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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

What's Going On Inside Us Here?

As I sit down to write my monthly greeting to you, I recall that two of you have recently expressed that you feel our church is doing grieving work. This surprised me because what I see are lots of smiles! But, smiling when we're happy to be together does not mean we're not grieving inside.

If you're grieving, I want to be with you—to be a healing presence for you. Let me begin by suggesting that you “dip inside” by which I mean, stop for a few seconds, close your eyes, breathe deeply a few times (e.g. 4-7-8)*. Then ask the question of all those inner parts that make up “you”, “Am I grieving a loss now?”

Some facts. ‘Grief’ is a natural response related to a LOSS of something important to you----a person, place, job, idea, ability, health, change of some sort, etc. For example, what Covid has wrought—sickness, death, separation, no hugs. You may go through a variety of emotions like sadness, depression, hopelessness, fragmentation, loneliness, anger, etc. Grief is a process. Please, give yourself nurture, understanding when you feel grief. It's a process. We can't FORCE ourselves to be ‘over it’ just because we want to be.

There are 5 stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance**. It takes a while for us to adapt to a changed situation. And that's ok--normal. It's not ok to get stuck, stay there and become a ‘victim’. That's when we must reach out--talk with someone.

I want to share an amazingly poignant story from Titia's book about her husband, Gijs', time of being able to let go into the grief of his father's death.

“Gijs didn't talk much about his father's death. What was the sense? You take a loss and you go on. That's what life had taught him. ...Yet I noticed Gijs began developing a terrific backache after his father died....A few weeks later, we attended a party....He was having a good time...Suddenly, I saw him in the center of a group of men who put their arms around him, as if they had to support him to remain standing. I rushed over. “He's alright,” a friend said. “It's about his dad.”***

Deep grief must be shared with another—it's too heavy to be borne alone. And the timing and people to grieve with may vary. When my father died suddenly while I was on my way to Denver, I was told as soon as I came through the door. I had only a few seconds to grieve before I took on the role of the eldest child--caregiver, phone-call informer, organizer--for the rest of the family. (I was still a “toughie” like brother Tim has described me.) When I got home, I was able to grieve his death in therapy.

I love you all and want you to know that I want to share in your grief. I want to be a healing presence in this community--with you. In fact, I believe that's what happened several weeks ago, when, during Joys & Concerns, a member shared his grief about Afghanistan and the horrific losses of veterans and their families. I began my Pastoral Prayer with this and could not immediately go on. I didn't choose to cry. My body was taken over involuntarily by Spirit as my shoulders shook with tears. I've asked Spirit to help me better understand this episode. Not only was I allowed to grieve with the member, but with Spirit who was showing us that God, indeed, grieves with us. Oh my. THANK YOU, GOD! Amen. Truly.

Joyfully, Rev. Tere

*Inhale to the count of 4, hold 1-7, exhale 1-8; **Elizabeth Kubler-Ross; ***Wings of Change, T. Bozuwa, p. 167

Calling and Discernment

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. Romans 12:4-6 New Living Translation

One of the first times I was a lector for a church service, the scripture I read was from Romans Chapter 12. I often think about that reading when I am sitting in church. I look around at my church family and see so many talented with spiritual gifts given to them by God. All different. All special people.

Some are the musically talented bell ringers, choir singers, and music directors. Other signs the artistically gifted are among us are the beautifully arranged flowers left on the alter. Or perhaps they've decorated the window sills making our sanctuary so beautiful and welcoming.

Hidden in the upstairs loft are the multi-talented, hard-working sound team members!! It certainly takes more than a couple of people to boot up the computers in order to live stream FCCW worship service on Facebook, coordinate a Zoom gathering, AND keep microphones live at the exact right time. All done while keeping the feedback at a level that doesn't set Rev Tere back on her heels! As Rev Tere would say, "WOW!"

There are so many more talented, gifted people who work behind the scenes every day. The Finance Ministry keeps the bills paid. The Building and Grounds committee keeps the furnace running and the doors and elevator operating. They keep us safe in many other ways too. And, yes, it takes ALL of these gifted members working together as the parts of the Body of Christ.

Have you thought about what your talents might be? Have you ever wished you could use your gifts in the sound room supporting the team that could really use a helping hand? Do you love children and desire to share your love of God with them? What about music, or dance or other creative talents you could share with FCCW? If you have a passion for any of these things, there is a place for you here at FCCW. You may be feeling a call to be more involved in the life of the church but don't know exactly where it is leading. The Calling and Discernment Ministry is here to help you find your niche. Our church ministries always welcome new talent and new ideas. Many hands make light work and all of us together are truly living in the Body of Christ.

