



**June 2019 Newsletter**  
**Lakeville United Church of Christ**  
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**The Reverend Greta MacRae, Pastor**

1 Samuel 7:12 “Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer saying, “Thus far has the Lord helped us.”

“Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’ve come; and I hope by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, he, to rescue my from danger interposed his precious blood.” Verse 2 “Come, thou fount of every blessing” by Robert Robinson

My dear congregation,

We are all strangers wandering from the fold of God and God uses us to offer help to each other in finding our way home to the fold. When I think of being a stranger I remember times when I have not known the customs of a place, sometimes not even the language. I remember feeling disoriented and wanting to understand so that I could move through the unfamiliar place without offending anyone while keeping my own safety.

That’s how it can be to enter a new church. We have guests come almost every Sunday for all kinds of different reasons- all of them come seeking something. It is incumbent upon us to provide rescue in the name of Jesus to these strangers. No one, or very few folks, come to church wishing to offend those already here. Most come looking for a safe place to get questions asked about God or faith or religion. So, the strangers come as they are because, perhaps they have heard of this all loving, all forgiving, welcoming God, and then... they meet the disciples of God- us.

How might we greet these strangers? How might we help them feel safe? What might we offer by way of instructions to help them understand worship and the culture of this church? Will each of you ask these questions of yourselves and find memories of your own when you perhaps were a stranger in a strange land needing desperately to be seen as a beloved child of God and taken into this place in Jesus name?

I never knew what an Ebenezer was before I was a guest at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. I had not yet read 1 Samuel or been told the story of Jacob crossing the river into the promised land and raising stones to remember a time when the Lord helped the Israelites. That was as foreign to me as some church traditions kept and revered by faith communities with long standing memberships but I wanted to know God, I wanted to find some peace in my soul, I wanted to be taken into a safe place. If



someone didn't teach me I might never have known. If someone doesn't teach the stories and traditions how will a stranger know?

So, please find ways to explain everything from where the restrooms are to which hymnal to use. Jesus shows up as a stranger more often than you think.

Praying and thinking,

Greta



## **Board of Diaconate**

Plants or flowers are always welcome. That still means that you can show up with something on Sunday and we will be very happy to place it up front.

We are happy to have new Deacons on the Diaconate!

Thank you to everyone for assisting in the Sunday services.

Blessings,

The Deacons

Bob & Nancy Oldfield, Scott Holmes, Sue Norton, Sue Stiller, Johnna Rowley, Bonnie Sparrow, Corry Darling, Loretta Baldwin, Kena Gallagher, and Nancy LaFave

## **Lakeville Arts & Music Festival, 2019**

Hold the date: Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 4 pm.

The Arts Council sets the date as the Saturday before Columbus Day weekend. This year Columbus Day is observed on October 14.

Those interested in participating in or having ideas about our role in the festival, we will soon be having a meeting. The LUCC has participated in this event since its beginning in 2005. We do it as a fundraiser and as a community participation.

Another note: This year's gallery exhibit will be textiles (on odd numbered years). We have local artists on even numbered years. This is the get out your afghans year! Let us know if you have some that you have created or from a crafty friend or relative.

We have lots of room and look forward to seeing a huge variety of styles and colors.

Please contact us if you have any ideas.



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## **From the Trustees**

The lines in the parking lot will be painted as soon as this cold and wet weather ends and the work can be completed.

There are various church repairs that will need to be done in the near future that Trustees are now putting on our wish list:

“New” refurbished office copier

New roof over the kitchen

New floor in the kitchen

New floor in the center downstairs classroom

LUCC has always been very fortunate in being able to improve and maintain the church building and grounds, due to the generosity of members of the congregation. We are very grateful. There will be upcoming fundraisers to build funds to cover the repairs that we know will be needed. Watch this space.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## **From Women’s Fellowship**

LUCC Women’s Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall. The program for the May meeting will be Christine Ward talking about her trip to France and sharing photographs of her journey.

Women’s Fellowship was very happy to be able to provide the funds for a new computer for the church office.

We were also very happy to deliver, as we do every May 1<sup>st</sup>, May Baskets to 20 church members and friends who needed a little TLC.

As you are doing your Spring Cleaning, please keep the Christmas Fair Treasures Table in mind. We need lots of jewelry, gift items, Christmas decorations, etc. to sell at the Christmas Fair in November. If you have items to donate, please contact Leslie Metzler on 508-947-1376 or email [lesliemetz2@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliemetz2@hotmail.com)

Thank you.



## Social Outreach Committee



Is it time to have a Yard Sale? **Join us!**

on Saturday, June 8th, 8:00AM - 2:00PM - at a perfectly visible spot at the corner of Rte 18 and Rte 105 in Lakeville on the front lawn and parking lot at Lakeville United Church of Christ (LUCC). Sell your goods, keep your profits and have your Trunk & Yard Sale with the community!

For \$25, you will have your own spot to display your goods from the trunk of your car and table. Advertising will be done for you, just show up!

