



NEWSLETTER
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10th Annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival



Monday, July 4th
 Please join us after the Parade!
 Invite your friends!
Strawberry Shortcake \$4.00
Bottled Water \$1.00

Mission Trip Planning

Help plan a mission trip for April of 2012: **Wednesday, June 15th** at 5:30 pm at church. We will discuss possibilities for mission and work trips in the U.S. with the UCC. All those interested are invited to attend. See Cheryl Hempfen for more information.

Help Paint the RFK house in Hyannis

Outreach is looking for interested members to help work on repainting the RFK (Robert F. Kennedy) house, a transition home for Cape Cod adolescents, located in Yarmouth. We will be repainting a school room on **Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th**. Looking for a member who may be adept at replacing cork board for one of the walls for the children to tack posters and projects to. Please contact Courtney Craig at cnraig76@hotmail.com for questions.

June Worship Services

June 12th: Pentecost Sunday and Church School Sunday

Wear Red for Pentecost!!

One Service, 9:30 am

June 19th Music Sunday, and on **June 26th**

June 26th

Church Breakfast 8:00 am

Summer Services Begin July 3rd

Garden Service from 8:30- 9:00

Blended Service from 9:30 -10:30
 -Childcare will be offered at 9:30

Search Committee Finds Candidate!

With great joy and enthusiasm, the Senior Pastor Search Committee has prayerfully and unanimously voted to recommend a candidate for call as First Church settled Senior Pastor. A letter to the congregation is in preparation to be sent within a few days.



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Music Committee anticipates Music Sunday, a special congregational breakfast, and the refurbishment of the handbells

All those involved in the First Church music ministry are preparing for the annual First Church Music Sunday, scheduled for **June 19**, during a single service at 9:30 a.m. Participants, including vocal and bell choirs as well as instrumentalists will lift their talents in worship and praise, under the direction of directors Ron Sherwin and Sarah McQuarrie. All are welcome to come to our sanctuary for this outstanding and inspiring musical worship service.

After considerable deliberation, the Music Committee has also decided to support a total refurbishment of the church's entire set of handbells, instruments that, between rehearsals of three bell choirs and performances, have seen considerable use over the years. The Music Committee also wishes to recognize with gratitude the competency and commitment of Kim and Sherrill Ruty in maintaining the bells as repairs have been needed so that these beautiful instruments could continue to be used.

The process will involve shipping the bells to the company from which they were purchased, where they will be completely disassembled, all parts thoroughly cleaned with specific, custom products, parts replaced where needed, and adjusted for tone and dynamics. The project is estimated to take five or six weeks and the committee hopes to move ahead with this much-needed effort during the months of June and July.

The committee is also considering ways in which to fund the bell restoration project, including ways in which members and friends of First Church can participate. To kick off the fund-raising effort, the committee is sponsoring a breakfast on **June 26** at 8 a.m., prior to the worship service. This will be one opportunity to participate in the bell project. Another option available will be an "Adopt a Bell" program in which members and friends can select a specific bell and contribute to its repair and maintenance.

As our liturgical year ends, the music committee would like to extend its gratitude to all who participate in First Church's music program and their commitment to providing a worshipful environment for our congregation and visitors

Thanks also go to our directors, Ron Sherwin and Sarah McQuarrie, for their continued professional leadership in the various music programs, of First Church of Christ, along with their enthusiasm and commitment during this transitional year.

So as June, July and August come and go, please have safe travels, peaceful warm days and allow for moments to experience a wonderful appreciation for the beauty of our earth.

Cheryl Craig
Music Committee

New Editorial Staff for the Spire

Welcome and thank you to **Carolyn Meigs-Turkstra**, who has offered to serve as co-editor with me for the Spire. Carolyn's specialty is writing and poetry, which brings a valuable touch to our newsletter. Her "*way with words*" should spice up our reading and make it flow smoothly. Thank you, Carolyn!

Laurie Ray

Sanctuary to Change for Church School Sunday

When entering the sanctuary on June 12th to celebrate Church School Sunday, you may notice something missing... or changed... or a bit different. Your Worship and Sanctuary Arts Committees, in conjunction with Christian Ed, want to provide a vibrant, if temporary, change to the sanctuary that will dramatically illustrate the worship theme, so keep your eyes open and don't panic: it'll be the same room—only different. We hope to see you there!