There is a place for everyone! Please contact the church at 603-522-3189 or email: churchoffice@fccwakefieldnh.org for information. A member of the Calling and Discernment Ministry (Connie Littlefield, Janice Brejwo, Margie Galabrun and Harriet Wilson, Linda Messer) will contact you.

Covid Protocols for Worship



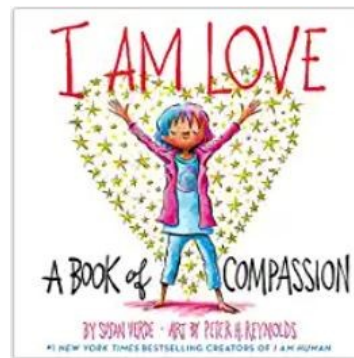
A special Leadership Council meeting was called on August 25th to discuss safety measures for in-person worship services and other activities held in our church building. In light of increasing numbers of reported Covid cases in our town, county, and state, it was agreed to continue in-person worship, but with measured distanced seating and mandatory wearing of masks. Zoom church will continue to be offered. Coffee Hour will be temporarily discontinued. Mask wearing will be required of all groups meeting in the church.

At the regularly scheduled LC meeting on September 8th, it was agreed to keep these protocols in place at least until the next LC meeting in October. May we love and respect one another and keep each other safe. Links to Zoom worship and Facebook Live are available on our website at www.fccwakefieldnh.org

New Book Review

Be you young or not-so-young, this book will warm your heart. The author writes: "This book is my love letter to the world as each one of us is worthy of love in all its forms and expressions and we are ALL capable of adding light to the world when we listen to our hearts and choose love." It's a short book, well drawn simple pictures depicting bright sunny days and storm clouds that hover ... until a child with compassion reaches out a hand of love and understanding. I think teaching and learning compassion is so valuable to strengthening the character of each one of us -- no matter our age. Borrow it from the library in Fellowship Hall and read with a child!

Carol Lundgren



Ed. Note: Carol read this at a recent worship service. We think it's worthy of sharing with a greater audience! Hope you'll check it out! CJ.

FCCW Music Camp Success!

It was held for 3 days instead of 1 week. We were a bit anxious going into this, since our fearless leader, Jan Stanley, was in Nevada this winter. Jan usually starts our Music Camp meetings in February or March, but in her absence and with the prevalence of the active Covid 19 virus, we had to wait until June - July to make our decision to go ahead with our camp.

With trepidation, we moved forward and, as with all things, the Holy Spirit guided us each step of the way! A wonderful doner who would like to remain anonymous, gifted each child with their very own ukulele!! Then another wonderful doner stepped up and gifted each child a tuner to go along with their new instrument!



So, we concentrated on teaching the children how to play and take care of their ukulele. They were not told until the last day of camp that these ukuleles were theirs to keep! We had lots of very happy campers who learned to play a well-loved song “Do Lord”. The 5-year-olds were especially talented with playing the C chord! (Only one finger to hold down one string!) They nailed it!!

Along with learning to play ukulele, we provided snack, and fun and games. Jan Stanley was able to be here to play the piano for the singing of some favorite camp songs over the years. One of our favorite parts of the day was when Reverend Tere gave a dramatic, interactive scripture enactment for the children.

One particularly moving time from camp was when Rev. Tere asked us to bless all of the children individually. These precious campers took this very seriously and we found that blessing them while holding our hands on the top of their heads was extremely emotional. One of the campers asked us to bless them again the next day! It was a very special moment.

A special thanks to Samuel Khumbula from Chipinge, Zimbabwe, who has started his first year of college here in Keene State this past week! He came to our camp and graciously played the drums and explained how drumming is used as part of spiritual prayer in his country. He also showed the campers how to do a traditional dance that children do when the drums are played. Sam, as he prefers to be called, shared the story of his courageous childhood, raising his 2 younger siblings with no mother or father. He had to feed, clothe and take care of all of their needs these past 8 years! He is an extremely talented, spirit-filled and smart young man. Sam is a treasure and we thank Connie Littlefield for orchestrating his coming to America to attend Keene State University.

