

STEEPLE VIEWS

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THE PASTOR'S PLACE . . .

AN OASIS OF COOPERATION IN A DESERT OF ACRIMONY

I recently read in the newsletter of another church that a group was forming to consider how they might attract new participation, indicating that they were interested in attracting others in our communities who support our inclusive message of social justice and love for all. Sounds good, on the surface. I agree with the vision behind those words, and could have written them myself. But how do those words read for those new to church? It caused me to reflect on the ways we might at times find ourselves using language that sounds like a coded message along the lines of "we seek only like-minded people." And if that is what those words really mean, that would be a sad thing. If congregations are being honest with themselves, all too often, there is an uncomfortable amount of truth in admitting our desire to worship in an echo chamber where the views we hold are reflected back to us. All too often, we want God to look and think a lot like us.

I'd love to see something more along these lines: we don't care who you voted for, and we may not all agree on all kinds of things, but we know we are called to love God and others, near and far, and to take care of everyone. Let's start there, and find all the ways we can work, play, worship, and serve together.

This is the historic strength and beauty of the mainline Protestant and Catholic traditions in our culture; people of diverse points of view can worship and serve side by side, whether they agree on a whole host of issues or not. The basic criterion for participation is: BE KIND, because everyone---yep, everyone---is welcome here (with the obvious exceptions of violent, hateful, or destructive behaviors). Really. Even the person you totally disagree with, and whose life looks quite different from yours.

The Constitutionally protected separation of church and state protects the religious freedoms of all in our country, as well as the integrity of our houses of worship as prophetic (truly justice-seeking) voices in our culture. There are those who wish to dissolve that wall of separation, and this would be a terrible mistake. It would mean that partisan politics could legally have free reign in our churches. This would destroy any hope of maintaining the possibility of church as an oasis of cooperation in the desert of acrimony and division that our political realm has become, and compromise the independent voice of the church which is called to speak God's loving truth to power. It would bring us a step closer to the establishment of state-supported religion, with obvious disastrous effects on our religious freedoms.

Let us, in our little church here in Wakefield, stand as an example of a rare place in our society today where people of diverse viewpoints can come together. I hope that in our church both those who march in the current resistance movement and those who put the current President into office can love one another, listen to one another's stories, worship together, and roll up their sleeves and work together. Our society is absolutely parched when it comes to acts of unity and reaching across divides. Churches like ours can be a place where that can happen, because of the power of God's love.

This is what it means to be an Open and Affirming church: to be safe and caring space for all of God's children. Even me. Even you. Even that person with whom you strongly disagree. It's not the easy way, at least not for me. It's the way of Jesus.

Blessings and peace,
Mary

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31

ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 11

Come one, come all to the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Wakefield, NH, UCC. It's time once again for the Membership to gather and make decisions about the direction of our church as we move into the next fiscal year. Please come to read/hear the reports of the ministries*, to pray about our church together as a congregation, and to listen to and discuss with each other as we endeavor to make the best possible decisions for our church in this time.

* All reports are made available in advance. Please try to help us save paper by checking for them on-line, or pick up your copy on the back table in the sanctuary and please remember to bring them along with you to the Annual Meeting.

Margie Galabrun, Moderator

WAKEFIELD WONDERS RELAY FOR LIFE JUNE 3

Relay For Life of Lake Winnepesaukee is June 3rd, 10 am to 11 pm. All cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to celebrate this huge mission of the American Cancer Society. Immediately after the opening, survivors will walk the first lap, and then be treated to a luncheon and a gift. Activities go on throughout the day, with the highlight being the Lumunaria Ceremony at 9 pm. This is a very moving experience, bags are illuminated around the track, music is played, poems are read, and names on the bags are read aloud. It really brings home the reason we do what we do. The Wakefield Wonders have raised over \$2,000 to the cause. Please come and cheer on our members: David and Janice Fairchild, Carol Lundgren, Janice Stanley, Evelyn Truhn. There will be food and drinks for sale, as well as raffles. Hope to see you at The Nickö, Route 28, Wolfboro (across from Allen A Motel).

