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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Let Go -- Into POWER!

During my recent vacation, I had the awesome experience of letting go of some emotional baggage that I had taken on, copied, absorbed from my parents. After my last sermon (5/23) when I shared an exercise that can lead, through the Spirit, to freedom, I heard that a number of people had great experiences of “letting go” during the reflection. So, I want to offer an exercise here and a prayer to make it effective for you—through the Holy Spirit! Know that the Holy Spirit is ready to take our burdens off our backs! But, the question is, are we ready to give them up?

In preparation for that sermon, I was so taken by the words Jesus spoke to his disciples about what we now know was Pentecost—and after. *“When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with **POWER**...”** It’s the kind of Power that gives us hope, strength, self-mastery—the ability to do God’s calling. Cool, eh?!

The burdens and baggage I’m referencing are emotions, thoughts, world-views, assumptions, addictions, behaviors that make us feel power-LESS. Being FREE to make choices about where we will put our energy is an awesome place to be. HOW do we become free? Ironically, we are free when we surrender ourselves, our will, our egos to the Holy Spirit.

Of what should I “let go” you ask? BAGGAGE that is not yours or that you do NOT wish to live out anymore, period. It might be feelings like anxiety, powerlessness, depression fear, shame, guilt, long-held ideas, thoughts that are toxic, negative or judgmental—toward yourself and others.

*“The desires of ego (hollow self-pride) are opposed to the Spirit . are continually in conflict so you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.”***

Prayer. *“Holy Spirit, I ask you to come now. Fill me. Take away all the burdens I don’t need to carry. I surrender them to you and Your indwelling power. Thank You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.*

EXERCISE

I breathe deeply, slowly, consciously for a few breaths—relaxing into You.

I pray and open to You, letting go of all that is not mine to carry anymore. I let go of my burdens and baggage. I sit in silence for a moment and visualize Light coming into me through the crown of my head. Spirit, fill me, free me through Your power. Amen.

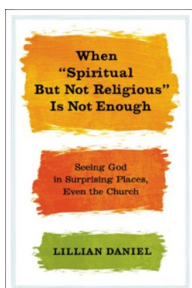
**Acts 1:8 Good News for Modern Man translation **Galatians 5:17*

From the Assistant Treasurer

The Interim Pledge reports are "in the mail"! These reports are going out to those that pledged for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and show where you are in fulfilling your pledge.

If you don't receive your report by the beginning of June or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Julie Kessler at 603-871-8066. or julielouisekessler@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Book Discussion



Our faith formation class through the month of June will continue to focus on Lillian Daniel's book: "When Spiritual but Not Religious Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church" Each chapter stands on its own and lends itself to lively discussion. Therefore, you can jump into this study at any time and still come away with a very meaningful class experience regardless if you've missed one or more classes.

The following is a brief description of the book: "The phrase "I'm spiritual but not religious" has become a cliché. It's easy to find God amid the convenience of self-styled spirituality -- but is it possible (and more worthwhile) to search for God through religion?"

Minister and celebrated author Lillian Daniel gives a new spin on church with stories of what a life of faith can really be: weird, wondrous, and well worth trying. From a rock-and-roller sexton to a BB gun-toting grandma, a church service attended by animals to a group of unlikely theologians at Sing Sing, Daniel shows us a portrait of church that is flawed, fallible -- and deeply faithful. With poignant reflections and sly wit, Daniel invites all of us to step out of ourselves, dare to become a community, and encounter a God greater than we could ever invent.

Humorous and sincere, this is a book about people finding God in the most unexpected of places: prisons, airports, yoga classes, committee meetings, and, strangest of all, right there in church."

Please let Julie Kessler know if you're interested in attending (via Zoom for now .. will let people know if and when we come back to meeting in-person) - email julielouisekessler@gmail.com or call 603-871-8066.

Julie Kessler

Church Re-opening, Phase One

We are happy to announce that we are beginning to open our sanctuary for worship services. The first phase of opening is to begin on June 6th, Communion Sunday. If you wish to worship in the sanctuary on that day, you must contact the church office to make a reservation. Seating is limited, so reservations must be made in advance each week. For us to allow all those who want to return, we may have to take turns. Also, for this first phase of opening, you must be fully vaccinated and be willing to follow our safety protocols, such as masking and social distancing. Children must sit with their fully vaccinated parent/grandparent.

