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FCC at the Falmouth Town Landing 1944/45 (See page 4 for the story.)

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Pastoral Notes

A PASTORAL REFLECTION

Interesting what we discover! In opening up a folder marked SERMONS this afternoon, a scrap of paper, literally a scrap, no more than a scrap, fell out. It is dated 6/16/74 - that meant I was 34 at the time - and is entitled "LOVE IS WHAT YOU GO THROUGH WITH SOMEBODY." Noting the date, I realize it was either the beginning of my last sermon at the Long Island Church I was leaving or my first sermon at the Rhode Island Church I was beginning to serve. Memory is always an elusive commodity, at least it is for some of us.

My first impression upon reading the five typed lines was, "Oh, this will make a good beginning for the pastor's column in the July newsletter." However, upon rereading I thought, "I will type it up, let it stand as it is and allow it to speak for itself." Its message obvious. You can decide what it means for your family and you at this time in your life. And here I quote my younger self:

In a small book entitled, The Dead of the House, Hannah Green writes affectionately of her great-grandmother, a woman small of stature but immense in her capacity to give. Hannah remembers, "She was very loving, and one time when was very old and her memory had begun to fail, she came up to Grandpa Nye at a garden party, and putting her old hands around her son's face said, 'I don't know who you are, but I know you are someone I love very much.'"

Read it again. Reflect upon it. And some time when our paths cross this month, tell me how it fits your life.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Charles Erb (who is often called Pastor Chuck)

July "Prayers on the Patio"

Please grab your lawn chair (if needed, folding chairs will be provided), don your comfortable clothing, and join friends and members outside at FCC for "*Prayers on the Patio.*"

Worship services complete with music and readings will be held **starting at 9:30 a.m.** on the following dates and led by the following lay members. **Please note however that each Sunday's agenda does not include coffee hour afterwards:**

Sunday, July 10: John Bischof

Sunday, July 17: Judy Coburn

Sunday, July 24 Kathie McCatherin

And after *“Prayers on the Patio,”* we will be returning to worship in the sanctuary...

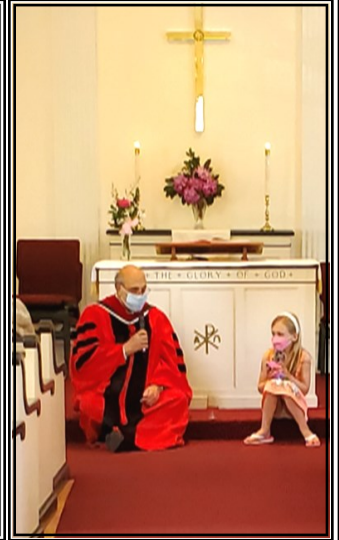
...and attendance on Sundays is open to all with the following prevention protocols in place:

- Masks will be required for all attendees.
- We ask households to give each other good social distance.
- Windows will be opened enough to increase ventilation.
- Worship will also be live-streamed for any who cannot - or do not feel comfortable - attending by going to:

<https://www.youtube.com/ForesideCommunityChurch>

Bulletins for each service, including words to that day’s hymns are also posted at this website address.

FCC member and ordained minister Jim Gertmenian recently filled in for Pastor Geoff who will be returning from parental leave and back in the pulpit on July 31. Reverend Jim is pictured here in deep discussion with a youth member during *“Children’s Moment,”* a regular part of FCC’s Sunday worship service. FCC always presents a warm and welcoming environment for all young attendees.



Good Bye Beth

After serving six plus years in the position of Sunday school teacher, and as a member of the Christian Education Ministry in the position of youth group facilitator, Beth Penrose is packing up and leave us. She has recently accepted the position of high school history teacher at Lincoln Academy, the second oldest secondary school in Maine. An impressive move. So with that said, the CE Ministry wishes to extend the following farewell in their own words:

“Thank you Beth! On behalf of all the families at FCC, thank you, thank you Beth for once again being a wonderful connection for our youth over the last year. The youth of our church are so blessed to have you- with your smile, your treasure-trove of fun games and your willingness to have deep conversations- as a role model and support over the years. Thank you! Beth was recognized at the last CE meeting of this year, and we encourage anyone else to thank her as well!” The CE Ministry



(left) Beth leads last year’s Christmas pageant presentation, staged outside due to Covid.



