

FRIENDLY MESSENGER



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A Word from Rev. Jackson

As June and the Summer season arrives, we see the full glory of God’s creation all around us. The mountains, beaches, rivers and lakes all give us opportunities to rest and refresh physically and spiritually. I hope each of us take time to enjoy the natural wonders all around us.

June is also a month of graduations, transitions and of course, Father’s Day. No matter what our history is with our fathers, good or bad, we are reminded that we have a perfect, loving father in heaven, who wants to be in a relationship with us. Jesus said this about His father and us: ⁹ “*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*” ¹⁰ *If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.* ¹¹ *I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.* ¹² *My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*” John 15:9-12

The best memories I have of my father were when we rode in his boat in the ocean or when we went camping in the White Mountains on Conway Lake in New Hampshire. My father enriched our family time as we traveled through God’s creation as a family. If we followed his directions, everything went a lot smoother and we all enjoyed the trip.

God the Father calls us to remain in His love. We do that by being obedient to His commands, which leads to joy. God wants only the best for us and if we follow His plan and stay on His path it always leads to a good ending. God is our good, true and perfect father. I pray this month, we seek to be in a relationship with Him. Allow God’s creation to remind us of how much He loves us. In a difficult and disappointing world, Jesus promises to walk with us and give us hope. It is His very real presence by our side which lifts up and keeps us from stumbling.

May God our Father speak to us during this summer season and lead us to places of restoration. As Jesus promised us: “*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*” Matthew 28:20b

See you in church! Because he lives!

Rev. Bob

Bulletin Cover Donations

If you’d be interested in donating a Sunday bulletin cover for a special occasion, please stop in the office to pick one out from one of the many flyers we have available. The cost is only \$12!

June Birthdays

- 03 Jane Boggs
- 05 Daniel Ames
- 10 Steven Hinson
- 11 Cassandra Olson
- 11 Erin McGrail
- 13 Joyce Thienel
- 17 Linda Ann Coy
- 19 Eileen Miles

June Anniversaries

- 01 Mac & Connie MacInnes
- 08 Bob & Luz Smith
- 21 Richard & Renee Mason

Laundry Love



A great variety of items were delivered to the South Main Ministries this past month. For the laundry supplies, we had 3 large jugs of detergent and \$20 in cash for the machines.

Other needed items donated were: 2 jumbo boxes of Band-Aids, 2 jumbo boxes of alcohol wipes, 6 tubes of antiseptic ointment, 6 chap sticks, 48 assorted travel toiletries, 5 travel toothbrushes and tooth paste sets, 1 travel brush, 1 travel first-aid kit, 1 cosmetic kit, a large box of sidewalk chalk, a calculator, paper and pen set, and an earbud set.

Your donations made a lot of folks very happy. Thank You!

The June collection day is Sunday, June 9th for delivery that week.

Think summer for items in addition to the detergent and quarters. Pocket size sun screen (especially children's), the first aid items always, chap sticks, small water bottles and Capri Sun for those hot nights waiting for Mom to finish.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Please remember to wear **RED!**

Concordia's Closet

A HUGE Thank You for all your donations to our May delivery to Concordia's Closet. We almost filled the Explorer to the delight of their workers.

Also, special thanks for all the business and interview-type outfits including suits for both women and men. The many accessories including shoes, were an added bonus.

Again, Thank You! Keep saving as October will be here all too soon and the delivery date is Tuesday, November 12th.

Sharing Network

Market Day

Worcester Friends – 901 Pleasant Street, Saturday, June 15th – 9am-2pm

Featuring homemade Strawberry-Rhubarb pies, vendors, plants, books, donuts, coffee and hot dogs.

7th Annual Buddha's Over Worcester

May to July 5th

In the gardens behind Boundless Way Temple – 1030 Pleasant Street. Enter the garden path on the right of the Buddha and walk the quiet paths in the garden to view 25+ artistic interpretations on the meaning of *“being awake in the midst of joy and sorrow”*. It is a self-guided time in a lovely, peaceful spot to sit, walk, and enjoy time for meditation – treat yourself, you will be glad you did.

Fellowship

We are nearing the end of our season. We have been saddened by the loss of two of our members, Janet Dillon and Wesley Dalbeck, this past month.

Our final meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, June 4th at 10am. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for our annual Ten Penny Auction. This is always a fun event. Please bring three gently used items to auction off.

We would also like to take a few minutes to talk about this past year and thank those who provided our many programs.

Put on your thinking caps to help us prepare for next year. We will have a planning session during the summer to share those ideas. Speak to Bev if you would like to help out or share any ideas. Have a wonderful summer. See you in September!

The ReStore

Donations are needed all year long at the ReStore. Proceeds go toward building homes by Habitat for Humanity. You will find a good place for your unwanted special items and it will help a family move into a new home.