This is only our first phase of re-opening. We dearly look forward to the time when we can ALL be together again.

Zimbabwe/ PKZ News

The Z Team Pancake Breakfast is BACK! On Saturday, June 19, just in time for Father's Day, breakfast will be available al fresco from 8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. You may once again enjoy pancakes (traditional, pumpkin, blueberry, chocolate chip and gluten free), with scrambled eggs, sausages, juice and hot beverages. Pass the word along and treat the dads in your life!

Adults cost is \$8, Youth price is \$5 and Children under 5 eat free! Proceeds from the breakfast will offset costs of the 2021 shipping container.

Speaking of the shipping container, thank you for the donations received thus far – clothing, shoes, linens, medical and school supplies, eyeglasses, sewing supplies, books and more! We are also requesting the familiar “*bring a jar of peanut butter to church for Zimbabwe.*” During the month of July we will be collecting and packing your donated jars of peanut butter, a wonderful way to participate and to bring much needed protein to Zimbabwean tummies. Children will enjoy peanut butter mixed in porridge (made of mealie meal), or stirred in rice when rice is all they have to eat, and always a delight on top of a slice of bread when they are fortunate enough to have bread. I don't say it often enough but your thoughtful donations are such a blessing.

We are coming down to the wire on the “Send Sam to Keene” endeavor. Your good thoughts and positive vibes are requested for the anxiety provoking US Embassy interview in Harare taking place in June!

Blessings, *Connie Littlefield*

Stewardship Update

Hallelujah! Our financial Stewardship season is drawing to a positive close -- all because of YOU! Deep thanks to members and friends who have already discerned their gifts to the ongoing work of FCCW for 2021-2022. We are more than a building ... we are a vibrant "hub" of faith-filled people who believe in Christ and act as Christ commands: "Love one another." Our weekly testimonials Zoomed during worship following Easter gave deeper insight to "Why I/we love this church." Special thanks to Deacon Chuck Hodsdon, to the McCarthy family: Ryan, MarthaJo, Julia, Tim (even Buttercup the pup), thanks also to Susan Raban, Moderator Margie Galabrun and Josiah Shevlin for their personal messages to each of us.

The Stewardship theme, **Rooted in Joy**, was chosen in a time of uncertainty due to the pandemic. If we are NOT people of faith and possibility, who are we? Yes, it's been hard. Our God calls us to be **Rooted in Joy**. Joyfully, this church thanks you for pledging, for believing in the mission statement: *Hearing God's Call, Growing in Love and Care*.



Oh! P.S. Giving a pledge has no hard deadline, so if you are still pondering and praying, it's okay. Just contact our Assistant Treasurer, Julie Kessler, with any questions you may have. Bless us every one!

*Carol Lundgren and Frank Frazier,
Stewardship Ministry*

Call to Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 27th at 11:30 AM, following the morning worship. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom, but there will also be reserved seating in the Sanctuary giving priority to those who are not able to, or for those who find it difficult to use Zoom.

At the time of this writing, the LC has authorized only vaccinated people to group in the Sanctuary. Please look for Annual Meeting updates coming from the church office. The proposed budget is also now ready for viewing and will be distributed.

Margie Galabrun, Moderator

Treasure Shop Opening for Season

The Parish Helpers Treasure Shop will open for the season on June 26. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Father 'O' Father

We all have a father. For many of us that person in our lives has passed. My father was born in 1914 in Stone Mountain, Georgia. He was a WWII Navy pilot. He was a dreamer and according to my Mama's mother, Daddy was a "Sport". He was 43 by the time I, the baby of six, was born. He and Mama had already raised five children. In fact, their first born was having her first child in December before I came along a couple weeks later in January. No, I'm not "my own grandpa", but close. You might say my relationship with my father was contentious. The changing generations were too radical for my white southern father to accept. As I supported social justice movements from Civil Rights to Women's Rights and the Equal Rights Amendment, Daddy and I seemed to drift apart. He had the values he was raised with, and like most of us as we grow older, we realize that those sometimes-restrictive values don't hold the same meaning. Toward the later years of his life, Daddy and I became friends again. He passed the spring after my 28th birthday.