Nancy Dee, Team Captain

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<https://twitter.com/wakefieldnhucc>

PAM'S GARDEN—A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SATURDAY JUNE 3RD – 2 PM TO 5 PM.



Come to Mooseview Farm, 103 Lyford Rd ó Brookfield, and help us celebrate the life of Pam Frazier

There will be food, drinks and music along with seedlings to plant in a special new Pam's Garden.

All the vegetables harvested from that garden will be donated to the Food Pantry in Pam's memory this year.

All of our wonderful Church Family are welcome. Please RSVP to Frank at frank@mooseview.com

Frank Frazier

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSION JUNE 4

We are offering an information session for all who are interested in becoming members of the church. If you are interested in exploring membership, you are welcome to attend the session, which will take place right after the worship service on **Sunday, June 4th**. We will load up our plates with snacks from coffee hour and meet together in the large classroom for 90 minutes. It's so fun for us all to get to know each other a bit more!

The advantages of becoming a church member are that members are able to take part in leadership positions, and all members are able to exercise a vote at our congregation's annual meeting and other special meetings (called when important decisions must be made). Membership is a sign of a desire for an increased threshold of participation in the vibrant, joyful, illuminating, and outreaching life of our church. There is never any pressure to join the church, ever. There is always a warm invitation to do so, though!

Please let Pastor Mary know if you'd like to take part in the new member information session. We hope to receive all those interested into church membership the following Sunday, June 11th, which is also the date of our congregation's annual meeting (held right after worship). **So, please save both dates: June 4th and June 11th!**

God bless us all as we look forward to new adventures in God's love with new members on board!

THE PARISH HELPERS

At our June meeting, we will welcome Christy Day who will speak to us about her pilgrimage to El Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

El Camino de Santiago de Compostela is the 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain. Christy will share the joys and challenges of this journey. She walked El Camino when she was 66, and wrote a book about it, *Walking from Here to There: Finding My Way on El Camino*. In pictures and in words, she invites you to join her on this spiritual journey.

I hope you will join us on Thursday, June 8., at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. As always, all women from the church and community are welcome!

Carol Jeffery

FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS – A BUSY SPRING TIME!

Special thanks to Brian Shipley for helping set up the Summer Music Camp banner, for helping replace and refill the planter barrels at the front of the church, to Ron Kratt for repainting the entry railings and to Mark Evenson and Alan Bernier for installing/activating a video doorbell. Thanks to Sam Owen (Julie Margolisøson) for keeping the lawn mowed this season.



Special thanks to Girl Scout Troop #51742 for planting daffodils along the fence and marigolds out front under the sign. And also thanks for coming to the Pairs and Spares dinner to show off their artwork and meet everyone. The Scouts meet at church each Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Their leader is Jennifer LaPlante. Here's a photo from the Pairs and Spares visit representing just three of the seventeen girls and co-leaders - Wow!
Carol Lundgren, B&G Ministry Coordinator

LEADERSHIP POSITION OPENINGS

We're looking for people who have an interest in being part of our church leadership to fill the following coordinator and officer positions:

Christian Education Coordinator or co-coordinator:
This position ensures that a range of Christian education opportunities is offered to all age groups of the Church. Currently we have a team of volunteers who are providing programming such as Sunday Church School, Service Club (MUCCers), Tuesday Bible Study, and Discussion Group. As a Coordinator, you would be the point person who would direct inquiries from the congregation, and would hold a position on Leadership Council and Team Synergy.

Calling & Discernment Coordinator or co-coordinator:
This position ensures that all members are invited to participate in the life of the church through the offering of their time and talent. Either as a coordinator, team member, or occasional participant, each person should be made aware of the opportunities to serve in an area or multiple areas of their interest. As a Coordinator, you would be the point person who would direct inquiries from the congregation, and would hold a position on Leadership Council and Team Synergy.