Patty, Buddy and Evy would like to thank all of the people who volunteered and worked at the camp. Without them, none of this would have been possible! We are so grateful to have had the following people step up and really sink their teeth into this camp. Each of them showed up with enthusiasm, smiles and lots of energy! Every volunteer arrived with their own special gifts that they shared with all of us! It was an amazing collaboration—Paul Allen, Ann Bilodeau, Nancy Drew, Beth Fox, Norma Gore, Carol Lundgren, Linda Petkunas, Dave Schweitzer, Ginny Schweitzer, Connie Twombly, and Helen Watkins. Thank you and peace,

Patty Golden, Buddy Dee and Evy Truhn

Hazel MacBrien Nursery School

Happy Fall!! Sara and I are so happy to be back at school with the kids! We have 2 openings in our threes class and our fours class is full. The start of school is always such a busy time. We talk about the fall leaves changing colors, acorns and apples and also about being kind and making good choices. The kids loved playing the math game; feed the squirrel acorns. They had to look at a number and then feed the squirrel that many acorns. We will be going apple picking at McKenzie’s Farm which is always a lot of fun! October brings Halloween and cooler days. The kids always look forward to singing our Haunted House song and making “creepy” crafts.

We are starting the year off with our Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. If you would like to place an order we will have an order form on the kitchen counter. Thanks again for all your support and we are looking forward to a great school year!

Jen, HMNS

Staying the Course

God wants us to “Stay the Course” – keep our faith – renew it when needed – watch that it does not slip away from us – and to do this especially when times are tough. And boy are they ever tough right now!

We all took a much-needed deep breath in June and July as the pressures of the last pandemic year appeared to let up. We joyfully joined back together for worship with our new minister. We hugged (some of us) sang and rejoiced in our ability to join together in our beloved sanctuary to worship. We had a coffee hour!!

Now the Delta Variant has made it to Wakefield. New cases went from 0 to 18 in just one week. Our Leadership Council held a very difficult meeting on August 25th. Everyone who attended was given the opportunity to voice concerns and offer sage advice. After a very long meeting we agreed to keep the Church open for Sunday worship, as long as it is prudent, but with all the safeguards back in place – masks – social distancing – no coffee hour – no hugging!

We talked about all the difficult issues this pandemic has delivered to our door. We talked about being vaccinated vs unvaccinated which tests the limits of being welcoming and open. We are doing our best, as people of faith, to not exclude anyone from service while balancing that with the need for doing absolutely the best we can for keeping us all safe – that’s why we are requiring masks.

For all the trials we have been through over the last year and half and the new trials with the Delta Variant that we are going through now – we are still here! As the old saying goes “we are all in this together”. We are finding new ways to keep our Church Family together – who knew we would all be Zooming a year ago? We now have a whole new way of fundraising with our on-line sales. We did a virtual pledge drive and it was a great success. We are not just surviving this pandemic, we are growing ever stronger as a family of faith.

And if it feels like a real test of our faith – well it is! - and we are passing with glorious flying colors!

In July we had all hoped the “worst was over” – apparently it is not. Our test of faith is continuing.

Every member of our Church is a Steward. If you are concerned about decisions being made about Sunday Service, then you should reach out to someone on the LC and make them known. However, as Stewards, we also have the personal responsibility to not only care and safeguard ourselves, but also “others”. We are an Open and Affirming Church so our list of “others” is a very long one! (well, it is everyone - no matter who you are, you are welcome here). Continued. . .

Be safe – stay safe – and know in your heart that our Church and its Congregation will still be here when this pandemic has run its course. Have faith that we will be singing, hugging and having coffee hour and fellowship once again – hopefully soon!

Carol Lundgren, Stewardship Ministry

Prayer for Peace during Covid-19



Dear Lord,

As the coronavirus affects our world, we continue to pray.

We invite you into our hearts, Lord- hearts that have so much on them right now.

Amidst our fear, disappointment, confusion, uncertainty, grief, anger, frustration and more . . .

We invite you in, Lord.

We know You are bigger.

May we be given a peace and understanding of cancellations and social distancing rules.

May we act with humility, to not just preserve our own safety and health, but to look beyond ourselves and think of how our actions will affect others.

May we be alert to the ways we may help those around us. Give us the grace to step forward, without hesitation, to be men and women for and with others, for Your greater glory.

Come to our aid, Lord.

Open our ears to hear Your voice in these troubled times, and may we listen, be prudent and draw ever closer to You.