Whether I speak of my Earthly Father or my Heavenly Father the relationship is the same. As a child I was close to Him. I sang songs of praise and walked the path He laid before me. As an inquisitive adolescent I challenged the authority set by Him. I would go out of my way to do the opposite of what my Father wanted for me. Becoming a parent resulted in another change in my relationship with my Father. I sought Him. I needed guidance and was more receptive to the words shared by Him. As I begin these "golden years" I am at peace with my Fathers, and I patiently wait for the day when I walk with them both.
Happy Father's Day

Donna V Ackerman

Request for Proper Trash Disposal

The trash container outside of the church is emptied every Monday by a volunteer church member. A request has been made after a recent disgusting situation. That volunteer opened that trash container and found multiple small items that were not in bags, even one half eaten yogurt that was tossed in and splashed over all the bags of trash. Obviously no one wants to pick up other's trash like that, let alone put it in the vehicle. So the request is simple, all trash needs to be placed in trash bags. No loose trash should be tossed in that container, or we will need a new volunteer.

Buildings and Grounds, George Ackerman

Team Synergy is YOU!

When our bylaws were being rewritten, we drew a huge circle in the middle of a piece of paper representing the path through which all communication would flow. All the ministries, including Leadership Council, were ringed around the outside of the large circle because each ministry has its own job to do.

Synergistic Relationship of the Calling and Discernment Ministries



However, inside the circle, each ministry could share their hopes and dreams for our church, and we could joyfully assist each other through interdisciplinary approaches. Our creative juices would flow freely, and it would be a total win-win for everyone. The circle design was an intentional effort to level out the leadership, placing no more importance in one ministry over another. After all, we are all parts of the same body.

At one of our earliest “in the circle” gatherings, the word *synergy* popped up. From that time forward, the circle became known as *Team Synergy*. All the ministry coordinators were required to attend, but also the entire congregation was to be invited. Conversations were going to be *wonderful*.

We did have a few wonderful Team Synergy gatherings that focused on technology, growth, and the immediate needs of the church. But then, for various reasons, perhaps mostly lack of invitation, Team Synergy gatherings began to be attended only by ministry coordinators, and who needs another meeting, right? Back to the drawing board.

The bylaws were amended to change the makeup of Team Synergy to that of the entire CONGREGATION, with required attendance of the ministry coordinators. Would this make a difference? We hoped so. Then came our minister’s retirement and so much other change that Team Synergy was shuffled to a back burner.

So, here we are now at what we hope is the end of the Covid 19 pandemic and an eventual return to in-person gatherings and conversations. We have a very enthusiastic, newly settled pastor with a great willingness to move us

forward. We anticipate very important conversations about the direction of that movement, as well as so many little things that turn into big, exciting things.

It’s time to reactivate Team Synergy. In fact, maybe it’s time for another bylaw amendment changing the name of Team Synergy to *Congregational Synergy*. Because Team Synergy is YOU!

Margie Galabrun, Moderator

Hazel MacBrien Nursery School

We have been enjoying spring at HMNS! The children watched our caterpillars turn into butterflies and released them in the garden.

Our school added a new field trip this year to Foxx Run Farm in Ossipee. The children were able to feed sheep, turkeys, chickens, horses, a donkey and even peacocks. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed helping Ms. Heather with her farm chores. Before going to the farm we learned about each animal along with doing a craft.

Being in the Pride Day parade was the highlight of the month! It is so rewarding to hear all the compliments about the children’s behavior in the parade and at the farm. We really have two great classes. All of our morning class will be returning next year and moving into the afternoon four year old class, but we have a few openings in our three year old class. This year we will be having our graduation at Turn Table Park. We are excited to be able to have an outdoor ceremony!