Clerk: This officer of the church would be responsible for the minutes of the Leadership Council and Congregational Meetings, and would oversee the record keeping of the Church. The Clerk holds a position on Leadership Council and on Team Synergy.

Co-Moderator: Serving with Margie Galabrun, this church officer would preside over Membership and Leadership Council Meetings, and would hold a position on Team Synergy.

Please let us hear from you, we need you. Please contact Evelyn Truhn, 522-7188, truhne@aol.com

TREASURE SHOP OPENING JUNE 21

The Treasure Shop is run by the Parish Helpers every summer and is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

You never can tell what treasure you will find there. Be sure to stop by the Old Town Hall and have a look! We gladly accept donations for the shop. Please - items should be in usable, clean condition. No clothing or larger items.

Z /PKZ TEAM NEWS

How wonderful to be celebrating our 20th year of partnership with Rufumiso and to look back on all of the ways in which we have grown from that experience. Who knew where this would take us, with so many projects and 14 different travelers over the years? Rufumiso will hold a special service on July 30 to celebrate the official church opening. Rufumiso is one of the older UCCZ churches, dating back to the 1950s. The new church construction began in 2005 with our first group of travelers: Donna Ackerman, Chris Feddern, Cathy Koukal, Pat Martin, Jo Szirbik and me. We are looking at creative ways to share the church service with them in spite of our 6 hour time difference.

Pride Day Relay was a fun but small event with some very enthusiastic and creatively dressed teams in 80s theme. Hope you caught the photos on Facebook! We hope to build on this enthusiasm for the next relay. Our next Z/PKZ Team fundraiser is a pre-Father's Day Pancake Breakfast to be held on June 17th. We promise to treat the dads well with some special raffles in addition to yummy pancakes, eggs, sausages, muffins and beverages. Hope to see you there! All proceeds will pay for the boxes we are packing for the shipping container.

The packing, packing, packing for the shipping container continues. We are so appreciative of the many who volunteered space for storage. Donations may be brought to the church through June 15th. The impact of shoes being distributed is profound. Children and their guardians are so appreciative that now, with shoes, children are being protected from diseases like bilihazia, a contaminated water borne parasite which can lead to serious illness and death. Thank you for all of your offerings, large or small.

Connie Littlefield



A little explanation of the photo of the kids with the shoes:

We get a donation each year of shoes, including soccer cleats, from a Pennsylvania organization called, In Ian's Boots. Ron and Holly Miller founded the organization after their grandson Ian was killed in a sledding accident at the age of 12. The doctors in the emergency room found a Bible verse inside Ian's boot... James 1:2-4 and that is included with each set of shoes that are sent. (Continued)

This year Ron and Holly are driving from PA to deliver the shoes.... 8 hours! They have provided hundreds of shoes to us to pass on through the shipping container at no cost. Just wanted you to know the extraordinary measures these loving people are going to!

And here is the note of thanks from the woman who distributed these shoes in Zim:

"These needy kids were very happy to receive Ian's boots. They used to go to school without shoes and use Blair toilets without shoes. Now with the PKZ shoes they are protected from diseases like bilihazia. Some of these kids stay with their Gogo, Mrs. Musengi who lives in Mutovhoti Village Chibuwe. They thanked the PKZ staff who brought them shoes. Thank you to the people at Ianbots.org. The good news of James 1: v2-4 is being spread all over.

PRIDE DAY FUN 2017

Pride Day was held on May 20 under sunny, blue skies and featured FCCW Yellow Tee Shirt clad happy celebrants. We set up two side-by-side covered booths on High Street. One featured Sharon Lafond face painting. We offered free cold water, prayer squares, inspiration rocks, music camp brochures, free cookies and dog treats along with water dishes for thirsty pets. Smiles abounded as Z team members shared the vitality spirit with hundreds of folks all enjoying the happy spirit of our wonderful greater Wakefield community.

