

Property Committee Reports

The Property Committee has been busy with some major projects. A contractor started work on the new handicap bathroom in the Narthex on June 20. In preparation for the installation of this bathroom, the glass wall in the Narthex was removed.

Fran Temple and Art Bigelow have been busy painting and sprucing up the bathrooms in Fellowship Hall. The bathrooms will be changed to handicap unisex bathrooms.

Three bids have been reviewed for a new boiler system. During the June Council meeting, a motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the bid, presented by Concord Gas Heating Services, to remove the old boiler and install a new system for \$23,000.

A special meeting of the congregation will be called for the purpose of allocating funds from the sale of the parsonage for the new system.



Missions Reminder

Back-To-School sales start in July so keep on the lookout for bargains on School Kit items including:

- * Blunt scissors
- * 12" (30cm) rulers - wood or plastic
- * One-subject spiral notebooks of ruled 8 1/2 x 11 paper
No loose leaf or filler paper, please.
- * Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- * Unsharpened pencils with erasers
- * Large erasers (2 1/2")
- * Boxes of crayons (24-count)

Christian Education

While testing outside links on the UCP website to make sure they were still working, the "Verse of the Day" link directed me to the following:

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
Psalm 34:11 (NIV)

It continued with "Thoughts on Today's Verse"...

What better goal for a father or mother could there be? Even if you have no children of your own, or if your own children are grown, God gives you His children at your congregation so you can teach them to love, honor, and reverence their one and only heavenly Father.

And it closed with the prayer...

Loving Father, help me to be involved in teaching Your children and as I teach, please bless my efforts to teach them to love, honor, and reverence You, the one true and holy God. In Jesus' name I ask for this help and grace. Amen.

I don't believe seeing this web page was a coincidence. And I do believe I was being directed to share these thoughts with you.

The Christian Education Committee hopes to offer Vacation Bible School the second week of August and is looking for volunteers.

When the Committee reaches out for help with VBS this summer or Sunday School in the fall, please consider this Verse of the Day and extend a helping hand to the committee.

Contact Shari Greenleaf to volunteer or learn more about August plans.

During Pastor Lori's Vacation

July is an exciting month as both the Pastor and Accompanist are on vacation and lay people have stepped up and offered to take on various Church tasks.

Robert Whitcher, Moderator, will be answering all questions about Church business, and will be consulting with our Pastor advisor, Rev. Linda Bolton.

Tracy Craigie is willing to receive prayer requests and deal with other matters of a spiritual nature, working with Bob Fletcher and Ethel Furlong as the Diaconate Leadership Team.

Donna Rae Whitcher will have the Pastor's cell phone, and will answer all calls to the Pastor.

Ethel Furlong will answer calls to the Church telephone.

Goldie Anderson will take care of mail to the Church.

Reorganizing the Community Kitchen

Beginning September 1, the Open Door Community Kitchen will be reorganized as a multi-church, community-based entity. The mission of the Community Kitchen is to provide meals in a family atmosphere to all who desire to eat together and to offer fellowship. Local churches and community organizations will be invited to take responsibility for one meal a month and also help with fundraising. If you wish to help the newly-forming ODCCK board, contact Alice Colby for more information.

August deadline for Spire News

July 20

Old Home Day

Come visit the place
you used to call your
Church Home

August 28
9:30 Worship Service

Come back and say
hello to old friends!

Nominating Committee

The Council approved the nomination of Lois Bradley to the Finance Committee. The committee is still seeking volunteers for a variety of positions. Contact Donna Rae Witcher or Ethel Furlong to learn more about open positions.

Ushers Report

May 29	51
June 5	67
June 12	45
June 19	48
June 26	35

From the Treasurer's Notes

May 2011	
Income	\$ 8,571.00
Expenses	<u>10,134.85</u>
	- 1,563.85
May 31 General	
Fund Balance	\$ 8,180.20

Girl Scout Daisies

The Girl Scouts at UCP will spend time with the Daisies for two afternoons this summer on July 14 and August 11. Girl Scout Daisies are in grades K-1 and may do activities such as go on trips, learn about nature and science, or explore the arts and the community. If you need more information, contact Cheryl Stinson.

Invitation to a Local Vacation Bible School

Living Hope Community Church has invited UCP's children to join them for a condensed version of the "High Seas" Vacation Bible School material during three days in August. Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome. Pre-registration and other information will be available in the August Spire and on our ucpnh.org website. For those of you with young children, mark these VBS dates on your calendar.

Friday, Aug 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, Aug 20, 8:30 am - 1:15 pm
Sunday, Aug 21, 8:30 - 11:00 am

Blessing of the Animals



August 14

9:30

At UCP on the side lawn

Bring your pet!

July Church Council Meeting

Church Council will not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15 at 6:30 pm. If you have church business that must be addressed before this date, contact Rob Witcher, Moderator.

Summer Worship Schedule

From July 3 to Rally Sunday in September worship begins at **9:30 am.**

Refreshments in the Narthex will be provided by the Deacons after the service.

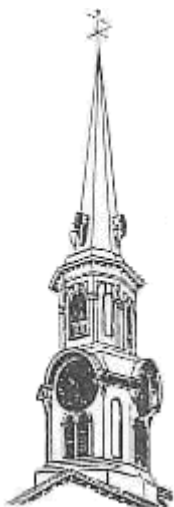
The Diaconate announced the following summer worship plans :

July 3	Rev. Linda Bolton
July 10	Don Smith, Service with Song
July 17	Tracy Craigie
July 24	Ruth Nichols
July 31	Hymn Sing led by Ethel Furlong
August 7	Pastor Lori Returns
August 14	Blessing of the Animals
August 21	Missionary visit
August 28	Old Home Day
September 4	Labor Day
September 11	Educators' Sunday
September 18	Rally Sunday

Contact numbers for those mentioned in articles above:

Goldie Anderson	753-6347	Bob Fletcher	753-0155	Lynne Raleigh	753-9246
Alice Colby	753-2602	Ethel Furlong	753-6542	Cheryl Stinson	753-9752
Tracy Craigie	848-1121	Shari Greenleaf	491-5642	Rob/Donna Rae Witcher	753-4110

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The Spire

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Summer Hours: 9:30 AM Worship

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