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THE PASTOR'S PAGE ...

SET SAIL FOR SABBATICAL

In about a month, on August 5th, I will be heading off for twelve weeks of sabbatical. This is a tremendous privilege and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have this time for travel, retreat, study, rest, writing, musical learning, and time with family and friends. As you all know by now, our Sabbatical Minister will be the Rev. Albert Mhururu of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. You will be in wonderful hands in the care of Rev. Mhururu, a very capable, kind and experienced pastor; his own congregation is very excited to share him with you! I will return on Monday, October 28th.

The Diaconate and I have been working closely in preparation for this time. Connie Littlefield has been a tremendous help, and our Conference Minister, the Rev. Gary Schulte, has promised the support of the Conference in making this a fruitful time for all involved. Rev. Schulte, as one among us who knows Rev. Mhururu personally, has expressed delight and confidence in Rev. Mhururu's coming.

In a longer term pastorate, a sabbatical not only gives the minister an important time of respite after many years on call, but also refreshes the minister for the road ahead. As a time of learning and gaining perspective, sabbatical serves to strengthen a pastorate, and to give both minister and congregation a renewing experience. By the time I return, I hope to have engaged in study and writing that will enhance my activity as your minister, to have engaged in enriching travel to some beautiful places in our country, to have experienced worship at a number of churches, to have increased my skill and confidence as a fiddler, and to have spent some slow-paced time with family and friends. I might even clean out a few closets!

The cross-cultural experience of a lifetime awaits you, as you have the opportunity to shine with the love of Christ in expressing a warm welcome to a very brave minister who comes to share his gifts with you all. He is more brave than I, this one from a different continent who comes to pastor in your midst. What I expect you will find is not how different you are or how different he is, but how very much all of our hearts beat with similar hopes, dreams, cares, joys, and sorrows. It seems to me that the blessing and challenge of your sabbatical experience will be to give yourselves over to making this experience a positive and joyful one, one in which deep connections are effectively established, and an encounter with the "other" becomes a relationship with meaning, respect, and affection. That is the most important thing to accomplish in this time for the congregation.

Toward this end, please ask yourself: *what can I do to make this sabbatical time work well for my church?* It is the responsibility of every single one of us, including you, dear reader. Be sure to do your part, lest you miss out on something of great meaning.

It is a great joy to serve as your minister. I hope to return in October renewed, ready for the next leg of our journey together; may this be a time of renewal for all!

In gratitude and peace, Mary

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6: 38 b

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013

Income:	\$12	6,145.88
Expenditures:	<u>\$12</u>	5,612.72
Net Income (Loss)	\$	533.16

Restricted Funds balance as of May 31, 2013: \$2,207.04

Another fiscal year is almost over. We should finish the year with positive balances both for the operating budget as well as in our general checking account. The Treasurer's Annual report covering the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 will be available by the end of July. The report will be distributed by email to the church's membership and will also be available at the church.

This year, Harriet Wilson, Pam Frazier, Carol Lundgren and I assisted Leadership Council with the vital, but challenging task of preparing the 2013-2014 budget proposal. By the time you read this, the Annual Meeting will be over and our members will have reviewed, discussed, and approved the budget we will use during the new fiscal year. If you have any questions about the new budget, please ask. Questions and comments are welcome.

In closing, I want to extend a special thanks to Pam Frazier, Assistant Treasurer, and Connie Littlefield, Zimbabwe Treasurer. It has been a pleasure working with them this past year.

Janice Brejwo, Treasurer jbrejwo@roadrunner.com

ONE PERSON'S TRASH...

The Treasure Shop is open for business on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 to noon throughout the summer. Stop by and see what Treasures you can find! The Parish Helpers welcome volunteers who would like to help out. Stop by and sign up during open hours or contact Carole Doughty.

For further information about what you read in this newsletter, please email the editor at steepleviews@gmail.com or call the church office. We'll be happy to help!



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Communication Workshop 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Sunday, July 21, 2013

In response to recommendations from Ministry Coordinators and Officers, a special Communication Workshop will be presented on July 21 following the worship service.

This workshop is highly recommended for all church officers, ministry coordinators, staff and anyone interested in learning more about good communication within and beyond our church organization.

Salad & dessert lunch will be provided for all who attend.

Carol Jeffery, Communications Coordinator, will lead us through use of the various electronic options for communication: email, Face Book pages, the church website. We will discuss the best strategies for staying informed and sharing info amongst ourselves and the entire church community. Jan Fairchild will assist in leading discussion and activities related to effective communication. The group will identify other topics or themes to address in future meetings. The next meeting will be the third Sunday in October, October 20, 2013.

