

Congregational Church of Bristol Newsletter June 2017

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June Birthdays

1st - Jess Seiders
5th - Mimi Aldrich, Bill Benner
10th - Babs Read
12th - Ralph Ferguson
15th - Paul Aldrich
23rd - Joyce Thompson
24th - Zachary Grant, Amy Vitanza



(If you don't see your name on the birthday list, please contact the office 563-6843 and let us know.)

“A Pilgrim’s Ponderings”

June 2017

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised...For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4+5

Dear Friends in Christ:

I have learned in recent days that it is a custom of ours here in Bristol Mills to wear something red to the worship service on Pentecost Sunday. This custom undoubtedly had its origins in what happened on the original Pentecost two millennia ago. We read in the Book of Acts: **“They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”** (Acts 2:3) Red is the color of fire, and spiritual fire is what swept over the apostles on that unique day which is also called the “birthday of the church.”

Jesus’ timid and frightened disciples became bold and fearless. They emerged behind closed doors and confidently witnessed to God’s grace before the large crowd in the City of David. Thousands came to believe in Jesus Christ and expressed their new faith in the risen Savior through baptism.

I encourage you to read Acts, first, as a historical record of what happened to the church soon after our Lord’s resurrection and ascension. Read it also as the “Acts of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus told His disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and, as a result, they would be Christ’s disciples **“in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”** (Acts 1:8)

Holy power from on high enables us today to carry on Christ’s ministry of reconciliation with the world. We dare not serve God with only our limited resources, abilities, and wisdom. The work we do is God’s work, and it must be carried out in the power of God’s unlimited resources, enormous abilities, and profound wisdom. Yes, wear some red this coming Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Even more so, be prepared for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Who knows: maybe the spiritual revival we long for in New England will begin right here on the Pemaquid Peninsula!

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Congratulations once again to the nine people who joined our church on Easter Sunday, April 16: **Chris & Sandy Averill, Barbara Brown, Maury and I, Carol & Ray Simmons, and Erik & Alexandra Weiss** received the right hand of fellowship and the warm affirmation of their new church family.

Some long-time friends are coming back to Maine as summer approaches. It is a joy to welcome back **Charlie Morse, Barbara Warner, Randy Grobe, Wayne Mullinax, Patricia Kay, and Jim & Joanna McKinney**. Others will be arriving soon. We hope you “wintered well” and are glad you made it back here to the coast.

A prayer for Pentecost:

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad the gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your fellow pilgrim and brother in Christ,

Jim



Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper – June 17th

Please join us on Saturday, June 17th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for our delicious Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper with all the fixins including dessert and beverage - \$8 per person!!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Food Pantry – June 4th

The volunteers at the New Harbor Food Pantry are very grateful for the food CCOB collects every first Sunday of the month. They are currently serving approximately 60 individuals. Thank you for your donations.



Caring for Kids

Most of you are familiar with Jenny Pendleton's Caring for Kids organization which has been comprised of two basic events, a Christmas program which includes traditional gifts, food, and clothing for approximately 80 children, and the Snack Pack program in which packs of food are given to between 60 to 70 children to take home on Friday afternoons for the weekend. The children, in all cases, are selected by the Bristol and South Bristol schools.

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For the last several years, Jenny has tried to extend the food portion of her school-year programs through the summer vacation weeks. A couple of efforts were only partially successful, which led to an expanded Snack Pack trial last summer. It worked well enough that a second effort is a must for this summer. Hopefully, we'll sign up more than the 16 families we delivered groceries to last summer.

To make this summer's food delivery a success, we need a number of delivery teams consisting of a driver and a helper. The task is simple: each team picks up a box (or bag) of groceries from New Harbor firehouse and makes the delivery to the appropriate family. The box is already packed with the food requested by the family. This all happens at 1:00 PM on seven Fridays (four in July and the first three in August). If you can't make all the Fridays, we can arrange for a substitute team.

If you wish to volunteer, have questions or concerns, please call Tom Buchanan at 563-5809 or email him at tcbiii@tidewater.net, or see him in church. There will be a preliminary meeting of all volunteers at the New Harbor firehouse at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 30th to meet Jenny and clarify last minute matters.

-Many thanks, Tom Buchanan

Fair Update

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR
FUN FAMILY FAIR
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 9 AM - 2 PM
EVERYONE CAN HELP!!



- 1) Granny's Attic – please give items to Dale as soon as possible so that she has time to ready them for the fair – including linens, china, glassware, etc.
- 2) Flea market items & books - give to Sandy Holmes at any time to be put in her barn, or bring to Fellowship Hall beginning **Tue., July 25**
- 3) Baked goods - pies, cookies, bread, etc. - bring on Friday or early Sat. morning, **Aug. 4th or 5th**.
- 4) Canned goods by Mabel Scherer - she needs canning jars
- 5) Plants - put name on plant - bring on Friday or early Sat. morning, **Aug. 4th or 5th**.
- 6) Silent auction – please contact Sandy H. as soon as possible if you are willing to solicit some local businesses for donations
- 7) Art work and peninsula artisans still needed
- 8) Helpers still needed on day of fair:
 - Man tables of books for sale
 - Parking
 - Supervise bouncy house (a new feature this year)
 - Sell popcorn and cotton candy (also new)
 - Help set up Friday afternoon & early Sat. morning
 - Help take down Sat. afternoon

Please contact Sandy Averill if you can help with any of the above. Sandy's phone # 677-2165.



Jewelry Needed for Church Fair

Ladies, please look through your jewelry boxes and see if there are some things you can part with for the Granny's Attic Table. Jan Reilly will have a basket near the KISS Refreshment table on Sundays for your jewelry donations. Thank you.

Peninsula Artisans

Church Fair/Peninsula Artisans: Please contact Sandy Guibord with any suggestions you may have of artisans who would make a good addition to our fair, and she will be happy to get in touch with them. This year we are charging a flat fee of \$30 per table, inside or out. Thank you. Sandy's phone, 563-3783 or email: sguibord@operamail.com

Plants and Flowers!



Flowers & Plants are needed for the Annual Church Fair. Please contact Lora Leduc if you can donate to the Plant Table. Lora's phone is 563-2047 and her email is raylora@tidewater.net. Thank you.

Happening in June

PENTECOST Sunday; Holy Communion, June 4 (Wear something red!)

Board of Deacons Meeting, June 8, 3:30 PM

Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper, June 17, 5:30 PM

Board of Trustees Meeting, June 25, 8:30 Am