Kim Ruty

First Church Wednesday Prayer Group welcomes new leader

With the departure from the Cape of the group's facilitator, Lydia Lake, the prayer group, which meets at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, just prior to the pastor's Bible study, was dependent on monthly devotional pages kindly assembled and emailed to us by Lydia on a monthly basis.

However, as the months went by, the group felt bereft of leadership, and so it was decided to invite **Linnell Grundman**, to be the new facilitator. Linnell, a woman of deep faith, has been involved in a variety of churches and church activities in other areas of the country and also overseas. She has provided fresh insights and inspiration, and has encouraged us in the skill of meditation, thereby further enhancing the time of sharing together our joys and concerns and prayer requests. For further inspiration, Linnell emails "thoughts for the day" to participants who are online. An example of these daily "pick-me-ups" is written below to share with others:

"I am done with great things and big plans, great institutions and big success. I am for those tiny, invisible loving human forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, which if given time will rent the hardest monuments of pride."

William James

Anyone who desires to spend an hour with the group in prayer and meditation is invited to join this fellowship in the Gates Room, behind the screen, from 11 to noon on Wednesdays.

Carolyn Meigs-Turkstra

Church Circle will have a new look!

In April, eight members of Church Circle met to discuss the future plans for the group. As a result, beginning in September, 2011, Circle will be seeing changes that it is felt will better meet the needs and interests of our members and friends.

It was agreed that the main reason for our get-togethers is socialization, so to that end the by-laws, officers, secretary's report, Board and business meetings, the December Craft/Bake Sale, and money collections have been eliminated from the traditional calendar. There is still money remaining in our bank account to continue to be active with our contributions to charity.

We will meet in September, October, and December for the annual Christmas Tea, hopefully in a joint effort with other groups, as well as in January, and March. Our various programs will include a travelogue, pie-making for the church fair, a "Did You Know?" meeting, a pot-luck lunch at a private home, and an "out-to-lunch" afternoon. Continuing the "May Guest Day" is under consideration as an option.

We will no longer print a yearly program; however, each event will be mentioned in the Spire and Sunday bulletin.

With these changes, Church Circle looks forward to an exciting new year and welcoming new members and friends!

Barbara Kashar





Christian Education News



It's not too late to register for Summer Camp at Horton Center

Ed & Stephanie Nadolny and Kevin & Melinda Lasit will be leading a group participating in the

***Mid-High Week #2 July 24 - July 30.**

Already registered are: Sophie Nadolny, Tessa Wood, Skyler Lasit, and Christopher Fox

Steve Ross will be leading a group participating in the

***High School Week #2**

July 31 – August 6.

Registered for High School Week 2 are:

Amanda Ross, Eddie Nadolny, Taylor Poloway, and Brendan Carmichael

Lois Fluegel Cosgrove & her daughter Angelina will be attending

*** Mid-High Wet & Wild July 3 - 9**

Please speak to Steve Ross, the Nadolnys, the Lasits, Lois Cosgrove or Nancy Lawrence if your student is interested in attending a Horton camp this summer.

Link for other dates / information <http://www.hortoncenter.org/summer-camp.php?ID=10>

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 8 – 12. 9:00 – 12:00 Registration sheets are available on Christian Education tables and online at www.firstchurchsandwich.org

Our theme:

Journey to India



Beach Barbeque

A beach barbeque is planned for our Middler, Junior & Senior High Youth Groups (and any family members that want to join in the fun).

Sunday June 12th 6:30 – 8:00 pm, (weather permitting). Hotdogs & drinks will be provided; please bring something to share: chips, salad, or dessert.

Drop off and Pick-up at East Sandwich Beach. Directions and permission slips were emailed; – if you did not receive it, email Nancy at education@firstchurchsandwich.org

Volunteers Needed

Throughout the summer Sundays, volunteers will be needed for the infant care room. If there is a Sunday you are willing to assist, please let Nancy Lawrence know or sign your name on the schedule posted on the CE bulletin board outside the church office.