This will be my last year teaching at HMNS, I will be moving to the board. If you know anyone that may be interested in the Lead Teacher/Director position please have them reach out to us!

Shelly Daniel

Memorial Bricks

The Men’s Fellowship will be laying the first of our memorial bricks soon. We have selected the day of June 16th for that work to be done. You might be excited to know that 48 bricks have been ordered already and the ones that have been engraved look fantastic. The plan is to line the left side of the walkway leading into the front entrance of the church with this first batch of bricks. The bricks that follow this group will line the other side of the walkway. It will be exciting to see them as we all start in person church again.

Although our vision is to continue adding bricks into the future and line all the walkways, why wait. It is a great way to spread joy, acknowledge births, baptisms, weddings and the memory of loved ones. Encourage others to participate as well. We need your help in spreading the word. A brick is a lasting gift and is another alternative gifting opportunity that will help support our church into the future.

George Ackerman

**2021 ZIMBABWE
SHIPPING CONTAINER WISH LIST**

FOOD

peanut butter

CLOTHING

gently worn clothing for children and infants
shoes and sneakers in good shape
raincoats, jackets, fleece, sweaters
socks for males, females, kids
new underwear for children and adults (not white)
bras, new or gently worn
women's clothing, any style
men's clothing, including suits and ties

ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

soccer cleats, uniforms
basket balls, soccer and volleyballs
playground equipment, fitness equipment

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

backpacks, tote bags
paper, rulers, crayons, erasers, chalk
pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners
art supplies
reading books for all ages
sturdy puzzles for preschoolers, preschool and primary classroom toys
school chairs, bookcases, things you would find in a classroom!

MEDICAL

pain relievers, gauze bandages, Band-aids
antibiotic ointment, anti diarrhea medication
Vaporub, cough/cold medication
wheelchairs, crutches, medical gloves
rubber caps for bottom of crutches

MISCELLANEOUS

sewing machines in good working order (w/adaptor converter), fabric, thread, zippers, etc.
bedding, blankets, towels, sheets (not white)
bicycles in good condition
toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sanitary supplies
tools of any kind, agricultural implements: shovels, rakes, hoes, etc.
weed whackers or lawn mowers in great condition (not electric)

All items should be in good condition. We wouldn't want to send anything we would not use ourselves!

Any questions about the Zimbabwe Container collection, please contact Connie Littlefield.

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Limited In-Person Worship by Reservation.		1 Faith Formation Study Via Zoom Noon	2 Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room Diaconate Mtg Via Zoom 4 p.m.	3 Community String Band Via Zoom—6:30 pm	4	5
6 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Online Worship and Communion Via Zoom and Facebook Live 10 a.m.	7 Caregiver's Support Group 9:30—10:30	8 Faith Formation Study Via Zoom Noon	9 Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room Leadership Council Zoom 4 p.m.	10 Community String Band Via Zoom—6:30 pm	11	12
13 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Online Worship Via Zoom and Facebook Live 10 a.m.	14 Deadline to Pre-Order Cookies	15 Faith Formation Study Via Zoom Noon	16 Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room	17 Community String Band Via Zoom—6:30 pm	18	19 PKZ/ ZIMBA- BWE PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cookie Pick Up and Bake Sale 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
20 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY *Online Worship Via Zoom and Facebook Live 10 a.m.	21 Caregiver's Support Group 9:30—10:30	22 Faith Formation Study Via Zoom Noon	23 Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room	24 Community String Band Via Zoom—6:30 pm	25	26 TREASURE SHOP OPENING DAY 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
27 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Online Worship Via Zoom and Facebook Live 10 a.m.	28	29 Faith Formation Study Via Zoom Noon	30 Treasure Shop Open 9 a.m. to 12 noon Grief Support Group 11 a.m.			

Ministry Participants

We wish to acknowledge the very many people involved in keeping our church up and running. Even through the challenges of pandemic and pastoral change, we were able to continue with our worship and good works. **Thanks to all of you who make it possible!** We compiled this list from our observation and hope it is complete, but recognize that it may not be. Please let us know if we missed someone or something so the list of our ministries and participants will be accurate and we can thank all involved.