(right) Beth gathers with fellow youth cooks during a pre Christmas Fair baking event.

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cover Story ~ A Glimpse of FCC History

Martha Potvin Tame was 6 years old when her grandfather, a retired ship builder, moved the family from Saco to Johnson Road in Falmouth. Once she became a youth member of FCC at age 13, Martha maintained an active participation in all church events, which bode well for her since it was at FCC that Martha met her future husband Neil Tame. Martha and Neil were married at the Woodford's Congregational Chapel by UCC Pastor Everett W. Lord, dean and founder of the Boston University School of Business Administration. After marrying, Martha and Neil moved to the Oxford Hills area where Neil was employed for 30 years as a teacher at the local high school. Martha now resides in Gorham where she continues to pursue her passion in quilting, and her active association with South Paris Congregational Church.

The picture on the cover of this newsletter was taken during Martha's 1st or 2nd summer in Falmouth and captures the church's annual family cook out at the Falmouth Town Landing. The picture to the right was taken on the front steps of FCC (prior to renovations) in 1951. Martha is in the third row, second from the right. Pastor Lord is standing in the second row, third from the left. The gentleman pictured on the upper left with his shoulder covering part of the light fixture was a Sunday School teacher here at FCC. Tragically he died as a result of burns received in a fire that consumed his home in Falmouth. Also unfortunately, the names of he and the others in the photo are not available.

A warm and genuine "thank you" is extended to Martha for taking time to drop by FCC earlier in the year and sharing these priceless photos, and memories. If anyone remembers Martha and wishes to reach out, please contact the church office.



Join us for Monthly Mocktails on the Patio

Summer is a time we all go our separate ways. In order to stay connected in community, Fellowship invites everyone to stop by the church for a refreshing mocktail, a few light snacks and some friendly conversation on the third Thursday in July and August.

Dates: July 21 and August 18

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

To keep set up and clean up to a minimum, please bring your own glass and, if able, a camp chair (if you'd like one). There will be a few chairs for those who cannot lug one. Rain cancels!

Questions? Call or email Debra Coyman (dlcoyman@me.com or 207-781-0998)



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

The September *Steeplenotes*

deadline is Friday,

August 19, 2022

So while you are enjoying your summer, think about what your group/ministry is planning for the fall; or, take some pictures as you enjoy a safe and pleasant season.

Either way

get your material, report outs, pictures, etc.

into the office by the 19th.

Share your stories,

spread your news!

The Men's Breakfast...

...will be taking the summer off.

The next inhouse gathering will be

Saturday, September 10 @ 8:30 a.m.

An enjoyable repast and

lively discussions are always on the menu!

FMI John Bischof

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July & August Birthday Greetings

Our July Cancers ~ Represented by the crab, Cancer seamlessly weaves between the sea and shore representing Cancer's ability to exist in both emotional and material realms. Cancers are highly intuitive and their psychic abilities manifest in tangible spaces:

8 - Lisette Rodas

9 - Terry Skillin

15 - Olivia Knudsen

22 - Catherine Hannon

Our August Leo ~ Passionate, loyal, and infamously dramatic, Leo is represented by the lion and these spirited fire signs are the kings and queens of the celestial jungle. They're delighted to embrace their royal status: Vivacious, theatrical, and fiery :

11 - Emily Demetriou

Our August Virgos ~ Virgos are logical, practical, and systematic in their approach to life. Virgo is an earth sign historically represented by the goddess of wheat and agriculture, an association that speaks to Virgo's deep-rooted presence in the material world. This earth sign is a perfectionist at heart and isn't afraid to improve skills through diligent and consistent practice.

26 - Debbie Reifsnnyder

28 - Jill Fox

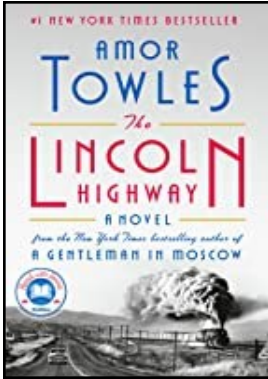
30 - Jan Schrock

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Mark your calendars for these return dates in September:



Tuesday, September 13 @ 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters



Wednesday, September 21 @ 4:00 p.m. FCC Book Club
who will be reading and discussing The Lincoln Highway

AND....