Call 508-799-9259 to arrange drop off or with any questions.

You can also shop for that needed article at a huge savings for home or office, or a replacement item at 640 Lincoln Street.

Concert

Our very own Ken Sawyer is again inviting all to his Student Workshop Concert. This 30 piece Big Band of students of all ages and experience will keep you tapping your feet and remembering the favorite all-time melodies of the past Jazz greats from Boots Mussulli to Ken himself!

Date: Monday, June 10, 2019

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Place: Point Breeze, Webster Lake

Concert is FREE – just tell the hostess you are there for the concert.

A Note from the Church Mouse

Greetings everyone. Thought I would share one of my favorite recipes with you. It's called, A Recipe for the Good Life. A heaping cup of Kindness, two cups of Love and Caring, one cup of Understanding, one cup of Joyful Sharing, a level cup of Patience, one cup of Thoughtful Insight, one cup of Gracious Listening, one cup of Sweet Forgiveness. Mix ingredients together. Toss in Smiles and Laughter. Serve to everyone you know with Love forever after. Wishing all my church family a wonderful summertime. God Bless you, Nick, your church mouse

In Memory

We remember in prayer and sympathy the family and friends of those who passed away recently. We pray that each family finds peace knowing that their loves one is safe and secure in the arms of God.

Helen Wronski, her graveside service was held on May 17th in Paxton.

Janet Dillon, our friend and sister in Christ.

Wesley Dalbeck, his funeral was held in our sanctuary on May 28th.

Mary Willis, sister of Matt Ahaesy; who passed away in North Carolina.

From Hospitality

Anyone wishing to bring in treats for Sunday Coffee Hour through the end of 2019, please sign up in the Narthex or call the Office. Thank you!

June 2nd, June 9th & June 30th are still available

Prayer Requests

Hampton Bagdasarian requests prayers for June Kemp; Sue Cardin requests prayers for David Siam; Susan Anderson requests prayers for her daughter, Melanie; Sue Carrow requests prayers for her brother, Michael Curran; Connie MacInnes requests prayers for her niece Linda; The Deacons request prayers for Sis Prefontaine & Paul Scherdell; prayers for Wes Dalbeck's family and friends on his passing; prayers for Matt Ahaesy and his family on the loss of his sister, Mary Willis

Missions

Strengthen the Church Collection

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to create a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregation to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will collect this offering on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019.**

Since this is also Pentecost Sunday, don't forget to wear **RED!**

Thank you and God Bless,

The Missions Committee

FRIENDLY MESSENGER DEADLINE:

The *hard and fast cut-off* date for the July & August issue is on Tuesday, June 25th. If your article(s) aren't in by that date, we'll be happy to include it (them) in our September, 2019 issue. Thank you!

FCC Worcester Calendar

June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>10:00am</i> New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor <i>12:00pm</i> Church of God-Hall
2 <i>10:00am</i> Worship-Rev. Linda Michel filling in <i>10:30am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>11:30am</i> Church Council <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	3 <i>10:00am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> Boy Scouts-Hall <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Parlor	4 <i>10:00am</i> Fellowship-Ten Penny Auction & Final Meeting for 2019	5 <i>7:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	6 <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	7 <i>4:00pm</i> Girl Scouts-Hall <i>9:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	8 <i>10:00am</i> New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor <i>12:00pm</i> Church of God-Hall
9 Pentecost <i>10:00am</i> Worship <i>10:30am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>11:30am</i> Trustees Meeting <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	10 <i>10:00am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>6:30pm</i> Neighborhood Watch Mtg-Parlor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	11	12 <i>7:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	13 <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	14 <i>4:00pm</i> Girl Scouts-Hall <i>9:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	15 <i>10:00am</i> New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor <i>12:00pm</i> Church of God-Hall
16 Father's Day Trinity Sunday <i>10:00am</i> Worship <i>10:30am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>11:30am</i> Deacons meeting <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	17 <i>10:00am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	18 Last day of school	19 <i>7:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	20 <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	21 <i>4:00pm</i> Girl Scouts-Hall <i>9:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	22 <i>10:00am</i> New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor <i>12:00pm</i> Church of God-Hall
23 <i>10:00am</i> Worship <i>10:30am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	24 <i>10:00am</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	25 Deadline for Newsletter submitting	26 <i>7:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor <i>7:00pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	27 <i>6:30pm</i> AA Meeting-Hall	28 <i>4:00pm</i> Girl Scouts-Hall <i>9:00pm</i> Resurrection Ministries-3rd floor	29 <i>10:00am</i> New Hope SDA-sanctuary & parlor <i>12:00pm</i> Church of God-Hall
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