Jan Fairchild

CHURCH YARD SALE! SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

The church **NEEDS YOU!** We need people to set up on Friday, Aug. 23, to take down on Saturday, people to bake items to sell, people to volunteer their time that day, people to donate books, furniture, athletic gear, games, house ware, kitchen items, lawn items and any unique gems that have been gathering dust at your house!

This is an all church fundraiser to help us keep the lights on and pay the oil bill. You are part of the family so please consider how you can assist and then call Penny at 522-3189 or any Z Team member!

Connie Littlefield (340-2116), Chris Feddern (973-6178), Cathy Koukal (522-8489), Jo Szirbik (522-3004), Jan Stanley (522-3540), Donna Ackerman (651-6349), Ann Bilodeau (387-4588), Debbie Fogg (522-9478), Julia McCarthy (522-5156).

Connie Littlefield

REV. MHURURU COMES TO WAKEFIELD!

The time for Pastor Mary's sabbatical is rapidly approaching! While we will miss her, and we wish her a restful and productive time, we are also looking forward to the great adventure of having Rev. Mhururu come to us from Zimbabwe to serve as our minister from the beginning of August through the end of October. He will arrive at Logan Airport on July 30, to be met by a small contingent of Wakefield folks, many of whom he already knows, and to be brought back to the Bozuwa's lovely home for the first month of his stay.

The Diaconate, with the invaluable help of Connie Littlefield and Pastor Mary, has worked up an agreement/ contract between our church and Rev. Mhururu, which he has accepted. Among the services that he will provide for us are:

- To provide leadership for Sunday worship services and other special services, such as memorial services, baptisms, and weddings that may arise while he is here.
- To provide pastoral care as needed and appropriate, in consultation with the Diaconate.
- To attend Diaconate, Leadership Council, and Team Synergy meetings
- To represent our church at the Fall Carroll-Strafford Association meeting and at the NH Conference Annual Meeting
- To meet with our Administrative Assistant regularly to share information and coordinate schedules and activities.
- To share insights and observations that will help us to change and grow in positive ways.

For our part, the church has agreed to provide housing, a laptop computer, access to a vehicle, opportunities for exploration, and warm & extravagant hospitality. To that end, please plan to include Rev. Mhururu in some of your summer activities (boat rides, trips to the shore and other attractions, cookouts – use your imagination!) We have promised to make his stay in Wakefield a wonderful experience. He will grow to know our culture and we look forward to learning about his.

Rev. Mhururu and Pastor Mary will work together for the week before her sabbatical, and for the week after she returns. If you have any questions on this process, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Deacons.

Let the adventure begin!

Harriet Wilson Diaconate

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during July and August. Our Administrative Assistant, Penny Ellis, will work from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm on those days. This schedule was determined after discussions among Jan Fairchild, Personnel Coordinator, Penny, and Pastor Mary, and is intended to meet the needs of all concerned. The schedule will be revised in September once school begins again.

Please observe these hours when you wish to get in touch with Penny for church business over the summer, and respect the fact that her days off are weekends, Tuesday, and Thursday. Please do not call her at home or on her cell phone during these days off, except in cases of emergency.

Pastor Mary generally takes off Monday and Saturday; this is subject to change at times, depending on the events and activities in a particular week. Please limit calls to Mary on Mondays or Saturdays to emergencies. Thank you!

Harriet Wilson, for the Diaconate Jan Fairchild, Personnel Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS



"Bedtime Hugs for Little Ones" by Debby Boone, is a collection of bedtime stories about many of the things your child asks about—growing up, the dark, dreams, shooting stars, being loved. End your child's day with the

security, warmth & love that only a bedtime story and a hug can bring.

"The Dance of Hope, Finding Ourselves in the Rhythm of God's Great Story" by William C. Frey, will refresh your memory, leading you to rediscover the epic story the Bible tells, and to see your part in that story. You will realize the vital role you play in the community of faith. And you will be able to hear the music of the eternal dance today.

These are just two of the fabulous books on our shelves. Please stop by and read it for yourself!