Archival and Historical Ministry – Linda Petkunas (retiring as of June 30, 2021)

Building and Grounds Ministry – George Ackerman, Paul Allen, Ron Kratz and Men’s Fellowship lads

Calling and Discernment – Connie Littlefield, Margie Galabrun, Julie Evenson, Linda Messer, Harriet Wilson, Donna Ackerman, Janice Brejwo

Church Officers – Margie Galabrun, Ann Gehring, Nancy Dee, Patricia Anderson

Church Librarian – Linda Petkunas

Communication Ministry – Carol Jeffery, Frank Frazier, Julie Margolis, MarthaJo McCarthy, Elizabeth Fogg

Diaconate Ministry – Jo Szirbik, Ginny Schweitzer, Donna Ackerman, Chuck Hodsdon, Max Gehring, Norma Gore, Harriet Wilson, Evy Truhn, Gail Feddern

Shepherd Program – Rachel White & Margie Galabrun with Paul Allen, Brian Shipley, Harriet Wilson, Judy Trepal, Carol Lundgen, Dave and Ginny Schweitzer, Carole and Royal Doughty, Marc and JM Galabrun

The Sound Team: Nate Fogg, Martha Jo McCarthy, Alan Bernier, Barry Truhn, Max Gehring

The (Virtual) Worship Team: Max Gehring, Ashley Chamberlin, Quincy Owens, Cindy Eggleston, Frank Frazier, Carol Jeffery, Nate Fogg

Faith Formation – Julie Kessler, Max Gehring, Margie Galabrun (Conversation Group Coordinator), Connie Littlefield, Annie Gehring, Patricia Golden, Dave Schweitzer and others with Sunday School

Fellowship Coffee Hour – Rachel White, Laura Frye, Janet Twombly

Finance Ministry – Jan Brewjo, Nancy Dee, Julie Kessler, Harriet Wilson, Mary Bernier, Pat Anderson;

Endowment Fund—George Ackerman, Judy Trepal

FUNdraising Team – Julie Kessler, Mary Bernier, Nancy Dee, Carol Jeffery, Ann Bilodeau, Evy Truhn, Carol Lundgren, Jan Brewjo, Patty Golden, Connie Littlefield, Linda Messer, Margie Galabrun, Jo Szirbik

Men’s Fellowship – George Ackerman, Dave Schweitzer, Paul Allen, Ron Kratt, Roy Doughty, Dana Margolis, Brian Shipley, Nate Fogg, Buddy Dee

Outreach – Donna Ackerman, Connie Littlefield, Annie Gehring, Ann Bilodeau, Chris Feddern, Max Gehring, Evy Truhn, Carol Lundgren and others.

Wider Church: Church delegates – Sue Lynn, George and Donna Ackerman, Margie Galabrun, Max Gehring; Racial Justice Discussion Group--Donna Ackerman

PKZ/Zimbabwe Team – Connie Littlefield, Ann Bilodeau, Chris Feddern, Jo Szirbik, Deb Fogg, Jan Stanley, Evy Truhn, Julia & Tim McCarthy, Sage Trepal, Julie Evenson, Jillian Currier, Cindy Eggleston, Max Gehring, Annie Gehring, Carol Lundgren

Parish Helpers –

Officers: Ginny Schweitzer, Carol Jeffery, Ann Bilodeau, Linda Petkunas, Jo-Anne Perks, Rachel White, Janice Brejwo, Elizabeth Fogg, Elizabeth Heinlein, Marie Hebb and approximately 35 active members.

Personnel Ministry – Dave Schweitzer, Barry Truhn, Sue Lynn

Safe Church – Buddy Dee, Jo Szirbik, Julie & Dana Margolis, Alan Bernier, Chuck Hodsdon, Brian Shipley, Carol Lundgren

Search & Call – Ryan McCarthy, Julie Evenson, George Ackerman, Linda Messer, Chuck Hodsdon; with additional writers: Judy Trepal, Harriet Wilson & Carol Lundgren. Additional profile readers-- Elizabeth Fogg, Jillian Currier

Stewardship – Carol Lundgren, Frank Frazier

The Arts – Rachel White; Music: Jan Stanley, Cindy Eggleston, Buddy Dee, Margie Galabrun, Max Gehring

Others:

Bereavement Support Group - Patti Schmook
Caregiver’s Support Group – Carol Lundgren
Community String Band—Shana Aisenberg
Hazel MacBrien Nursery School Liaison – George Ackerman

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Elizabeth Fogg, Harriet Wilson

Connie, Margie, and Carol J.

