

Congregational Church of Bristol Newsletter May 2018

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May Birthdays

1st - Carol Ference, Maury Dowse
6th - Lily Mayer, Donna Henrich
9th - Rev. Jim Dowse
13th - William Vincent, Andy Bradbury
22nd - Noah Dawson
28th - Maddy Hobbs
30th - Bette Zwicker



(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 May, 2018

Greetings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ:

If the old saying is true, "April showers bring May flowers," then we should definitely be in for some lovely weather this month as the long winter here in Maine slowly but inevitably yields to spring. Maury and I just got back from seeing our son, his wife, and their two sons in southwest Ohio. The grass was green, the flowers blooming, the apples trees blossoming, and there was no sign of snow anywhere! I thought we had traveled to another country. Flying back to Portland, I looked out the plane window and saw Mt. Washington blanketed in snow and more than a few lakes still covered with ice. New England certainly takes its time warming up, doesn't it?

In addition to the rebirth of nature, another church "season" is ready to get underway. This year we celebrate **Pentecost** on May 20th. Worshipers are encouraged to wear something red that Sunday. The color symbolizes the "tongues of fire" which came upon the disciples. Luke records the scene in Acts, chapter two: ***"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."*** (Acts 2:1-4, NIV)

Please note that the disciples "were all together in one place." The early church put great emphasis on the community of believers. They were together for support, encouragement, discipleship, and worship, just as we are thousands of years later in our small church here on the coast of Maine.

It is also significant to point out that the so-called "tongues of fire...came to rest on each of them." In other words, while they were together as the Body of Christ, the Spirit of God came upon each disciple, equipping and empowering them to do the work of Christian ministry. God left no one out. All were chosen to love and serve the Lord. The same can surely be said of every Christian in every church. God calls each one of us to glorify God in all that we say and do.

Please wear something red on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Come, Holy Spirit!

Your Pastor and fellow pilgrim, *Jim*



Food Pantry – May 6th

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.

Lending a Helping Hand

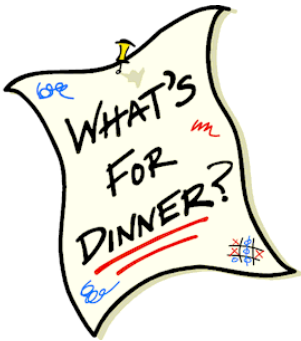
Several members and friends of our church helped Ray and Carol Ference build a ramp to their home. Thank you to all who gave your time and energy toward this project!!



Bible Scramble:

Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. Solution on last page.

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UTLIHFFA TTHA SRPOMIED;) NDA TLE SU SRONIEDC ENO TRONHEA OT VRPOOKE UTON VOLE
NDA OT OOGD WSROK:



Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper – May 19th

Join us at 5:30 pm on May 19th for our Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper! Feast on homemade baked beans, casseroles, salads, and our famous pies! Make sure to come early to get a seat! Thanks for your support. Still \$8 per plate – what a bargain!

Happening in May

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| May 1 | May Baskets; breakfast afterwards at 22 Woodward Farm Road |
| May 3 | Deacons Meeting, 3:00 pm |
| May 6 | First Sunday: The Lord's Supper, Food Pantry, May birthdays, First Sunday Lunch – Please let Bill or Pat Benner know if you'll attend. Spring meeting of the Mid Coast Association at The Carpenter's Boat Shop here in Bristol, 3-5 pm. " <i>Bouyant Hope: Telling Stories of Faith, Joy, & Hope in Hard Times.</i> " Please call the church office (563-6843) if you plan to attend. |
| May 13 | Mother's Day |
| May 18 & 19 | Paint Party (weather permitting), 8:30 am |
| May 19 | Baked Beans & Casseroles Supper, 5:30 pm |
| May 20 | Pentecost Sunday (wear something RED!), Trustees Meeting, 8:30 am |

Solution to Bible Scramble:

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Hebrews 10:23-24