Thanks to those who've signed up so far! ☺

Also, over the past two summers we have welcomed anyone who would like to lead **Children's Time** during 9:30 worship. Please contact Nancy Lawrence at education@firstchurchsandwich.org

Ham & Bean Supper and Pound Auction

Thanks to all who supported our Ham & Bean Supper & Pound Auction campership fundraiser. We raised \$658.00, as well as receiving a very generous **gift of \$500.00 from the Church Circle – thank you, ladies!!!**

Congratulations to Alexandra Wright

Alex auditioned, was accepted and will be attending a two-week camp for High School Solo Vocalists at Westminster Choir College, (part of Rider University in Princeton, NJ) this summer. She will start her day with yoga, have daily voice lessons with singers from major opera companies and orchestras across the United States and Europe as well as on Broadway, and take classes that will help her learn how to apply and audition for colleges of music, deal with performance anxiety and memorization, recital preparation, and more!

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Church School & Youth Ministry 2010 - 2011
Our thanks to each and every one of these committed individuals!

Infant Care: Tara McNamara, Morghan Casino & Julia Sullivan, Joan Chase, Pat Marshall, Jackie Lawrence; also, Barbara Kashar, Michael Froman, Josh Hassler, Diane Ranney, Sherri Williams, Sarah Gregory, Carole Dundorf, Lisa Hassler, Judith Page, David Hassler, and Mary Fran McCarron

Cradle Roll: Beverly Hammel

Godly Play: 3's/4's & K: Tasha Frost, Martine Canning, Ellen Savage-Shanahan, Kim Lusty

Rotation Leaders

Grades 1st – 6th Shepherds: Vicki Dauphinais, Sandra Belliveau, Kathleen Ross, Kim Lusty, Andrea Blanchard, Kim Peterson, Robin Dyer, Alyssa Casino, Jennifer Madden, Laurie Ray, Becky Heyer, Sherri Williams, Jackie Bova, Tracey Goodwin

Rotation Teachers:

Paul – Who Can Be a Christian?
Tracey Goodwin, Wendy & Guy Kiedeisch, Nancy Horwood

Zaccheaus:
Ginny Peddicord, Vicki Mitchell, Art Lusty, Libby Fox, Teri Snyder

Christmas Around the World:
Judith & Bill Page and Virginia Lewis, Kathleen Ross, Janet Wright, Roscoe & Joy Riley

Joseph & His Brothers:
Susan Marancik, Kristen Urribari, Kim & Joe Butz, Nancy Lawrence

Samaritan Woman at the Well:
Diane Ranney, Beth Palmer, Barbara Kashar, Stephanie Nadolny

Easter Around the World:
Art Lusty, Vicki Mitchell, Sandra Murray, Lisa Nurse & Susan Marancik

Joseph in Egypt
Irene Coates, Lynda McMahan, Wendy Kiedeisch, Janet, Alex & Hannah Wright

7th / 8th Grades: Lisa Hassler, Karen Spangler

9th / 10th Grades: Bill Powell

Youth Group Leaders:

Middler: (4th / 5th) Ginny & Jarvis Peddicord, Martine Canning

Junior High: (6th / 7th / 8th) Jackie Rollock-Durette, Karen Ross, Vicki Mitchell

Senior High: (9th-12th) Rev. Dan Spacek, Nancy Lawrence & Janet Wright

Drama Ministry: Melinda & Kevin Lasit

Confirmation Mentors: Kim Ruty, Chris Ranney, Ed Nadolny, Joan Gregory, Cheryl Craig

**Julia Abreu to Attend
Hole in the Wall Gang
Camp**



This past April, First Church member Shelley Abreu ran a half-marathon to support Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Camps. She raised over \$3,000 with the generous support of so many members and friends from First Church (including the biggest donation from the Cub Scouts Pack led by Art Lusty.)

According to camp literature, the camps allow *“children diagnosed with cancer, sickle cell anemia, HIV/AIDS, hemophilia and other serious and life-threatening conditions to enjoy more than they or their parents ever thought possible. Activities include archery, mini-golf, swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding, arts and crafts, sports, theater and camping; all are designed to include every child and ensure that no child will fail. A zero-entry Olympic size pool provides water fun for all campers, regardless of any mobility challenges they may have.”*

Julia, Shelley's and Nelson's daughter, will be attending Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp this July. The Abreu family wants to thank everyone who has supported Team Hole in the Wall, and as always, to thank you for everything you've done for them during Julia's cancer treatment.