Amen

By Megan Sheehan, Communications Coordinator Campus Ministry

Ed. Note: This prayer was shared by Jo Szirbik at a recent Leadership Council meeting.

Fishing

It's O-Dark Hundred and the sun is starting to break through the thin Alaskan skyline. At one point in time, I recall even from my childhood, someone must have established that the best time to catch fish is before the crack of dawn. I'm not sure I agree with that theory, but here I am doing the "one foot shuffle" as I dance my way into the neoprene chest waders that are supposed to keep me warm and dry. The guys have gone ahead. The rest of us try to clear our heads and eyes from the sleep that was cut short while making our way down to the Kenai River.

As I maneuver the metal staircase leading to the vertical banks, I listen to the rushing sounds made by the cold, glacier-fed water that provides spawning grounds to tens of thousands of salmon. I hear voices quietly talking but I am unable to distinguish what they are saying. The mood is almost reverent and then someone exclaims "Fish On". Others move aside or reel up their line so the person who has hooked the fish and the helper who is to net the fish conduct an integral tango. As these fellows work as a team to conquer this approximately ten-pound beauty, the fish is doing its best not to be caught. Adding to this struggle is the river itself. The Kenai is rushing with such velocity and pressure against your legs that the waders almost shrink against your flesh. You must be careful not to lose your footing or you might find yourself speeding down-river trying to keep the icy waters from filling your waders and drown.

With my headlight giving guidance, I descend into the frigid water. A slight gasp leaves my lips as I adjust my footing and move gingerly to the spot along the bank where I will begin casting. I use a flyrod, but not a fly. There is a bright neon green piece of yarn tied around a red hook. To catch a Sockeye salmon, you float the line down stream hoping the fish will take it in its mouth. If you snag the fish in the back, or tail, or any place other than the mouth, you must let it go. Quite often the fish will shake the hook off as it leaps and flips into the air in its struggle to be free. Occasionally you might catch a fish who has a few gashes from nets, or other fishing gear like scars received in battle.

I settle into the repetitive actions of flipping my line about twenty feet into the river. It lands slightly upstream and quickly flows downstream. I adjust the fly line and nine-foot rod between my fingers allowing the slack to give way lifting the line out of the water and once again flipping the hook back upstream. I have lost count of how many times I have performed this technique, but it doesn't matter. The sun has risen, and I can see clearly up and down the banks of the river the various fishermen and women trying to obtain their daily quota of three fish. Gulls fly overhead only to swoop down and snatch the remains of filleted carcasses. As I flip and retrieve my line I begin to sing. These two activities, fishing and singing, calms my soul and allows me to be closer to God.

The act of fishing makes me recall the lives of the disciples. Simon, called Peter, and his brother Andrew had been fishing the Sea of Galilee when Jesus came upon them and said, "follow me, and I will make you fish for people" Matthew 5:19. They walked further and met two other brothers, James and John mending their nets. Like the former brothers, they also dropped everything and followed Jesus. Wow! What was it like for those men? What did they experience that made them not hesitate to follow Christ? I must admit, I think I would have reacted like those snagged salmon trying to flip and pull myself off the hook. As I continue to sing and flip, I add a prayer. Lord when and if you call me, help me to be like your Disciples and say, "Hear I am".

Donna Ackerman



New Hampshire Conference News

You are invited to join us on Saturday, October 16, 2021 as we explore the theme "Building Beloved Community", inspired by the words from Lamentations 3:22-23 (The Inclusive Bible), "*YHWH'S favor is not exhausted, nor has God's compassion failed. They rise up anew each morning, so great is God's faithfulness.*".

Following our morning business meeting, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, who serves on the National Staff of The United Church of Christ as the Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice, and the Rev. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference United Church of Christ, will share in delivering the keynote address. As we transition to a post-pandemic world, they will help us understand the impact of having spent time in isolation and the role of faith in rebuilding our beloved community. Drawing on her work with liberation theology, Rev. Dr. Lund will speak to the power of story and testimony in creating resiliency and hope. She will share tools that facilitate bringing about justice and transformation through faithful, loving relationships that build beloved community. Rev. Abbott brings a wealth of experience from his writings and work in contemplative practices. He believes we were created for community and connection and will focus on how deep listening to God and one another is part of the healing and rebuilding. [Click here](#) to register for the 220th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference UCC