Online/ in Person Bake Sale

The FUNdraising Team is planning an online bake sale. We will be taking pre-orders (and pre-payment) for cookies, pies, and fudge. Cookie selection includes chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal (with or without raisins), and snickerdoodles. Pies choices are apple, blueberry, and strawberry rhubarb. And then there’s fudge—with or without nuts! Cookies are priced at \$5 a bag, pies are \$15, and fudge is \$8 a container.

You can place your order by emailing or calling Margie Galabrun at balchlaker@gmail.com or 522-6647. Orders must be prepaid and you can do that by sending a check to Assistant Treasurer, FCCW, 2718 Wakefield Road, Sanbornville, NH 03872; by dropping it in the mailbox attached to the church; or online on our church website homepage (click donate and choose “bake sale” option.) www.fccwakefieldnh.org. Please order no later than June 14. Pick up will take place at the church on Saturday, June 19, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. We will also have items for sale at the breakfast, but cannot guarantee what will be available. Our cookie sales and pie sales always sell out so—preorder or come early for breakfast to have the best selection!

In-Person Worship to Begin Again in Our Sanctuary

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, our church building was officially closed to in-person gatherings in March 2020. That was 15 long months ago. However, by embracing new technology, our worship services and the business of church continued with minimal interruption.

Our Deacons worked tirelessly to ensure that we had Pastoral coverage, and constantly cared for us through check-ins and telephone calls. Our ministry programs were revised to meet emerging needs. We stayed as connected as the times would allow.

Leadership Council met regularly via Zoom to discuss how and when to re-open church. The process has been gradual, and our highest priority has always been the health of our congregants and our community. **I am happy to announce that Leadership Council has agreed to take the first step in opening the sanctuary to in-person worship.**

The hoped-for date of return is June 6th, a Communion Sunday. This date is not yet confirmed because we are waiting to see if there is an uptick in Covid cases in our community following the Pride Day event of May 15th. More than likely, church will resume in a controlled and modified manner on June 6th.

When in-person worship begins, it will be by **reservation only**, and groupings of people in the sanctuary will be controlled. The hardest part of our decision was to agree that, as a **first step to our reopening, only vaccinated people will be able to attend worship**, except for children who have not yet been able to be vaccinated, and who are attending with vaccinated parents or guardians.

The Ministry of Building & Grounds and Safe Church will establish safe seating areas, and the Ministry of the Diaconate will control them. If you regularly meet with vaccinated friends, you are invited to sit with them in a church pew “pod”. Very shortly, you will be hearing more about the confirmed date of opening and how to make your reservation.

Leadership Council will continue to monitor in-church worship services and will move into phases of wider opening as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. With the assistance of the Diaconate, we will also consider other forms of worship which possibly could be more inclusive.

Zoom worship services will continue indefinitely.

This is happy news. We continue to work toward the goal of all being together again.

As always, your input is important and welcomed. If you would like to, please respond to balchlaker@gmail.com May God bless us and keep us safe.

FUNdraising Soft Goods Drive

Once again, success! We ended up using 2 trucks and 2 vans to drive the bags down - which, thanks to some very artful packing by Joe Brejwo, held around 220 bags for a total of 3032 pounds! Between the money made for the weight of the bags (\$606.40) and the truck allowance that they gave us (\$75), we made \$681.40!

Many thanks to all you who helped: those of you who re-bagged and counted bags; those of you who lugged all the donated bags that came in on the two Saturdays prior to the Savers run; those of you who filled the vehicles on Wednesday; those of you who drove down and unloaded on Thursday; those of you who communicated this event - whether Facebook posts (hugely successful), email posts or through word of mouth; and those of you who donated the items! It takes a community!