Your Outreach Corner



Mission Trip Planning

Plan a group trip for April of 2012: Wednesday, **June 15th** at 5:30 pm at church. We will discuss possibilities for mission and work trips in the US with the UCC. All those interested are invited to attend.

Help Wanted!

The Outreach Committee will host The **10th Annual Strawberry Shortcake Festival** on **Monday, July 4th** following the Sandwich Fourth of July Parade. We are hoping for some volunteers to help with preparation on Sunday, July 3 following church, and also with serving and clean-up on Monday the 4th from 10 -1. Watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Mission in Action

Outreach is looking for interested members to help work on repainting the RFK (Robert F. Kennedy) house, a transition home for Cape Cod adolescents, located in Yarmouth. We will be repainting a school room on **Friday, June 10th** and **Saturday, June 11th**. Looking for a member who may be adept at replacing cork board for one of the walls for the children to tack posters and projects to. Please contact Courtney Craig (cnraig76@hotmail.com) for questions.

Calling a First Church Green Team

The committee is ready to formulate and plan the next steps in committing to recycling and redemption at First Church. On **Sunday, June 26th** Paul and Carolyn Hebert of CHAMP Homes will join us during the 9:30am Worship service to challenge us towards being stewards of the Earth. We are looking to reform our Green Team. Please contact Courtney Craig for further information.

Strengthen the Church Offering

On Pentecost Sunday, **June 12** an offering will be received for the Strengthen the Church special mission of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity.



Directed to local conferences, local church ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.

Please make out your check to *First Church* with the Memo line "Strengthen The Church". The money counters have had some confusion on where to credit some of the offerings.

Equal Exchange Coffee Helps Third World Farmers

The UCC Coffee project is a way to partner with communities in the developing world. Despite the high cost of coffee worldwide, most third world coffee farmers make very little off their crop, due to middlemen who make most of the profits.

Equal Exchange buys coffee directly from the farmer co-ops around the world, sharing the profit with the farmers and their families.

Our Outreach Committee sells Equal Exchange coffee in the Gates Room on a weekly basis. Hot Chocolate and Tea are also available.

- Coffee, Decaf and Regular: \$7.00
- Cocoa: \$5.00
- Tea \$2.50

Help yourself from the Outreach display shelf, and please leave cash or checks in the envelope.

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Thanks to the Ladies Evening Circle

A letter from the program director of A Baby Center was recently received by the Outreach Committee: *"Thank you so much for your very generous donation of diapers, wipes, clothing and the beautiful gift bags for our moms in celebration of Mother's Day! The moms were especially grateful for your thoughtfulness to them. These gifts have been distributed to families who are really struggling in these hard times. Your donation was wonderful and has touched the lives of many families. In times where one in three families struggle to provide their baby with enough basic supplies, it is heart-warming and so important to have your continued support."*

Thank you's

- From Jim Scoville , Pastor of New Mashpee Congregational UCC for the \$500.00 sent from First Church to help with their first year of self sufficiency
- Independence House for the \$100.00 line item voted by our congregation for survivors of domestic violence on the Cape,
- Cape Cod Council of Churches for \$100.00 to assist with their programs

Did You Know?

- Your Wider Church Mission dollars assist with National Disaster Ministries (NDM)
- Provide support to help prepare for disasters
- Organize volunteers after disasters for clean up and rebuilding efforts
- Coordinate with emergency response organizations (and Church World service)
- Long-term recovery efforts include offering spiritual and pastoral care services, helping families who did not receive enough assistance from other agencies, help those who are uninsured.
- Technology caused disasters- assisting in toxic spills or deliberate toxic releases
- There are resources to help your family and church to know how to prepare and respond to disasters through the UCC

See the web site: www.ucc.org/disaster/

Confirmands Spruce Up Patio Garden

The Patio Committee would like to thank the First Church Confirmation Class for the fine work they did refurbishing the garden fence on Saturday, May 14th. The fence around our patio garden was much in need attention and our young people, under the expert supervision of **Kim Rutty** and **David Hassler**, not only did a great job but were able to work during one of the few sunny Saturdays this season. It's nice to see a fresh coat of new, bright, white stain on the fence. Now that that is done we will be able to concentrate on bringing the Alice Woerpel Memorial Garden back to life once again.