...*New Member Sunday* tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 30.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION

ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS at FCC!!

This summer during the week of **August 1 through August 5**, a unique opportunity is available to any student entering grades 6 thru 9. During these 5 days, you can gather with other musically inclined youth, no matter the level of experience, and play your hearts out! The training event will end with a “free to the public” recital on Friday afternoon, **all right here in the Fellowship Hall of The Foreside Community Church**. You do not need to be an attending friend or member of the church, nor do your parents need to be affiliated. **This is open to all. Tuition is just \$150.00 for the week.**



Maine Jazz Camp (MJC) develops the potential of young people from diverse backgrounds through performing arts training and performance opportunities in jazz – an art form whose roots are deeply embedded in American history and culture. MJC is devoted to training, enriching, and inspiring all youth nationwide by igniting within them an enduring passion for the arts. A strong sense of discipline and focus is entailed to learn this art form and being exposed to these traits at an early age can bring about success in any field and positive social change.

for registration and more information


contact Tim Moyer at

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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship Schedule & Communion w/ Rev. Charles Erb (see pg. 3 for details)	 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. "Prayers on The Patio" w/ John Bischof (see pg. 2 for details)	11	12 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	13	14	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. "Prayers on The Patio" w/ Judy Coburn (see pg. 2 for details)	18	19 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	20	21 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mocktails on the Patio (see pg. for details)		23
24 9:30 a.m. "Prayers on The Patio" w/ Kathie McCatherin (see pg. 2 for details)	25	26 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	27	28 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bayside Condo in Fellowship Hall	29	30
31 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Worship Schedule w/ Pastor Geoff Parker (see pg. 3 for details)						

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	3	4	5	6
Jazz Camp in FCC's Fellowship Hall. Registration (see page 7 for details) open to all. Free recital wraps up this five-day, unique youth work shop event on Friday August 5, details to follow.						
7 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule (see pg. 3 for details) * tentative ice cream social, details to follow	8 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry Mnthly Mtg.	9 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule (see pg. 3 for details) * tentative ice cream social, details to follow	15 7:00 p.m. Governing Board Mnthly Mtg.	16 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	17	18 	19 September Steeplnotes submittal deadline	20
21 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule (see pg. 3 for details)	22	23 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	24	26	27	
28 9:30 a.m. hybrid worship schedule (see pg. 3 for details)	29	30 6:45 to 9 p.m. Large AA Group	31	The church office will be closed these days & reopening on Tuesday, September 6.		

Daily Lectionary Readings for July 2022

Fri., July 1

Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:18-31
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Sat., July 2

Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:32-37
Luke 9:1-6

Sun., July 3

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

Mon., July 4

Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:15-19a
Acts 19:21-27

Tues., July 5

Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:19b-27
Acts 19:28-41

Wed., July 6

Psalm 6
2 Kings 6:1-7
Luke 10:13-16

Thurs., July 7

Psalm 82
Amos 1:1—2:3
James 2:14-26

Fri., July 8

Psalm 82
Amos 2:4-11
Acts 7:9-16

Sat., July 9

Psalm 82
Amos 2:12—3:8
John 3:16-21

Sun., July 10

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

Mon., July 11

Psalm 7
Amos 3:9—4:5
James 2:1-7

Tues., July 12

Psalm 7
Amos 4:6-13
1 John 3:11-17

Wed., July 13

Psalm 7
Amos 5:1-9
Matthew 25:31-46

Thurs., July 14

Psalm 52
Amos 5:10-17
Hebrews 5:1-6

Fri., July 15

Psalm 52
Amos 5:18-27
Ephesians 3:14-21

Sat., July 16

Psalm 52
Amos 6:1-14
Luke 8:4-10

Sun., July 17

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

Mon., July 18

Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 7:1-6
Colossians 1:27—2:7

Tues., July 19

Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 8:13—9:4
1 John 2:1-6

Wed., July 20

Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 9:5-15
John 6:41-51

Thurs., July 21

Psalm 85
Hosea 4:1-19
Acts 1:15-20

Fri., July 22

Psalm 85
Hosea 5:1-15
Acts 2:22-36

Sat., July 23

Psalm 85
Hosea 1:11—2:15
Luke 8:22-25

Sun., July 24

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

Mon., July 25

Psalm 44
Hosea 2:14—3:5
Colossians 2:16—3:1

Tues., July 26

Psalm 44
Hosea 6:1-10
Romans 9:30-10:4

Wed., July 27

Psalm 44
Hosea 6:11—7:16
Matthew 5:43-48

Thurs., July 28

Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 8:1-14
Romans 11:33-36

Fri., July 29

Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 9:1-17
Ephesians 4:17-24

Sat., July 30

Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 10:1-15
Mark 10:17-22

Sun., July 31

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Daily Lectionary Readings for August 2022