Julie Kessler

Opportunities to Get Involved

Do you like networking? Are you energized working with the vitality of youth? Is music an interest? Perhaps quiet historical research and preservation are more your thing? Calling and Discernment seeks members to consider becoming FCCW Delegates, working within Faith Formation and Music Ministries or serving as an Historian/Archivist! If your curiosity is piqued, please speak to me, Margie Galabrun, or Donna Ackerman. We would love to match your interests with a niche within this wonderful community!

Connie Littlefield

Ed. Note: For contact information, consult Church Directory, call the Church Office, or email editor at Steepleviews@gmail.com

Library News

The Wisdom of the Enneagram: The Complete Guide to Psychological and Spiritual Growth for the Nine Personality Types (J-G) by Don Richard Riso &, Russ Hudson The ancient symbol of the Enneagram has become one of today's more popular systems for self-understanding, based on the nine distinct personality types. The Enneagram shows how you can overcome your inner barriers, realize your spiritual gifts and strengths, and discover your deepest direction in life.

This book is presently on the mobile shelving unit in Fellowship Hall. Source: book cover

Linda Petkunas, Church Librarian

Celebrations!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2	Mary & Bob James
5	Ryan & Martha Jo McCarthy
12	Jack & Marie Hebb (1952)
15	Phil & Connie Twombly
17	Walter & Laura Frye
20	George & Donna Ackerman
21	Wayne & Lisa Robinson
26	Sid & Susan Girardin
26	Ken & Carol Jeffery
28	John & Sarah Duplinsky
29	David & Jan Fairchild

Worship Ways

Since we will have limited seating during our first phase of transition to in-person worship, we will continue to have Zoom worship. We will also continue broadcasting on Facebook Live. For easy access to Facebook Live, go the link below. You do not need a Facebook account to see the video. The video of the week and past videos are available on our Facebook page anytime.

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstCongregationalChurchofWakefieldUCC>

You can find the Zoom link, the Facebook link, and the Worship Bulletin on our church website homepage. Go to

www.fccwakefieldnh.org.

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN



We are a community that believes that prayer is powerful! Please keep in your prayers all those who suffer in any way in mind, body and spirit, as well as those who by virtue of their service are far from home or in harm's way. We ask also your prayers for peace in our world, for the health and integrity of our democracy, and for the flourishing of the work of our community of faith.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

John—Healing
Chrissy—Breast cancer
Bob and Mary—Cancer
Michael—Dementia

Prayer Chain: Through emails and text messages, we are able to increase our prayer power for “immediate intercessory prayer” for the concerns of our congregation and friends. If you have a prayer request, please email Harriet Wilson (dhwilson39@gmail.com) All prayer requests are kept strictly confidential and will only be shared with the express permission of the people involved.



We are saddened by the passing of our dear friend, Suzy Carter who passed away on May 9. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends. A graveside service will be held on June 11th at 10:30 A.M. at the Lovell Lake Cemetery.

Request for Child and Teen Clothing

There is critical need of clothing items for the children of Zimbabwe. If you or someone you know have clothes to donate, please put them aside for Zimbabwe. Collection for the Fall shipping container has begun. Contact Connie Littlefield.

Our Campers Thank You

The Horton Center campers held a bake sale on Pride Day. They had a great time—the volunteers were super, the raffles were a hit, and they raised \$500. Thanks to all who contributed and helped!

Let's "Do it up!"

Calling four or five folks with an interest in helping plan the 235th Anniversary party in late September. Please call Carol Lundgren to be on the planning team. 978 807-4041

Outside Dining
Pancake Breakfast at FCCW!

Saturday, June 19, 2021
 8:00 am— 11:00 am
 First Congregational Church of Wakefield UCC
 2718 Wakefield Road

Adults \$8 Kids \$5
Kids 4 and under eat FREE!

Delicious Pancakes – Traditional, Blueberry, Chocolate Chip, Pumpkin, and
 Gluten Free! Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Juice
 Take out available!




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