First Church Patio Garden Committee

Congratulations to the 2011 Confirmands

Felicia Blanchard

Morghan Casino

Patrick Fox

Michael Froman

Connor Frost

Madison Palmer

James Silverman

Julia Sullivan

Alexandra Wright

Amanda Wright



First Church Yard Sale

Saturday, July 2, 2011, 9am – 2pm

Early Birds, 8am – 9am

Volunteer to help! Watch for the sign-up sheets by the office. We need workers during the sale as well as volunteers to help with sorting and pricing the week before the sale.

Donate your Gently Used Items! Items may be brought to the church beginning (and not before) Sunday, June 26, through Thursday, June 30. Place the items on or under the tables along the side wall of the Vestry (basement).

Large items such as furniture and rugs cannot be accepted before Friday, July 1, since we have no place for storage. Call if you need help in delivering large items.

Items Wanted: Books, CDs, DVDs, tapes, videos, kitchen tools, glassware, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, small appliances, knickknacks, pictures, frames, mirrors, vases, baskets, lamps, games, puzzles, toys, small sport and recreational items, holiday décor, garden tools, linens, furniture (indoor and outdoor)...

Books, CDs, DVDs, tapes and videos may be dropped off any time in the box at the back entrance.

Items Not Wanted: TVs, computers and computer components, large exercise equipment, car seats, and air conditioners.

Questions??: See Pam Baker, Jan Kasper , or Dotty Kreisinger

June Craft Dates For The Holiday Happenings Fair

Come join us for crafts, offering ideas and helping hands. We have two more craft sessions scheduled before summer: **Tuesday, June 7; and Tuesday, June 21**

All sessions will begin about 2 pm and last until we've finished our projects. We're still looking for new ideas. Ornaments from your tree that you like and think we could copy would be good. We'll be making shell wreaths at one of the workshops and can use talented fingers or sorting fingers; all are welcome.

Keep looking for white ice skates over the summer at yard sales.

We'll need dried flowers for fall, as well as wet and dry oasis for flower arrangements.



~ Holiday Happenings Fair 2011 ~

Please mark your calendars for this year's annual event...

November 11th and 12th

Be thinking about how you can contribute!

See Wendy or Janis

All fair co-chairs are asked to come to the organizational meeting on **Thursday, June 16th** from 4-5 pm in the Gates Room. All interested in the fair who would like to join us, we'd **love** the help!

Refreshments and sharing.....see you there!

Delighted by the gift she had received, the lady spoke warmly to the boy delivering it to her: "At church tomorrow, I'll thank your mother for this lovely pie, but in the meantime, you tell her I really appreciate it!"

"If you don't mind, Ma'am," the boy suggested nervously, "Would you thank her for two pies?"

From <http://www.cleanjokeoftheday.com/>

Small Group Ministries

Jubilee

All women are invited to attend a potluck salads dinner on **Tuesday, June 7th** beginning at 6:00 pm. We will discuss the novel *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. Please meet in the Gates Room, and bring your suggestions for summer reading.

Jubilee will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please watch the Sunday Bulletin for book selections - for more info email me at nancjl@comcast.net

Nancy Lawrence

Church Circle

Circle will wind up the year on **Thursday, June 23** with an "out-to-lunch" at the Olive Garden restaurant in Hyannis, meeting **at the church** at noon for carpools.

We can order from the menu, and be billed individually. A sign-up sheet will be on the Circle bulletin board.

This is always a most enjoyable get-together to end the year's programs. *Bon Appetit!*

Our Mission Statement

We live our mission as a welcoming community, celebrating God's love in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We serve the individual, the church, and our world through creative worship, spiritual growth, and nurturing fellowship.

Our Vision Statement

where we endeavor to be in five years

Building on a heritage that embraces social action, we are known as a community church where all are welcome. By the generous gifts of our growing membership our church is a catalyst for spiritual development through a variety of innovative worship and educational experiences.