Nancy Dee and Mary Beth Cook

WHAT WE TEACH MATTERS

"I became aware of several themes present in my thinking as I reflected on my interview. I was surprised to discover a deeply spiritual foundation in my thought process, as well as a significant emphasis on individualism. I am engaging with individual liberation as a response to structural oppression. This is a challenge for me as I was raised in a congregational church family and have found sincere meaning and empowerment in collective action.... My parents nurtured multi-cultural inclusion, global historical awareness, and the social justice values of witness and action within our family culture. The first non-white children I met were Cambodian refugees who my church family helped re-locate during the collapse of Khmer Rouge.... While in high school, engagement with Habitat for Humanity [NH Conference Youth Mission Trip] introduced me to the coal laden mountains of Southern Appalachia, where I returned to attend college"

The above are snippets of a term paper written by Kristin Galabrun for a class designed to challenge students with issues of power and oppression, privilege and culture. Why do I write this in Steeple Views? Because what we teach in the First Congregation Church of Wake-field matters.

Kristin was once one of those beautiful, eager little faces sitting in the front pew of our church. She is a product of the inclusive and tolerant lessons of love that we choose to teach in our United Church of Christ. We are members of a mainline Christian denomination whose voice is becoming under heard in a much louder culture. We must not allow this to happen. As we did for Kristin and so many others, we have a responsibility to offer our children a solid spiritual foundation upon which they can grow and become thinking, caring individuals.

What we teach matters, and it takes the energy of the entire congregation. Please be a part of that.

Upcoming Adult Educational Opportunities

Share your stories. We all have stories. We have become who we are because of what we've experienced in life. Let's learn more about each other, and the importance of being who we are, by sharing our stories with each other. Watch for more about this upcoming opportunity.

We are currently planning a **Workshop on Nonviolent Communication.** The Center for Nonviolent Communication suggests that we are all compassionate by nature and that violent strategies, whether verbal or physical, are learned behaviors taught and supported by the prevailing culture. Details will become available soon.

Child Care

We're looking forward to a summer of fun and structured child care for our children during the worship services in July and August. Each Sunday we will provide a snack, a craft, reading time and play time. In order to make this successful, we need your help.

We need someone to volunteer to serve as **coordinator of child care for the month of August** (Raenya has volunteered for July). The coordinator will be in charge of the following duties:

- arrange for snack
- plan and organize a weekly craft
- suggest stories for reading time
- suggest games to be played outside

• ensure that volunteer child care people are available and confirmed

We also **need volunteers** to care for the children during child care. Volunteers must be willing to help the children with their craft, serve snack, read to and play with the children.

> Margie Galabrun, Coordinator, Ministry of Christian Education

WAKEFIELD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SON WEST ROUNDUP JULY 29—AUGUST 2—9 A.M. TO NOON



We welcome children, preschool (4 and 5 year olds) through 6th grade; teens are also needed to assist staff. We will be learning about Moses --Western style. Each day there will be music, crafts, story time, games, outside play (weather permitting), prizes,

and snacks. On Friday of that week, parents are invited to attend our closing ceremony.

The Wakefield Congregational Church will be hosting the Bible School. Volunteer staff members are still needed. There are many ways in which you can help if you are unable to commit to the whole week. Help with set-up and clean-up is most welcome. We need daily snacks prepared for our teachers. We would like to decorate with a few hay bales, rope, saddle, or western gear if anyone would be willing to loan us those items. Please call the church for further information, 522-3189, or speak with Jan Stanley or Ginny Schweizer.

Please consider being a part of this wonderful mission to our children.

Jan Stanley

Priority items for 2013 Shipping Container to Zimbabwe

FOR THE HOSPITALS:

- Hearing aids with batteries
- Pain relievers ibuprofen, aspirin
- gauze bandages
- antibiotic ointment
- anti diarrhea medication
- cough/cold medication, Vaporub
- vitamins (children and adult)
- infant formula (powdered)
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap
- sanitary pads
- petroleum jelly

FOR THE SCHOOLS:

- student notebooks
- library books
- textbooks (math, science, reading)
- office supplies
- pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners
- rulers, chalk
- art supplies
- musical instruments
- tote bags for teachers
- Playground toys: i.e., soccer balls, basketballs, jump ropes, volleyballs
- Athletic uniforms and equipment (There is a high demand for soccer jerseys, bibs, athletic footwear, socks, sports towels, uniform bags, and equipment for soccer, baseball, track, basketball, and volleyball.

TOOLS:

- saws (hand saws or electric)
- nails, any size or variety
- screws, any size or variety
- planes for carpentry
- sandpaper and blocks, clamps
- basic tools (hammer, crowbar, screwdrivers, etc.)
- tools for electrical or plumbing

FOOD:

- Peanut Butter
- Shelf stable milk
- Protein and vitamin powder (mixes with water)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Bedding (sheets & blankets)
- Reading glasses and sunglasses
- adult bicycles
- stationary, envelopes
- basic books for cooking and sewing
- basic portable sewing machine
- sewing supplies fabric, zippers, buttons, thread, and sewing patterns for dresses, skirts (ladies, girls) and shorts (boys)
- adaptor plugs and voltage converters
- door knobs, locks
- solar powered lights
- GENERATORS HIGH DEMAND!

