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Newsletter



Rev. Tom Coronite, Pastor Lisa Snow, Secretary

From the Pastor's Desk...

By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox, I will have returned from a cruise to Alaska. As I write this I am very much looking forward to this trip. Anyone I know who has done it says it is terrific, and the scenery is incredible. Plus, it will be good to be away with my family for some rest, relaxation, and fun. Especially whereas my week off in February turned into recuperation from surgery, I feel like a vacation is definitely in order. Don't get me wrong, it's not that I don't love being the pastor of this wonderful church, because I do! But all work, including pastoring, takes a toll, and we all get tired and need a break.

I want to thank you all for the covenant we've entered which affords me time away and also family time. I want to thank you all for the large and small ways that you have supported me in this ministry and in the office of Pastor over the past four years. Even in this relatively short time, we have been through so many changes together!

Much has changed for me, personally. In 2014, as Associate Pastor, I went from one of 3 clergy on staff to one of two. I retired from full-time work with the FAA and devoted more time to pastoring. It was quite an adjustment! In 2015 I was still an associate, but for the majority of that year I was the only clergy active on staff. And as it was a year with many changes, 2015 was a huge adjustment! In 2016 I focused on settling into the office of Pastor and exclusively the only clergy on staff - another major adjustment. Now it's 2017 and I feel much more settled in the office. And even getting used to being settled is another adjustment!

This is life in the church. Actually, this is pretty much life anywhere. Go back and look at your calendars, year by year, look at vacation photos, and see how much has changed and the adjustments you've made! Children are bigger now, hair is grayer now, some of us are older now (ok, all of us). Life brings changes and adjustments; there is no getting around that. Trish and I are cognizant that this might be our last true family vacation with Matt, who is out of college, starting a career, and before we know it, will be planning family vacations of his own!

I look forward to this vacation, and then coming back refreshed and renewed. Because with all the changes that life brings, and will continue to bring, we will need to work together to be equipped to handle those changes. I very much see my job as precisely that: helping the church navigate, handle, and be ready for the changes that time brings, and has already brought. And they do come, whether we want them or not, because that is life - life in church, life at home, life wherever we are. Life brings change. Our response needs to be taking what is given us, and turn it into something positive and life-giving. That is what drives and sustains a healthy church, which I know we are.

I am looking forward to this trip so much! And I am looking forward to the rest of 2017 and what it has in store for us. And to 2018. To the future in general. I hope you are, too. With God's help and grace, we will be ready. Amen.

Committee and Board Updates

Even though it's barely Spring, November will be here before you know it and the Nominating Committee will be looking to fill open seats for officers, boards, and committees. Now is a good time, especially for the many people who are relatively new to the church, to think about ways you could serve next year. Also, there are positions on our newly created Church Council that need to be filled. Please take the time now to acquaint yourself with the various positions and what they do. Go to meetings and observe. Find out what areas interest you. There are plenty of ways for you to get involved! Please speak to Pastor TC or Dave Llewelyn, Moderator, if you need more info.

Missions- Many thanks to the entire congregation for your generous response to the Lenten Opportunity. Heifer International gave notice of another Doubling Offer just as we were sending in **\$1470.00** from First Church. So **\$2940.00** purchased:

2 heifers

4 goats

4 sheep

4 pigs

10 flocks of ducks and geese

14 flocks of chicks

Amazing! Your gifts will make a huge difference in many people's lives and have far-reaching consequences. Thanks again.

Diaconate- Well, it's almost that time of the year again...Summer! While many of us look forward to the long sunny days and vacations spent at the beach the church continues to do its business. That being said, the new by-laws state the Diaconate will meet in the odd numbered months. At our last meeting we voted to change the time and day of the meetings to the first Sunday of the month following the worship service at 11:45AM. Therefore our next meeting will be Sunday July 2, 2017 at 11:45AM. As always, the members of our congregation who can no longer get out and attend our worship services, would love a visit or a card or a call from our diaconate so if you find yourself with a little time over the summer months, feel free to visit our friends. Don't forget Work and Worship on the 4th and of course, Children's Sunday on the 11th followed by our Church Cookout! We hope to see you all there!

Pastoral Visits

Please let the office or Pastor TC know if you or a loved one are in want or need of a pastoral visit. Sometimes people are in the hospital, housebound, ill, or otherwise in need of pastoral care, and we are not aware. Let us know and we will be happy to arrange a visit!

Children's Sunday/All Church Cookout

The Church cookout this year is planned for **June 11** and **we need volunteers** to help with Set-up, Clean-up, and cooking on the grill. Please speak to Lisa Snow if you can help out in any way.

The cookout will be held outdoors weather permitting. Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert and we will provide the hotdogs and burgers.

Please bring your item in a disposable container. If you do not use a disposable container please pick up your bowl/dish before leaving, this is a great help with the clean-up process.

Summer Office Hours

Monday & Thursday

10am - 2pm

Please note: The church office will be going to the summer schedule beginning on June 5. Regular office hours will resume on Sept. 11

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 4- Work and Worship

June 11- Children's Sunday & Church Cookout

June 19 - Deadline for the July /August Newsletter

Deacon & Deaconess of the Month

Don and Janet Trudeau

Counters for the Month

- 4- Bob Cameron, Brenda O'Toole
- 11- Bob Cameron, Brenda O'Toole
- 18- Mary Obey, Wayne Keith
- 25- Mary Obey, Wayne Keith

Communion Volunteers

Don Trudeau, Janet Trudeau, Deb Llewelyn, Nancy Cameron, Bob Cameron

Ushers for the Month

- 4-
- 11-
- 18-
- 25-

Flower Donations

- 4- Communion
- 11- Children's Sunday- CE Committee
- 18-
- 25-

Coffee Hour

- 4- Sue Belisle, Janet Trudeau, Marilyn McLeod
- 11- Church Cookout
- 18-
- 25-

Prayer List – Jack Remsen, Becky & Alexandra Palmisano,

Betty Lou Taber, Wayne Keith, Sally Avjian, Peggy Lipfin, Gloria Cleary, Christine Kaloupek, Debby E., Lincoln Gottier, Thomas Archibald & family, Gayle Sullivan, Ann C., Barbara Wight, Debi McGavin, Peggy Mancari, Kate Hoffman, Courtney Jewett Daniels, Christine & Nicholas Canty, Bill Morrissey, James Dawson, Lloyd Donald, Don Miller, Brad Bradbury, Don Callahan, June Simmons, Jim Moore, Pam, Jack Baumeister

ANY ADDITIONS/REMOVAL TO THEPRAYER LIST CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. 781-335-1686



JUNE 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Work & Worship Worship 10am w/ Communion Coffee Hour 11am				Trustees 7:30pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 10am Children's Sunday & Church Cookout	Father Bill's 5pm	Church Council 7:30pm			Brackett's Breakfast Group 8:30am	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am	Parish Post Deadline For July/August Newsletter					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am						

Have You Remembered The First Church in Weymouth in your Will or Trust?