Notes from Zimbabwe

The shipping container – weighing 22,707 lbs. with 950 boxes and a variety of crutches, medical equipment, furniture and more – is on its way to Zimbabwe. I cannot thank you enough for your donations of clothing, shoes, peanut butter, school and office supplies, medical supplies, fabric and sewing supplies, books, bedding, linens, computers, athletic supplies, personal care items, children's toys, furniture, carpets, dishes and MORE! Thank you to all who sewed dresses, packed boxes, stored boxes, carried boxes, and helped load boxes onto the waiting trailers of Brian Shipley and Mark Evenson. Donna Ackerman and Brian Shipley were a dynamic duo inside the hot container coordinating Spaulding student volunteers. Ann Bilodeau handled the paperwork of the incoming groups and made sure kids could access the snacks and water. George Ackerman was working with Spaulding volunteers outside the container – not an easy task when there were 30 or so – and kept everything humming along. I deeply, deeply appreciate the Men's Group and others who donated extra money to make sure the costs of shipping were covered. It definitely takes a village and our FCCW village goes far above and beyond and is simply amazing!

The next step is to get all the government licenses and clearance documents in place and await the arrival in late October and early November. I shall be present for the



clearance in Zimbabwe and to oversee the redistribution of boxes to various lorries which will make their way to different areas of the country for distribution. Just think, Christmas 2021 is going to be a bit brighter for Zimbabweans this year because of you!

School reopened on September 6 after a hiatus which began on June 4th. Children have not had access to consistent academics since March 2020. More people are getting vaccinated but, like the USA, many people are still getting sick. I learned three children at the Daisy Dube Children's Home have tested positive this week.

I shall be away when Alternative Giving opportunities take place in November and December. I kindly ask you to remember the children who need sponsorship and to remember the Daisy Dube supplemental feeding program. Food expenses continue to rise. There is absolutely no doubt that the children have remained as healthy as they have due to the vastly improved nutrition with more protein added to their simple diets.

*God bless you all,
Connie Littlefield*

What's an Amy Board?

Over the years you may have heard references made to the "Amy Board" at FCCW. For those who may not know—it is what we call the sandwich board which you often see on the sidewalk in front of the church.

But why is it called Amy Board? In October 2005, the Schweitzer's daughter, Amy, passed away. Dave and Ginny wanted her to be memorialized in a way that would be celebratory. At that time, the church did not have such an item, and they decided to donate a sandwich board in Amy's memory. They wanted people to remember Amy as a vibrant, vivacious young woman and not to dwell in the tragedy of her death.

The first sandwich board served us for almost 15 years and served us well! Recently, the Schweitzers replaced the original Amy Board with the new one you are now seeing in front of our church. When you see it, remember Amy! Thank you, Ginny and Dave!

Carol Jeffery



The Treasure Shop

Treasure Shop is still going strong and we hope to stay open until Columbus Day. We are having our best season ever! If you haven't been yet, stop by and see what treasures await before we close up shop!

Carol Jeffery

Faith Formation Class

On September 7th, the Faith Formation class began a discussion of Lillian Daniels' book "Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To: Spirituality without Stereotypes, Religion without Ranting"

Here's a brief description: *In this book, Daniel argues that it's time for Christians to stop apologizing and realize that how we talk about Christian community matters. With disarming candor laced with just the right amount of humor, Daniel urges open-minded Christians to explore ways to talk about their faith journeys that are reasonable, rigorous, and real.*

This is a Zoom class at 12 noon on Tuesdays. All are welcome. Please contact Julie Kessler if interested . julielouisekessler@gmail.com

Online Sales Help Needed

Our Online Sales team is looking for someone to test some electronic equipment before we attempt to post it for sale online. We currently have a printer and 4 players of various flavors (e.g., DVD, VCR, CD or some combination). It's rather painful to sell something only to have it returned because it didn't work. We also have a bag of cables and what-have-you that we don't know what to do with (or even if they have any value)

Contact Julie Kessler (julielouisekessler@gmail.com) if you have any interest in helping test one or more of the items that we currently have and/or are willing to decipher our mystery bag. Thanks!

Julie Kessler

Racial Justice Discussion Group

The Racial Justice Discussion Group is on a hiatus until January. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

New Must-Haves! Celebration 235!

In tribute to our Celebration 235, the Planning Team is pleased to offer an 8 oz white coffee mug AND a sweet ornament! These items are pictured here and will be available for sale after church on Sundays beginning September 19. The mug is \$10 and the ornament is \$5 - each. We hope you like them!