CLOTHING:

- Gently worn clothing for children and infants
- sneakers and shoes in great condition
- rain coats, windbreakers, fleece,
- medium weight jackets
- sweaters, jerseys
- socks for males, females, kids
- new underwear for children and adults
- bras, new or gently worn
- men's suits, shirts, ties

CLERGY

- clergy gowns and shirts
- Theological books
- Bible Commentaries

All items should be securely boxed and all boxes labeled.

JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Centering Prayer 4 p.m.	3 Diaconate Meeting 3 p.m.	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5	6
7 Worship and Holy Communion Church School— 10 a.m.	8 PASTOR ON VACATION UNTIL 7/16	9	10	11 Parish Helpers Picnic—12 noon Weight Watchers—5:30	12	13
14 Worship and Church School— 10 a.m. Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	15	16 Scrabble 10 a.m. Centering Prayer 4 p.m.	17	18 Weight Watchers– 5:30 p.m. String Band Beg.–6 p.m. Mixed –7 p.m.	19	20
21 Worship and Church School— 10 a.m. Communications Workshop	22	23	24	25 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Weight Watchers- 5:30 p.m. String Band Beg6 p.m. Mixed -7 p.m.	26	27
28 Worship and Church School— 10 a.m.	29	30 Rev. Mhururu Arrives	31			
Coffee Hour	Vaca	Vacation Bible School—July 29 to August 2—9 a.m. to Noon				

Z TEAM NEWS

Thank you for your support of our recent pancake breakfast! We raised \$293 which will help us pay the shipping for approx. 27 boxes to Zimbabwe. We have begun seriously collecting items for this year's container. (Please check out our list of desired items elsewhere in SV.) A huge shout out to Eagle Storage in Wakefield for donating valuable space so the Z Team can store the boxes until we pack the container on September 14th! I learned that the parent organization of Eagle Storage is a Christian company that makes frequent mission trips to Haiti, Malawi and other locations. How cool is that?

Maggie Mason sold Peace Pins to students at Spaulding High School and raised \$100 that will assist two Zimbabwean students pay their exams fees. Did you know that they have to pay \$12 per subject to "write for an exam?" Some will write exams in 4 subjects and some will write as many as 7 or 8! This places a huge burden on students who must pass exams at the end of Grade 7 and again after Form 4 (grade 11) in order obtain an educational certificate or go on to post secondary programs.

A mother is raising three children on her own. We don't know where her husband is only that for many, many years (20?) she has been a humble, faithful secretary at the Eastern Conference UCCZ office, who often receives her meager salary two months late because of the problematic church cash flow. Her older son Godfrey is sponsored through FOOT is preparing to take his O Level exams. Now it is her daughter Faith's turn. Joseph writes, "The situation of Gladys raising three children with her salary is a nightmare. The last time I saw her she just said she puts everything to me and waits to see the hand of God. So through you (Wakefield) she will continue to praise God."

Daily life in Zimbabwe is a struggle. In the rural areas children walk miles to school without shoes and often without food. When we support a child through FOOT we are removing the decision for some children as to whether they will eat or whether they will pay school fees. And yes, I say children because so many of them belong to child headed households.

Tanyaradzwa, one of our sponsored children wrote: "I am now able to go well to school with enough clothing and food through your help. I promise to do well in my life through your guide." Another young lad, Tafadzwa wrote: "I am happy to get money from you every month. I am now in Grade Two. My mother is happy too. God bless you my friend. I am clean because of uniform and shoes." It becomes clear that we continue to put on pancake breakfasts, or ask for your support in sponsorship, or encourage you to set aside clothing, shoes, medical supplies and other needed items for the shipping container because making a difference in another person's life is such an easy yet extraordinary way to make use of our blessings. So, one day at a time, one child at a time, members and friends of the Wakefield Church continue to make a dif

friends of the Wakefield Church continue to make a difference with love and generosity.

Connie



WIDER CHURCH NEWS!

Want to follow what's happening with the UCC on the national level? Our wider church family is meeting in Long Beach California from June 28 - July 2 for General Synod 29! You can catch the action by following the link <u>http://www.ucc.org/synod/</u>.

News! Resolutions! Preachers and workshop presenters! And soon to be live streaming on the web!