Recognizing our diversity, we nurture and care for each other. Our children grow into life-long Christians through programs that develop a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Our spiritual presence mirrors our physical presence in our town and the wider community. No matter where we are on life's journey, we are united by the common goal of moving closer to our God.

Prayer for Committees and Commitment

Thank you to Diane Ranney, who offered this prayer at our May Church Council meeting for all who help our congregation

Thank You Creator of committees and those who serve on them. We are so grateful for the gifts of the people who have served and those who are coming to this table for the new year. We give thanks for all who are here around this table, tonight, as well as those who have been in your service for many years, but are no longer with us. We are grateful for those intrepid souls who are just starting out—getting to know how to do what best serves You.

As we look at each other, let us see the reason why we are here—to carry Your light into our wider world where so many need to hear a word of hope and justice. God of the late nights and endless minutes, thank you for Your servants gathered faithfully over the years to build this church—we are more than happy now to let them rest (but only for a little while!).

Thank You, Creator of the details and the wider pictures for blessing First Church with so many talents and skills—for those who give their time and devotion to doing what needs to be done to keep your church here on these sandy shores running smoothly, as we work for the greater good of justice and peace.

Help us, Lord of committees and commitment, to keep talking to each other—with great kindness—so that we will continue to know You better and will be willing to share our faith with those who need to know You. Thank you for the dedication of all who are Your hands on earth. We ask all of this in the name of your son, Jesus, whose way we follow day by day.

Amen



Graduate Celebrations

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

from Sandwich High, unless otherwise noted

Ryan Barrette will attend Wheaton College as a Balfour Scholar (the highest academic scholarship offered by Wheaton) pursuing the pre-health curriculum

Jeffrey Blanchard will attend Hallmark Institute of Photography

Ben Cahill will attend Bryant University in RI; he will be studying Business, particularly accounting or finance

Matthew Carmichael from Falmouth Academy will attend Sarah Lawrence College

Kyler Conena will attend University of Massachusetts, Amherst studying mechanical engineering

Will Fox will attend McLaren School of Business at the University of San Francisco

Rhiannon Froman from Bourne High will attend University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Crystal Hernandez will attend Salem State University

Ashley Holmes will attend Framingham State University where she will explore careers that involve animals, including veterinary assistance and business

Alex Kilker from Wareham High School

Kelly Palmatier will attend Syracuse University

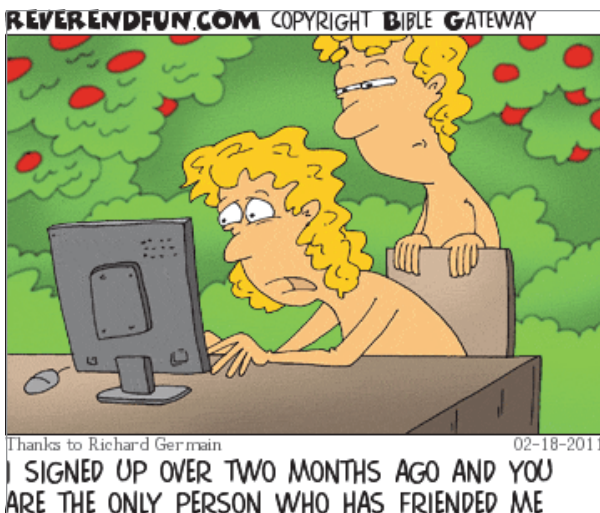
Taylor Poloway will attend Plymouth State University, NH

Colleen Sullivan will attend Framingham State University

Jennifer Sundman will attend Bridgewater State University with a dual major in Elementary Education and Mathematics

Vanessa Gregory, a 2010 graduate, will attend University of Mass. in Lowell accepted into the music program

Megan Orth (also 2010 graduate) will attend Mt. Ida in Newton for veterinarian tech



Congratulations to Our College Graduates:

Elias McQuaid from Syracuse University with a BA in psychology.

Toni Nurse from UMass. Dartmouth with a degree in psychology

David Anderson from Notre Dame University

Tips from the Estate Planning Workshop

The always popular, but highly fictitious couple, John and Priscilla Alden, visited with the Planned Giving Committee on Tuesday evening May 10th to talk about their need to understand principles of estate planning and why, if at all, they needed a will.