Celebration 235, marking 235 years as a settled church in Wakefield, will take place on Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26. Be on the lookout for your personal invitation! There is a lot to celebrate and we will do so observing safe protocols for all. We will require all to wear masks. There is no charge for the concert, but reservations should be made by calling CLA Andrea at the church at 522-3189.

Come and be inspired!
Saturday, September 25 — Free Handbell Concerts (1/2 hr. each) at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26—Celebration Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. -- the service will be rich with surprises!

Carol Lundgren

Church Library News

Our church library has three new books related to spiritual growth:

The Four Things that Matter Most by I. Byock
Lost in Wonder by E. DeWaal
Morning B.R.E.W. by K. Jones

The Spiritual Growth section is in the Fellowship Hall Library.

Linda Petkunas, Church Librarian

Message From Sam

Hello Wakefield friends,



Everything is going on smoothly for me at Keene. The Hennums are my host family and they are very loving people.

A lot of the students are quite friendly. I had orientation for several days and met other international students from Brazil, Scotland, Nepal and Indonesia. My professors are my best friends for now. They are friendly, professional

and very organized. I was originally assigned to too many courses so now I am taking Physics I, Ultra Precision Engineering, Calculus, Public Speaking and Freshman Seminar. At Keene the physics labs have everything possible a student can possibly want or need, unlike what I experienced in Zimbabwe.

I have applied for my social security card and will be working in the school library when it arrives. For now I am working for some very nice people during my off time doing gardening and property management at their large home on Spofford Lake. God is good!

I have been attending the Keene UCC church each Sunday led by Rev. Cindy.

I have met many nice people but Wakefield is the best. I want to thank you for your many messages and your love and support. This is amazing grace! I am the one who is ridiculously blessed.

Samuel

Spirit Discovery Group

Have you wanted to go deeper in your spiritual life—find some additional spiritual tools? Do you want to learn some ways which can help us to clear space inside for discernment and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is what we are doing in the Spirit Discovery Group. Please feel free to join this group with Reverend Tere on Mondays at 4:30 in the Parish Helpers Room.

thank you!

To the Community at the First Congregational Church of Wakefield:

Trinity and I wanted to send a little note along to thank the men's group who helped her enjoy a week at Horton Center. We also wanted to thank everyone who came out at Pride Day and bought some of our raffles, dog treats and cookies. Without the support of your community, I'm unsure she would have had this amazing experience.

Trinity came home with new songs she learned, a sense of religion that our family has not practiced and a network of relationships that she will treasure for a lifetime. It was an amazing opportunity and from what Trinity has told me very positive! It's pretty awesome to pick your child up from camp and the 1st question she asked was can I do this again next year?!

Thank you, Thank you! We will always treasure this gift. Especially because this starts a new tradition for her. Our family will make this happen again for her next year, and hopefully for years to come.

This is a relationship with religion that I have not fostered for her, but that my parents had for me. This is her opportunity to create a relationship with God, and for that I am forever grateful!

Warmly, Jen & Trinity Hayward

Parish Helpers News

Unfortunately, due to the uptick in virus cases in the area, we have been unable to meet indoors-in person lately. Except for the Treasure Shop, not much has been going on for the PH. :(

October was to be a field trip to the Silver Fountain Inn. After polling the membership, it was clear that the vast majority of members preferred to hold off and plan this event for a time when the virus spread has slowed down and all could feel comfortable and enjoy it more fully.

So now, as of this printing, there is no plan in place for an October 14 meeting. We can try to plan an outdoor meeting if we have a nice day. I have gotten a few suggestions for a "field trip", but most entail travel or being in larger groups of people. Perhaps a meeting in the church yard or at someone's outdoor space? I'll keep in touch via email with any new developments. Meanwhile, stay safe!