Connie Littlefield

AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Wakefield Memorial Bell Choir is celebrating its 25th year. We would like to invite you to a special concert honoring present and past ringers. Please mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday, August 25, 2013 and join us. We will be ringing old and new favorites that showcase the talent of our ringers and demonstrate a variety of handbell techniques. The concert will be held in our sanctuary at 3:00 PM. There will be no advance ticket sales, but donations will be gladly accepted. Funding will be used to promote music and theatrical arts in the life of our church.

Jan Stanley

Spiritual Gifts + Passion + Time: Called to Serve God

I am writing this article five days before our Third Annual Ministry Fair. When you read this you will have had the opportunity to learn about our church structure, our ministries and our offices. I hope you have accepted the invitation to consider your spiritual gifts and how they fit with our church mission, vision, ministries and offices. Each of the Ministry Coordinators and Officers assumed the responsibility for describing their respective work and activities. Calling and Discernment will be working with them to share results and continue to invite participation.

We rejoice in all the positive feedback we have received from people who have invested time to hear and study our changes in how we "do" church. It is gratifying to hear people give testimony to the new joy they have discovered in practicing their identified spiritual gifts in areas of their true passion and love - doing what they love to do! Many are making these wise, considered decisions related to how much time they can responsibly commit to church service. We recognize and honor those people who prayerfully decide they must step back from certain leadership roles and perhaps even take a complete break or sabbatical from church leadership. We are optimistic that those who have "taken a break" will return to a ministry. The Calling & Discernment Ministry is promoting careful, proactive planning and scheduling of meetings months in advance to give appropriate respect to people's very busy lives.

If you missed the Ministry Fair, please contact one of the following people for additional information: Donna Ackerman, George Ackerman, Mary James, & Jan Fairchild.

May our prayer be the words Paul wrote to the Romans (12:3-8): For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Amen.

Jan Fairchild

PH SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Our busy summer is underway! The **Parish Helpers Picnic** will be held on July 11 at noon at Carol Lundgren's home at 94 Grenier Road, Wakefield – 522-8235. You can get there from Pine River Pond Road, to Lord Road, right at fork to Grenier Road. It's on the right—a brown house, white shutters, red roof. Please plan on bringing a pot luck dish (we love salads in the summer!) and your own chair. The hostesses will provide beverages and desserts.

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

Also, keep in mind that the **Village Fair** will be held on Saturday, August 10. We'll be looking for pie and cookie bakers, craft makers, and helping hands at the Fair. For more information on how you can help, please see Carol Jeffery or Ginny Schweitzer.

PRAYER CHAIN - 2013

The purpose of the prayer chain is to create immediate intercessory prayer for anyone in need. Anyone may start the chain; you may call anyone on the list and that person will pass along your request to the rest of the prayer chain. This prayer power is available to anyone and everyone – you need not be a member of this congregation.

Thanks to all our prayer chain members! Bless you for being part of this important ministry.

Harriet Wilson	522-8956
Cindy Eggleston	522-3772
Jan Stanley	522-3540
Jo Szirbik	522-3004
Connie Littlefield	340-2116
Gail Feddern	522-3577
Deborah Smiley	475-4347
Elizabeth Fogg	522-5116
Berit Johannessen	522-3268
Glenna Nelson	539-4312
Rachel White	522-2063
Ginny Schweitzer	522-9593
Jan Fairchild	522-2123

If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact the Coordinator, Harriet Wilson (522-8956 or <u>dhwil-</u> <u>son39@gmail.com</u>). We'd love to have you!

Ed. Suggestion: Cut out/ or print out the list and keep it handy in your phone book!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST



August 4—Pastor Mary and Rev. Mhururu lead worship together August 5— Rev. Mary's sabbatical begins (returning 10/28) August 7—Diaconate Mtg. Time TBA August 10—Village Fair August 24—Church Yard Sale August 25—Bells Concert

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Connie B. Paul T. Dot R. Jo W. Julia W. Tom and Barbara T. George B. Art W. Cathy K. Mackenzie M. Beth M. Ginny S.

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

A PRAYER

The Light of God surrounds me. The Love of God enfolds me. The Power of God protects me. The Presence of God watches over me. Wherever I am, God is.

HELP WANTED!

Our church needs help! Please consider volunteering to fill these open positions:

Clerk Personnel Coordinator Treasurer-in-Training.

For additional information, please speak with Patricia Golden, Jan Fairchild and Janice Brejwo.



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Communication Workshop July 21 See Page 2

JULY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 7—7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Sunday, July 14—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 21—9th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28—10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13