A small, but eager group of participants started them off. John and Priscilla were asked to list their assets along with their best estimate of asset value, and more importantly, to pay attention to how the title of each asset was held.

For example, was the car owned in Priscilla's name alone, or John's? Any significant antique items? How about the Certificate of Deposit – joint name? Their house? The cottage in New Hampshire? What about life insurance, retirement funds, I.R.A. funds, 401(k) balances? John's life insurance, and at work, his employer group term insurance – ownership and beneficiary designations need to be determined.

The point of the exercise was to understand the three basic ways that a person's assets pass at death: (1) Probate assets which pass under a Will or by intestacy if there is no Will; (2) Jointly-held assets which pass at death by operation of law to the other joint owner (not under a Will) and (3) Assets which pass by Beneficiary Designation to the named beneficiary (again, not under a Will).

By examining and categorizing the Alden's assets, the Workshop participants came to understand the relevance and necessity of estate planning whether the estate is perceived as small, medium or large, whether there are minor children or adult children or no children. Making a valid Will that does nothing more than name an Executor and dispense with the need for a bond is the bare minimum a person should arrange for.

The Workshop was run by Karen Scribner, a retired estate planning attorney from New York and New Jersey, and Vicki Mitchell, a Massachusetts attorney who has agreed to serve as local counsel to the Planned Giving Committee. It was suggested that Karen and Vicki might repeat the workshop for one or more Boards or Committees or other groups in the Fall, if others are interested.

The impetus for the Workshop and our Church's interest in promoting Wills and estate planning as a service to members arises out of the following statement from the UCC's Financial Development manual:

"It has been our desire to extend our Christian faith in a final act of stewardship. Our possessions are a trust from God, and God intends for us to use them responsibly while living, and to make a faithful distribution of them when we die. We are responsible for family members and want to plan for their needs. We have treasured items and want them to go to those who value them. And we include Christ by designating a portion to the ministries of the church."

To confidentially discuss your options for making a gift to First Church under your Will, please call any Planned Giving Committee Member:

Ed Brabazon	AltheaEd@aol.com
Merle Harris	mgheah@comcast.net
Shirley Lamson	Shirley198@aol.com
Pam Mittendorff	pammitty@aol.com
Charlie Ritch	CRitch5555@aol.com
Karen Scribner	scrib1417@gmail.com
John DeCosta	

Pastoral Care

If you or your family member are going to be hospitalized or are facing other crises, please call Winston that they he may offer pastoral care.



Joyful Noise Enjoys Spring Celebrations

The start of spring has been full of celebrations and gifts. A beautiful new playground fence was installed by Barnstable Fence Company thanks to support from fundraisers and donations. Paul Candito, owner of Barnstable Fence Company and Mike Ryan, a Joyful Noise parent, teamed up to bring us a safe, sturdy, quality cedar spaced picket fence that will last for years to come.

The children had an opportunity to give back love and handmade gifts for Dad's Day and Mother's Day. Our annual Mother's Day tea preparation was heartfelt with paper flower table decorations, cooperative fruit salad, and hand painted picture frames with pictures of each child for their moms. The dads spent time in the classroom, playing in the classroom centers and the children presented dads and/or grandpas with handmade gifts made especially for them.

Easter celebrations were complete with decorative bunnies, baskets, and eggs ending with a springtime egg hunt. We anxiously wait for the 6 chrysalises of the monarch butterflies to hatch, and then we will set them free!!

Joyful Noise Preschool is currently enrolling for the school year 2011-2012. For more information, contact the Director, Terri Lippman at 508-833-8607 or check us out online at www.firstchurchsandwich.org.



Joyful Noise celebrates family members



Students with their new playground fence

Letters from Friends

Dear Friends of First Church,

We would like to thank you so much for the cards and phone calls received after Wendell's father died last month. He lived to be 92 years old and passed away peacefully in his sleep and we were able to have a wonderful conversation with him just the day before. Still, no matter how long we live in this life there is a sadness to know that things will not be the same while there remains a joy knowing he is in a better place. Your show of support and sympathy have been so appreciated, and we wanted to extend our sincere thankfulness to all of you.