Mon., Aug. 1

Psalm 60
Hosea 11:12—12:14
Colossians 3:18—4:1

Tues., Aug. 2

Psalm 60
Hosea 13:1-16
Colossians 4:2-6

Wed., Aug. 3

Psalm 60
Hosea 14:1-9
Luke 12:22-31

Thurs., Aug. 4

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 9:8-17
Romans 9:1-9

Fri., Aug. 5

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 9:18—10:4
Acts 7:1-8

Sat., Aug. 6

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23
Matthew 6:19-24

Sun., Aug. 7

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Mon., Aug. 8

Psalm 11
Isaiah 2:1-4
Hebrews 11:1-7

Tues., Aug. 9

Psalm 11
Isaiah 24:1-13
Hebrews 11:17-28

Wed., Aug. 10

Psalm 11
Isaiah 24:14-23
Luke 12:41-48

Thurs., Aug. 11

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 2:5-11
Hebrews 10:26-31

Fri., Aug. 12

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 3:1-17
Hebrews 10:32-39

Sat., Aug. 13

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 3:18—4:6
Matthew 24:15-27

Sun., Aug. 14

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Mon., Aug. 15

Psalm 74
Isaiah 5:8-23
1 John 4:1-6

Tues., Aug. 16

Psalm 74
Isaiah 5:24-30
Acts 7:44-53

Wed., Aug. 17

Psalm 74
Isaiah 27:1-13
Luke 19:45-48

Thurs., Aug. 18

Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 6:1-19
Hebrews 12:3-17

Fri., Aug. 19

Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 6:20-30
Acts 17:1-9

Sat., Aug. 20

Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19
Luke 6:1-5

Sun., Aug. 21

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Mon., Aug. 22

Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:1-15
Hebrews 3:7—4:11

Tues., Aug. 23

Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:16-26
Revelation 3:7-13

Wed., Aug. 24

Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:27-34
Luke 6:6-11

Thurs., Aug. 25

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 11:1-17
1 Peter 3:8-12

Fri., Aug. 26

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 12:1-13
1 Peter 4:7-11

Sat., Aug. 27

Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22
Matthew 20:20-28

Sun., Aug. 28

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Mon., Aug. 29

Psalm 58
Jeremiah 2:23-37
Hebrews 13:7-21

Tues., Aug. 30

Psalm 58
Jeremiah 3:1-14
Titus 1:1-9

Wed., Aug. 31

Psalm 58
Jeremiah 3:15-25
Luke 14:15-24

The Foreside Community Church office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. **The office has many resources available** to members engaged in both church and some non church activities. A sample of these supplies include:

- ◆ “ A petty cash account and debit card to assist with small to medium church purchases, thus eliminating the need to complete voucher reimbursement requests;
- ◆ “ A Staples account for larger church projects, once again allowing the office to absorb costs instead of members bearing church expenses up front;
- ◆ “ A wide variety of office and craft supplies for ministry projects;
- ◆ “ The ability to print heavy stock items such as posters, tickets, and note cards for church related events;
- ◆ “ No cost Notary Public services for both church and non church needs;
- ◆ “ Assistance with room/space reservations on site for both church and non church events;
- ◆ “ Archived records such as past bulletins, newsletters, weekly updates, etc. for easy reference.

The office is also the first stop to report facility maintenance issues or any other infrastructure needs. Your assistance in conveying these hazardous conditions or repair needs is greatly appreciated as many eyes are better than just two.

The office is here to support the mission of the church and all that entails. Please do not hesitate to call (781-5880) email (csklarz@foresidechurch.org), or drop by...and you never need to knock, just come in!!





STEEPLENOTES

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