Space is Limited - Register in Advance

Please complete the easy Registration form below and include your space reservation of \$25 with a check to LUCC, mail to 1 Precinct St, Lakeville MA 02347.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ You will receive a confirmation email with additional information upon receipt of registration.



Call 774-259-1320 for questions. Thank you!

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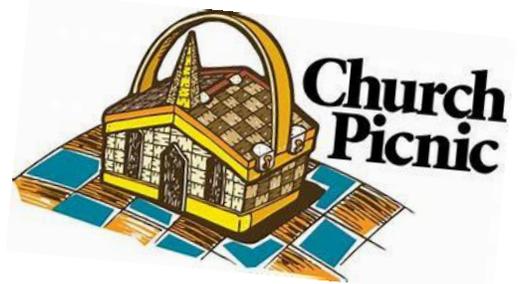
## **From Church and Family Life**

Spring is here! The weather is getting warmer, trees are leafing out and flowers are blooming. It is again time to get ready for our annual Church Picnic. All of our Church Family and Friends are invited to gather out in back of the church on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> right after the church service.

This is always an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, games for the children, and good food (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and great desserts).

Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

By the time you get this newsletter, summer will be fast approaching. Our committee would like to let everyone know that Fellowship Time will still take place after church service. The only difference will be that coffee, cold drinks and refreshments will be available only if people volunteer to host Fellowship Time. If you are unsure of what it involves, ask anyone of us on the committee (Bruce LaFave, Kena Gallagher, Caitlin Rowley Deb Zablowky, Greg Newcomb or Catherine Cooper). Please consider volunteering and sign-up on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.



## **From the Treasurer**

The **Gift Card Program** at LUCC is being offered on a monthly basis.

Working with the Scrip Gift Card fundraising program we will offer gift cards of a great variety of businesses and amounts to LUCC folks to purchase. The large list of available gift cards is available online on the LUCC Website <https://www.lakevilleucc.net/>, or by email upon request, and in the Fellowship Hall.



Local businesses include CVS, Olive Garden, Longhorn, Dunkin's, Starbucks, Mobil, Panera, Regal, Marshall's and many other stores, restaurants, hotels and even airlines. You can purchase gift cards to use as cash at the businesses you frequent and LUCC will receive a rebate based on what is sold.

- Gift card order forms will be available the last week of the month (or anytime)
- Orders will be collected (form and check or cash) the first Sunday of the month during coffee hour
- Gift cards are ordered and will be available the following Sunday during coffee hour

**The June Sunday to order will be June 2, 2019.** Gift Card orders will be collected June 2<sup>nd</sup> and delivered June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions? Reach Marie Nolan [mnolan6@verizon.net](mailto:mnolan6@verizon.net) or 508-989-3002

### **Calling all Crafters!**

The next **Crop and Craft Day at LUCC is Saturday, June 1**, from 9am to 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for scrapbookers, card makers, paper, fabric, yarn and any crafters. All are welcome to join. Never did any scrapbooking? Bring some pictures – we can get you started!

Fee is \$20.00

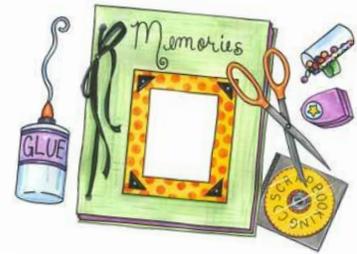
Generous crafting space, snacks and lunch will be provided. All are welcome! RSVP'S ahead help us plan but walk ins will be welcome until we run out of space.

Come join us for a fun day and get a project done with great company! Please share with your friends and family.

Contact:

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**Lakeville United Church of Christ  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dick Fickert Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Monday, August 26th at 12 PM  
4-Player Scramble**

The 4-person scramble tournament will commence with a shotgun start at 12:00p.m.  
Dinner and awards will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Fees include golf, cart, dinner and prizes.  
A cash bar will be available.

Raffle, silent auction, putting contest, beat the pro, an air cannon shot  
and a hole-in one contest for a brand new car!

Fee per golfer is \$140, or \$130 if received by 8/12  
Dinner only is available for \$25

Please come and join us for a fun day of golf, fellowship, and food –  
all in support of the work of our church!

Registrations are available on our website [www.lakevilleucc.net](http://www.lakevilleucc.net) under the documents tab.

Sponsorships are also being accepted- Raffle items, Hole signs, or Corporate sponsorships. Please call anyone on the golf committee for more info.

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Brenden Fickert 508-294-1983

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## **June Birthdays**

- 1 Scott Holmes
- 6 Bonnie Sparrow
- 6 Betty Ford
- 10 Nancy Creasy
- 12 Kent Ramsden
- 14 Julian Abraham
- 15 Judy Economos
- 17 Don Hixon
- 18 Ed Christian
- 19 Stuart Norton
- 21 Maria Barbosa
- 27 Chris Butta
- 27 Erik Hermanson
- 28 Charlie Tranter

## **June Anniversaries**

- 10 Steve & Johnna Rowley
- 18 David & Loretta Baldwin
- 19 Mark & Paula Tranter
- 27 Lyle & Dona Strode
- 29 Randy & Sharon Hayes





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