Susan and Wendell Anderson

I would like to thank my wonderful First Church friends and Pastor Winston Baldwin for all the prayers, beautiful flowers, cards and visits these past weeks when I was recuperating from knee surgery. I should be back with all the church activities in a few weeks.

Thanks again, *Bernice Hoffman*

Dear Members of First Church,

Thank you for the cards, flowers, visits ,and meals. Your care and concern have been touching and greatly appreciated during my recovery from hip replacement surgery.

Sincerely, *Carol Darling*

Please Keep These Friends in Your Prayers

Perley Gates and Cindy Rowin

Also: Brandon Ellison, Andrew Payne,
Jeremey Flynn and Jessica Peterson serving our
country abroad.

Please call the church office to add people to the
prayer list.

Welcome to Our New Members

May 8th

Mike and Christine Prevost

First Friends Jan and George Kasper

May 29th

**John and Heidi Champagne, and
Nichol Champagne**

First Friends Wendy and Guy Kiedeisch

Weddings

Casey Scribner & Jay Hall

April 29th, 2011

Angela Lopez & Doug Britt

May 29, 2011

Marcia Nicol McQuaid will be wed to

Nicholas Robert Marino

on Saturday June 4, 2011 at
Heritage Museums and Gardens
They will live in East Bridgewater.

Baptisms

May 15 2011

Chase Nicholas Tibbetts

Son of Michael and Heather

May 22, 2011

Landen Tucker Treworgy

Son of Megan and Bob
Grandparents Charlie and Pam Ritch

May 22, 2011

Avery Jane Cotter

Daughter of Elizabeth and Matthew



June 2011



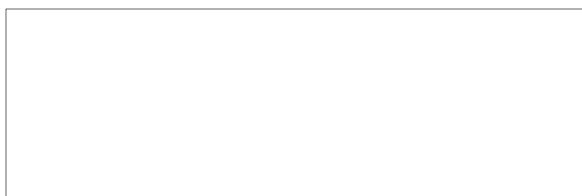
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5 <u>Communion</u> 9 Worship One Room CS & Godly Play 10 Social Hour 11 Worship 12 Social Hour	6 9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Shawl 5 R. Ringers 7:30 CCC 7:30 AA	7 2 Fair Crafters 5 R. Ringers 5 Worship Com 6 Jubilee 7 Search Com 7 Trustees 7:30 AA	8 9:30 Exercise 11 Prayer Grp 12 Bible Study 4:30 Jr Choir 5 Praise Band 5:30 S. Singers 7:00 IG Bells 6:30 JN Grad. 7 Outreach, CE Finance	9 9-12 Joyful Noise in Vestry 6 FC Bells 7 FC Choir	10 9:30 Exercise	11
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Searching for Identity and Citizenship
UCC Global Ministries

I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. Psalm 69: 8

The Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT) was started by missionaries in the early 1800s. Now it has more than 900 churches nationwide, and 150,000 members. Global Ministries partners with CCT to minister to the 1.2 million people in Thailand who belong to ethnic minority groups, such as the Karen, Hmong (Meo), Yao (Mein), Akha (Egaw), Lahu (Musoe), and Lisu.

Many hill tribe people, although they were born in Thailand, do not have birth certificates, meaning they have no citizenship, no identification documents, and

no legal identity. The lack of citizenship means that these ethnic minorities are considered illegal aliens in their own land and have little access to basic services like education and health care, employment, and the right to own land.

Searching for Identity and Citizenship for Ethnic Minorities in Thailand is a new project by CCT. Nine volunteers help villagers apply to become Thai citizens. The project expected 100-200 individuals to receive citizenship documents in the first year of the project. As of August 2010, almost 1,000 people had filed for citizenship. Of those, 210 had been granted citizenship and an additional 776 were registered and waiting.

Among the 210, Mayuree and her three younger sisters recently became Thai citizens. Their father and mother had obtained citizenship years ago but, due to the lack of education, Mayuree's parents did not know how to register their children. Mayuree said "I am very happy to receive the citizenship. I am a Thai now. I am happy because I can go to school and obtain public services that other Thai people receive."

Please pray for this new project, and the impact it has on improving the lives of so many.

Global Ministries works with the Church of Christ in Thailand to fund the Citizenship project