We had rest areas for tired walkers with tables and chairs for peace and conversation throughout the day. The Parade began at noon. Our own float was manned by many FCCW children and happy members holding over 20 signs showing the wide variety of outreach ministries we feature at FCCW.

Our marchers also carried significant flags that represent our church's peace and open and affirming including McCarthy's happy dog, Buttercup, who wore her own yellow FCCW t-shirt and led a happy team of free huggers who raced through the crowd giving free hugs to happy recipients along the parade route. Vitality is indeed alive and well at FCCW and a wonderful time was had by all!

Dave Schweitzer, Vitality Team



Our float in the Pride Day Parade!

MEET NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to Robyn, Dustin and sweet Autumn Forrest to FCCW! Our first all-medical young family lives in East Wakefield on Belleau Lake. Robyn is a Medical Lab specialist handling hematology at Wentworth Douglas Hospital and Dustin is a RN Nurse at Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Autumn is 2 1/2 and seems to spread her 2 1/2- year-old happy enthusiasm to everyone around her.

Robyn is from Gardner Maine and graduated from UNH in medical laboratory science. Dustin also graduated from UNH in business and nursing from Great Bay Community College/St Joseph as a nurse practitioner.

They met in Dover through friends about 6 years ago and their relationship bloomed into marriage. When they married, each of them owned their own homes in Dover and Nottingham. After their marriage, they decided to relocate to the lakes region which brought them to Pennsylvania Avenue on Belleau Lake in East Wakefield.

They are dedicated outdoors enthusiasts and began by honeymooning on a small remote island off the coast of Belize called Glovers Hall in a bungalow on raised stilts over the water with no power or utilities. They continue to enjoy hiking and camping in the outdoors.

They were drawn to our FCCW family by the openness of our community and the immediate acceptance by everyone. They have really enjoyed getting to know everyone becoming very involved in all aspects of our many ministries and fellowship.

Dave Schweitzer

CAREGIVER SELF CARE SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregiver Self Care Support Group meets on the first Monday of every month from 12:30-1:30 in the Parish Helpers Room. This group gathers to talk about the uniqueness of care giving (every circumstance is different). The focus is more about taking care of yourself in order to better care for a loved one. The sessions are free and open to the public. Support and resource materials are available. No need to register. Just come. You do not have to be caring for a loved one at home. We know that care happens in many ways ó up close and at a distance. Sessions are confidential

Carol Lundgren

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2016 – Apr 30, 2017

General Income:	\$ 113,700.29
Additional Income Sources:	\$ 32,500.00
Expenditures:	<u>\$(140,861.46)</u>
Net Income over Expenses	\$ 5,338.83

Checking Non-Restricted balance:	\$ 9,027.34
Checking Restricted Funds balance:	<u>\$ 2,912.83</u>
Total Checking A/C balance: 4/30/17	\$ 11,940.17

This month we are answering the question, "Who are we?" There seems to be some confusion about the two treasurer positions in our church (Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer) and who does what. Let's clarify for both old and new members of our church.

We have similar names, but different duties. Both positions are church officers. These roles are mostly behind the scenes and include many day-to-day activities. You have probably seen us disappear quickly after church to count the weekly collection. It is required as good accounting practice and is only one of many such church approved procedures that we strictly follow.

The Treasurer's role is currently shared by two people, Shannon Johnson and Janice Brejwo. In a nutshell, the Treasurer pays the bills, including payroll, and keeps open and true accounts of all fiscal transactions of the Church under policies established by the Finance ministry with the approval of the Church (that is all of you, folks!) We prepare reports and spreadsheets to assist in our tasks. We meet all federal requirements most of which revolve around payroll matters.

