

Summer 2018 Newsletter
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“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

My dear congregation,

In one of my favorite movies, “White Christmas”, Rosemary Clooney sings a song about counting her blessings and remembering when times were much leaner. She sings, “When my bankbook is getting small I remember when I had none at all and I fall asleep counting my blessings.” Practicing gratitude, counting our blessings, is one way to remember that God has given to us abundantly and abundance is catching!

Prayers of thanksgiving repeated often lead us to understand what we have instead of what we lack. The apostle Paul, someone who never met Jesus in person, is writing to the church at Corinth in this piece of scripture and he names prayers of thanksgiving to God as the fuel that feeds generosity.

Here at Lakeville United Church of Christ in the corner of God’s world called Lakeville we have much to be thankful for this summer. I’m going to name some of the things that God has gifted our church with and name some of the people God has used to accomplish these good things. My challenge to you is that you name other things and lift them to God in thanks.

Work on making our church building safe, beautiful and functional continues. Renee Horton and Kent Ramsden recently completed the installation of an extender for our WiFi system. You will notice that we can now access Internet and phone service in the lower level of church. Thank you God for using Kent and Renee to help us ease communication downstairs.

The LED lights are now installed in Fellowship Hall. These lights make our church a bit greener because they use less electricity. I’ve written about how they were installed by the students from Old Colony Vocational Technical School who did a great job and how Stuart Norton wrote the grant that funded part of the lights. You should know that there are several other people on the Board of Trustees, who choose to



remain anonymous, who funded the other half. Thank you God for using all of these people to give us light.

The parking lot has been a long time coming and so many people have contributed to funding a smooth and safe parking place. I have word from our Trustees that this will be completed shortly after July 4. Thank you God for all of the people who helped with giving us solid ground on which to live and move as church.

Our Sanctuary will be painted next week and this is funded by a generous gift from another anonymous friend of the church in honor and remembrance of Martha Hall. Thank you God for giving us a beautiful place to worship.

Last night we lit the labyrinth on the summer solstice to pause and give thanks to God for a season of plenty. Thank you God for Corry Darling and Ann Joyal who lit our way with mason jars and candlelight and lemonade.

As you can see there is nothing we cannot accomplish through God's love for us and our love for each other in the name of Jesus Christ. Let's spend the summer praying our gratitude and giving thanks to God. Let's move into Fall thinking about how we can share this beautiful faith home with people we don't even know yet.

Peace, rest and prayer,

Greta



From the Trustees

Lots of improvements to the church have been and will be happening in the next few weeks. There are new energy efficient lights in Fellowship Hall. Better lighting and no buzzing, a win/win situation.

The final coat of the parking lot is scheduled to start on June 18th, weather permitting. It's been a long time coming and is only happening because of the extreme generosity of one family in particular and donations from many in the congregation through the Parking Lot fundraising initiative. A sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed.

Another big improvement that is about to happen is the painting of the walls and ceiling of the sanctuary. The funding for the painting is also due to the incredible generosity of the family of a long time and beloved member of the congregation. Thank you.

As Trustees, we will be following our normal schedule of duties throughout the summer. The Trustees rotation of who is on duty each week is on the bulletin board next to the calendar in Fellowship Hall and on the church website. As always, if you notice

something relating to the church building or grounds that needs to be taken care of, please contact the Trustee on duty or the church office.

We wish each of you a safe and relaxing summer.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship had their final meeting before summer break enjoying dinner at Barrett's Ale House in Bridgewater. Our next meeting will be on September 18th at 6:30pm with a pot luck supper and speaker.

Anyone interested in joining Women's Fellowship or finding out more about what we do, please call Leslie Metzler at 508-947-1376 or email lesliemetz2@hotmail.com.

RAYS - "Reap As You Sew" Craft Group

Meeting monthly at Leslie Metzler's house, RAYS is a great time of fellowship and creativity, making ornaments and items for



the hand- made table at the Christmas Fair. It is a fun and friendly group and new people are always welcome to join us. We will not be meeting in July, and possibly not in August, depending on people's vacation schedules, but will definitely be starting regular meetings again in September. To find out more or to join us, contact Leslie 508-947-1376; lesliemetz2@hotmail.com.

Board of Diaconate

We still have some bulletins available. If you are interested in donating them, please see a Deacon. There is a sign up upstairs for special bulletins in 2018.

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 have been enjoying blooms from local gardens.

We welcome Kena Gallagher to the Board. There is still room on the Diaconate for additional Deacons. Please consider joining us!