Carol Jeffery

Celebrations!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Christine Feddern	15 Ethan Ball
1 Rev. Tere Krueger	16 Russell Baldwin
2 Ryan Hughes	16 MacKenzie Robinson
8 Susan Girardin	18 Sara Denver
8 Lora Stanley	18 Sarah Duplinsky
10 Meaghan Connell	18 Margie Galabrun
10 Rachel White	19 Eric Perkins
11 Mark Evenson	19 Sharon Theiling
11 Ken Jeffery	24 Connor Nelson
12 Cindy Denver	25 Joe Brejwo
12 Priscilla Frothingham	26 Rebecca Mooers
12 Donna Vanderhoof	28 Edie Garland
14 David Schweitzer	30 Janice Brejwo

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Michael Frothingham	20 Bill Goodwin
11 Gisela Haag	21 Ellen Lankhorst
12 Sally Kratt	24 Cameron Cook
13 Debbie Fogg	25 Benjamin Boggs
13 Caren Kachoris	26 Laura Frye
13 Eric Mercer	26 Larry Koukal
15 Maureen Bridgett	26 Connie Twombly
15 JoAnn Owen	28 Alfred Canney
19 Austin Dolbear	29 James Connell
19 Brian Shipley	29 Diana Peckham

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21 Scott & Kathy Frothingham

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Jeff & Stephanie Ballard
7 Tom & Jan Stanley
8 George & Priscilla Frothingham
8 Tom & Lynn Weeks
9 Mark and Julie Evenson
9 Dick & Glenna Nelson
10 Russell & Sharon Baldwin
13 Chuck & Joanne Dolbear
17 Alfred & Tammy Canney
20 Richard & Rose Zacher
20 John & Lynn Shaffer
23 Ron & Rachel White



It is with great sadness that we share with you that our dear friend Agnes Carlson passed away August 5th at the age of 103. She was a long-time member of our church and participated in many of the activities of the church and Parish Helpers over the years.

The family shared this post on Facebook:

Our family's matriarch (Agnes Carlson) passed away peacefully last night after 103 years of a wonderful life. She now joins our dad (Paul Carlson) in heaven, with whom she shared 75 years of marriage. She was so loved by her daughters, son-in-law, granddaughters, grandsons, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons and her entire family, as well as all those who had the privilege of knowing her. Her body was small but her heart was so big that each of us felt we were the one who had all her love. I know we will never really lose her, even to death, because her love has left a permanent imprint in our memories so that every thought, every decision we make in life will be guided by the love we shared with her. Rest in Peace Mom, you have certainly earned it. WE LOVE YOU!

Per Agnes' wishes, there will be no memorial service. If you would like to donate in her name, the family feels that a donation to their favorite VFW Post #8393, PO Box 575, Milton, NH 03851 or the American Institute for Cancer Research, 1560 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. Cards may be sent to her daughter: Carol Carlson, 40 Sanborn Drive, Nashua, NH 03063.

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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 in prayer: Freddie and family, Lyn, Wendy, Elizabeth, Chrissy

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.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room	2 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	3	4 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
5 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/ Facebook	6 LABOR DAY	7 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	8 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon LC Meeting Via Zoom 4:30 p.m.	9 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	10	11 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
12 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship and Holy Communion 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/ Facebook	13 Choir Practice 5:30	14 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	15 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon	16 NH Conference Annual Meeting Finance Ministry Zoom Meeting 1:30 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	17	18 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
19 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/ Facebook	20 Caregiver's Support Group 9:30—10:30 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Room Choir Practice 5:30	21 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	22 FCCW 235th Anniversary Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon	23 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. to 11:30 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	24	25 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon 235th Anniversary Celebration Bell Concerts 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.
26 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 235th Anniversary Worship Service 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/ Facebook	27 Choir Practice 5:30 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Room	28 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	29 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon	30 String Band Location TBA or Zoom		

OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Worship and Holy Communion – 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/ Facebook	4 Caregiver's Support Group 9:30–10:30 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Room Choir 5:30	5 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	6 Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room Diaconate Mtg 4 p.m.	7 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	8	9 LAST DAY! Treasure Shop Open 9 to noon
10 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/Facebook	11 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Room Choir 5:30	12 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	13 Leadership Council Meeting Via Zoom 4:45 p.m.	14 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	15	16
17 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/Facebook	18 Caregiver's Support Group 9:30–10:30 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Rm Choir 5:30	19 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	20 Grief Support Group 11 a.m. Parish Helpers Room	21 Cupcake Decorating 3 p.m. String Band Location TBA or Zoom	22	23
24 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/Facebook	25 Spirit Discovery Group—4:30 Parish Helpers Room Choir Practice 5:30	26 Adult Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 p.m.—1 p.m.	27	28 Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m. to 11:30 String Band Location TBA or Zoom	29	30
31 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Worship 10 a.m. In-person or On Zoom/Facebook						



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