Julie Kessler is the Assistant Treasurer. She receives all monetary collections, records everything, makes deposits in the bank (you will find her at Profile most every Monday) and creates corresponding reports. You have probably been the recipient of some of those valuable reports. She also assists the Treasurer whenever needed.

Week after week we serve and share our gifts in these roles for the life and sustainability of our church. Being a treasurer can be routine, fun, tedious and occasionally very challenging, but is a very rewarding job. We do enjoy the working together. If you need to get something to us, just put it in the appropriate box in the narthex. If it is an invoice with payment authorization attached, it goes in the Treasurer's box. If it is money (checks & cash) or a pledge, please place in Assistant Treasurer's box. OK? Please ask if you have any questions.

The Annual Meeting, a very important day in the life of our beloved church, is on June 11th this year. Look forward to seeing you there.

Janice & Shannon, Co-Treasurers: fccwtreasurer@gmail.com
Julie, Assistant Treasurer: fccwassistanttreasurer@gmail.com

THAT TAKES A LOT OF CHURCH PEOPLE

In preparation for our presence at Wakefield Pride Day, an organizational meeting was held at the PUB. Playing off the 2017 Pride Day theme of "30 Years of Pride Day", Deb Fogg suggested our church's theme be "30 Things the Church Does". Immediately, WAY more than 30 things were named and written on a list.

The list was scribed by Sharon La Fond and within a week, using poster paper donated by Donna Ackerman, Sharon had drawn out 30 posters. They were then transported by Connie Littlefield to Donna Ackerman who took them to her students at Spaulding to color in.

Rocks, shells, fingernail polish, and paints materialized. Hay bales appeared. Someone said, "I'll do this." Another said, "I'll do that." And then it was Pride Day. Water, cookies, and dog biscuits appeared. Prayer squares were present. Sun screen was sprayed.

Newer congregants, Wendy and Brian (bless their hearts) were at the church at 7 AM to help lug tables and chairs, and they stayed all day to lug everything back at the end. Nate was the tent man. Things got set up and things got put away.

People donned yellow "Got Church" shirts, a caption inspired by Bob Foulks. Jo Szirbik worked crafts with the children all day long. Sharon La Fond offered free face painting all day long (which, through a donation jar, raised \$53.02 for the Paul School.)

Our booth was welcoming and people stopped by. Visitors and community members. People who used to work the booths. People from our church who came to give and get hugs. Special rocks were carefully selected and pocketed by passers-by. People smiled. People danced.

Then there was the parade. We had a great showing of volunteers carrying signs, banners, and giving free hugs. As we passed by, a child in the crowd was heard saying, "Holy Moly, that's a lot of church people."

But the organization of this wonderful showing really didn't start at the meeting at the PUB. It started long before that, probably many years ago when the people of this church decided to reach out into the community. The reason for our desire and need to reach out to our community was more recently articulated by our Vitality Coach, Paul Nickerson.

- The church doesn't exist for just us.
- The church exists to make disciples who make disciples, who impact the community and world.
- We feel the love of God and we want to share that in our community.
- If you love someone and have something special, wouldn't you want to share it with them?

Our presence at Pride Day is but one of the ways that we show

the community who we are, that we have great love and respect for God, that we have great love and respect for each other, for our community, world, and all of God's creations.

Holy, Moly! That takes a lot of church people.

Margie Galabrun



Lots more photos from Pride Day can be found on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofWakefieldUCC/>

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND SHIPPING CONTAINER

The Z/PKZ Team is cooking a pre-Father's Day Pancake Breakfast to be held on June 17th from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. We promise to treat the dads well with some special raffles in addition to yummy pancakes, eggs, sausages, muffins and beverages - even gluten free pancakes and muffins! All proceeds will pay for the boxes we are packing for the shipping container. Hope to see you there.