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, Maggie Driscoll, Kena Gallagher, and Nancy LaFave

Lakeville Arts & Music Festival Committee

Lakeville Arts & Music Festival, 2018
Save the Date: Saturday, September 29.

This is the first time that it has been in September for two years in a row. And guess what? In 2019 it will also be in September, for three years in a row! The Arts Council sets the date as the Saturday before Columbus Day weekend. This year Columbus Day is observed on October 8.

Those interested in, participating in or having ideas about our role in the festival met on Monday, June 18, at 6:30 pm.

The LUCC has participated in this event since its beginning in 2005. We do it as a fundraiser and as a community participation.

One of the concerns is the number of volunteers and food service. How food service works with a kitchen downstairs, estimating, purchasing, and what to do when the weather is unpredictable can be a challenge with a small group of workers. Welcome to hurricane/tropical storm season! Renee Horton has graciously volunteered to investigate the possibility of a food truck. We would still plan on the desserts as a featured part of our



participation, but need to confirm this with Christian Education, Social Outreach Committees, and friends.

So, exactly what we will do with food is on hold until we get more information. Please contact us if you have any ideas.

Social Outreach Committees

This summer the social outreach committee would like to ask the congregation for donations of fleece material for a fall workshop to make no sew fleece blankets to donate to Hasbro Children's Hospital as part of our annual "Remembering Madison" donation.

We are looking for "No Pill" fleece in 1 ½ to 2-yard lengths. The material can be purchased at either JoAnn Fabrics or Walmart. We will have a collection bin available for the fabric to be collected in.

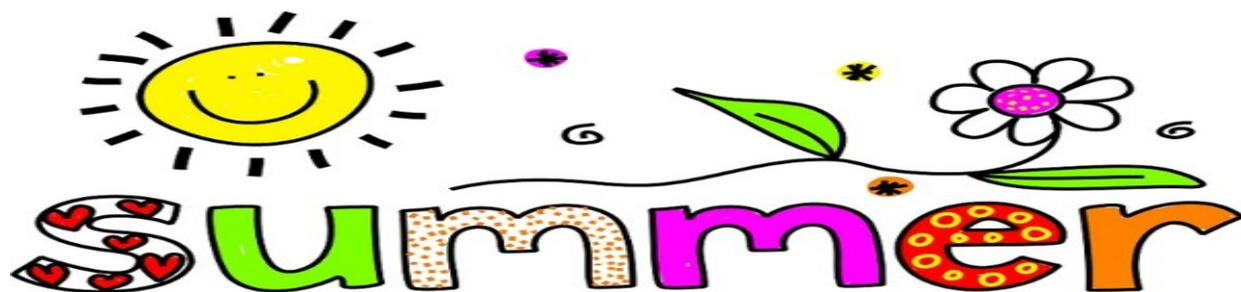
If you have any questions you can contact Kim Mulgrew at skjmulgrew@yahoo.com or (508) 947-5455.

Thank You!!!!!!



July Birthdays

- 1 Greta MacRae
- 4 Sue Stiller
- 12 James Barrack
- 13 Mike Horton
- 21 Iain Ward
- 21 Ruth Schuler
- 22 Surendran Abraham
- 22 Benjamin Barriga
- 27 John Anderson
- 27 Brad Bates
- 29 Dona Strode



August Birthdays

- 2 Sharon Christian
- 3 Sue Norton
- 6 Bill Sparrow
- 7 Nat Emens
- 9 Fred Barriga
- 10 Julie Ketler
- 10 Steve Metzler
- 18 Egan Ramsden
- 19 Barbara Pomeroy
- 21 Emily Nolan
- 22 Kenny Creasy
- 24 Steve Rowley
- 24 Jim Piquette
- 25 Ginny Murdoch
- 26 Catherine Cooper
- 28 Tristan Abraham
- 28 Katie Nolan
- 29 Emma Darling
- 31 Danielle Holmes

July Anniversaries

- 1 Mike & Joanne Horton
- 4 Bruce & Nancy LaFave
- 14 Ken & Julie Ketler
- 14 Ken & Nancy Creasy

August Anniversaries

- 14 Fred & Kathy Barriga
- 17 Paul & Becky McMeekin
- 27 Ed & Sharon Christian



Dates to Remember:

Friday, July 20th, 7:30 pm

Family Friendly Drive-In Movie Night



Wednesday, September 19th, 12 pm

12th Annual Dick Fickert Memorial
Golf Tournament



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