but we are very sad to see her go!! Our deep thanks goes to Donna for her good humor, great efficiency, warm heart, and always knowing just what to say and do!

The Personnel Ministry and Pastor Mary are actively engaged in seeking a new administrator. We have designed an expanded administrator role entitled "Congregational Life Administrator." Combining the resources devoted to the former position and some other staff hours already budgeted for but not yet filled, we look forward to an expanded administrative presence in the life of the church. The position will start at 25 hours a week and, we hope, will expand to 30, administering the office as always, and in addition, adding the responsibilities of administering our Christian Education programs and assisting the Pastor by administering a lay visitation and congregational contact program.

The ads are out and interviews have already begun. Please pray for Personnel Ministry and Pastor Mary as they seek just the right person. Many thanks to church member Linda Petkunas for volunteering twice a week in our church office, answering phones and greeting people. Donna will continue to print out and copy the bulletins for us until we hire a new person, as well as checking email and phone messages; she will remain in our employ for a few hours each week until we hire someone.

Good luck and Godspeed, Donna! Keep smiling!

NEW COFFEE HOUR FORMAT COMING IN JUNE

Beginning in June we will provide a "Loaves and Fishes" coffee hour and fellowship time every Sunday. Anyone is welcome to bring a snack to share.

The second Sunday of each month will be a special coffee hour with a variety of refreshments offered. Expanding our coffee hour time will provide us with the opportunity to reconnect with our wonderful Church family.

Thank you,
Rachel White and Janet Twombly

Summer Music Camp



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The First Congregational Church of Wakefield, United Church of Christ warmly invites children ages 5 – 12 to participate in this free week-long music camp!

August 1 - 5, 2016 * Daily 9:00 to noon
at the church - 2718 Wakefield Road, Wakefield (across from the Wakefield Inn)**

Music, fun, snacks, singing, games, dancing, hand chimes, boom whackers, crafts!!!

**Come! Join the fun!
Please contact the church office at 522-3189 to pre-register
by leaving child's name, age, and a contact number.**



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SANBORNVILLE, NH 03872



SHOW YOUR
FCCW PRIDE
AT
WAKEFIELD PRIDE DAY
MAY 21

BE THE CHURCH *God is still speaking,*
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Protect the environment. Care for the poor.
*Embrace diversity. **Reject racism.** Forgive often.*

Love God. **Fight for the powerless.**

Share earthly and spiritual resources. Enjoy this life.