Contributions to the **Shipping Container** can be brought to the church through June 15. Don't forget they LOVE peanut butter! The shipping container priority list can be found on our website: <http://www.fccwakefieldnh.org/small-groups/team-z/>

YOUR PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

When I hear the word "Stewardship" what comes to my mind is nurturing, caring, responsibility and advocating. Certainly it does have a focus on the financial health of the church and the responsibility of All in this aspect of the Church life. But it is also so much more it is caring and nurturing of yourself individually and collectively of all within this church and around us and our relationships with God.

We are working so hard together to introduce our church to the community with Vitality, Inspiration, Inclusion and Invitation. It is not all about money it is about love and commitment and time and talent. Giving is given in so many ways.

At this time of year, however, a focus is on the financial health of the church and to strive to enable us to not just continue to go on but to grow and spread the word of God through our love and actions. Our expenses have increased over the last few years due to so many factors our church building is getting older, insurance costs rise, administrative costs so many things add to our expenses. However, we are not extravagant and all strive to be fiscally prudent.

This is a time of special offering of your pledged support for the year ahead to help us to be fiscally able to support not just today's generation but also future generations and to bring more of us together to learn, teach and continue the acts of Jesus Christ. If you have already submitted your pledge, thank you. If you are prayerfully considering what feels good to you and your heart, thank you.

Annual meeting is June 11 after Church and I hope you will join us as we discuss the Church, Church life and Church business. For your convenience, below is a dedication slip if needed.

Thank you and blessings, *Chris Feddern, Stewardship Ministry Coordinator*

Yes! I thankfully and prayerfully would like to offer my financial support to FCCW and its missions. I know my financial support makes a difference!

I would like to donate: _____ per
(circle one) week month annually.

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

My Giving Card

My gift of support to FCCW this year, given and accepted with love, is \$ _____ per
(circle one) week month year
Please place in the offering plate or mail to:

FCCW
Wakefield Road
Sanbornville, NH 03872
603-522-3189
(This copy for your records)

CHURCH HISTORY WRITING PROJECT

Recently we all enjoyed a wonderful film made by our young film makers in which they asked new people in our congregation why they come to our church. They expressed feeling welcomed and experienced the sense of community that exists here. Long term members often refer to our congregation as their "church family."

This year I am planning to prepare a booklet covering our church's history from 1985 to the present with the focus on significant memories members will share to capture the wonderful spirit that exists here. Please contact me if you are willing to participate in this effort.

*Linda Petkunas,
Archivist*

PRIDE OF WAKEFIELD VOLUNTEER CLUB

The PWVC is planning to paint the buildings at the ball fields and add bark mulch to the playground at the ball fields. Parks and Rec are supplying the paint. We set the date for Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. We would like as many volunteers as we can get. If you can help, please let us know by June 6 by emailing us at wakefieldvolunteer@aol.com. If you can, please bring a paint brush, roller, sandpaper, empty bucket for paint, and a steel rake for the bark mulch. We will be painting cinder blocks, siding, and trim.

Also, the Heritage Committee is looking for docents for a few hours a week in the summer to open the doors and greet visitors at the One Room Schoolhouse. If you would be interested in that, please let us know at email address above. Thank you.

Ann Bell, Tracey, and Gail

Celebrations!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4	Nicholas Legere	16	Cathy Koukal
6	Sienna Canney	16	Julie Leyare
7	David Coutreau	17	Janet Carr
7	Donna McDougal	19	Lorrie Hughes
8	Chuck Dolbear Jr.	19	Lois Royal
9	Kevin Connell	20	Cameron Currier
9	Carol Lundgren	21	Connie Littlefield
11	Steve Michalsky	22	Jean Ball
13	Joseph Cawlina	25	Kaylee Fogg
14	Erin Perkins	25	Ron White
15	Gina Golden	27	Morgan Haag
15	Adam Koukal	28	Louise Wheeler
16	Frank Frazier	30	Seth Fogg

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mary & Bob James (1979)
- 5 Ryan & Martha Jo McCarthy (1993)
- 9 Chris & Titia Bozuwa (1956)
- 12 Jack & Marie Hebb (1952)
- 15 Phil & Connie Twombly
- 20 George & Donna Ackerman
- 21 Maurice & Ann Hatch (1958)
- 21 Wayne & Lisa Robinson
- 23 George & Marion Blomster
- 26 Sid & Susan Girardin
- 26 Ken & Carol Jeffery (1976)
- 28 Jim & Lucille Pirie
- 29 David & Jan Fairchild

BELATED ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS!

Mistakes happen! We inadvertently used the wrong list for the April Anniversaries, so we'd like to extend belated Anniversary wishes to these fine folks! Happy April Anniversary!!

- 5 Rick & Cindy Denver
- 15 Bill & Susie Goodwin
- 15 Anders & Nancy Jacobson
- 22 Carol & Rob Lundgren (50 years!)
- 23 Scott & Nicky Mercer
- 25 Nathan & Debbie Fogg (30 years!)

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.
Mackenzie M.	Sid S.
Marcia	Marcia H.
Marsha A.	Jim P.

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

WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE NH CONFERENCE OF THE UCC: A GREAT RESOURCE

We can all have access to a wonderful resource from our NH Conference of the United Church of Christ. It's the Weekly News, a free online newsletter from the NH Conference, which is the unifying body linking us with all the other UCC congregations in New Hampshire. There are always inspiring stories, great workshops and gatherings, and interesting updates from our Conference to hear about, and in which we can take part.

To sign up to receive this newsletter, please email the editor at WeeklyNews@nhcucc.org. You will be moved and inspired by all that goes on in our NH Conference!

JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	2	3 Relay for Life 10 a.m.—11 p.m. Pam's Garden 2 p.m.—5 p.m. (See P. 2)
4 Pentecost Sunday Worship with Holy Communion and Church School — 10 a.m. Coffee Hour New Member Info Session Bells—6 p.m.	5 Caregivers' Support Group 10 a.m.—11 a.m. Choir Practice 6 p.m.	6 Bible Study 12 noon	7 Scrabble 10 a.m. Diaconate Meeting 4 p.m.	8 Parish Helpers Luncheon 1 p.m. Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	9	10
11 First Sunday after Pentecost Family Worship—10 a.m. Annual Meeting Coffee Hour Bells—6 p.m.	12 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	13 Bible Study 12 noon	14 Pairs and Spares 6 p.m.	15 Bereavement Support Group 11 a.m. Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	16	17 Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Z/ PKZ Team 7:30—11 a.m.
18 Second Sunday after Pentecost Fathers' Day Worship—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Bells—6 p.m.	19 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	20 Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon	21 Treasure Shop Opening Day 9 to noon	22 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
25 Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Bells—6 p.m.	26 Choir Practice 6 p.m.	27 Bible Study 12 noon	28 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon	29 Community String Band 6:30 p.m.	30	



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COMING SOON!

Relay for Lifeô June 3
Pamø Gardenô A Celebrationô June 3
New Member Info Sessionô June 4
Annual Meeting ô June 11
More info inside!

**SUMMER MUSIC CAMP FOR KIDS PLANNED FOR
JULY 24 THROUGH 28TH - DIRECTED BY JANICE STANLEY**

Registration for this week-long music camp for children in grades K thru 6 is now open! The Camp is free of charge, ecumenical in format and takes place from 9-12 noon. To reserve a space for your child or children, please contact the Church Office by calling 522-3189 or emailing: fccwakefieldnh@gmail.com. You can download the registration form at our website: www.fccwakefieldnh.org. (See events on homepage.)

Children will enjoy a variety of musical activities: singing, dance, and learning to make music with boom whackers, hand chimes, and simple instruments. Following Bible story themes, there will also be crafts, outdoor play and healthy snacks. The children will be treated to a delightful presentation of lively music by guest performers at the end of the week.

