



First Christian Church of Freedom
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Freedom Rings

Newsletter September/October



Pastor's Corner

Pastor's Thoughts

Labor Day is a time to not only honor America's workers, but also signals the end of the summer season. It's always 'bitter-sweet' to us natives. We enjoy the warmer weather and the visits from family and friends, but we don't always appreciate the increase of traffic and the high humidity that inevitably comes. We hope the summer has been good for most of us, and

the fall offers new opportunities for enjoyment and service.

Most churches 'hibernate' during the summer. First Christian is just the opposite. We experience a flurry of activity, especially during "Old Home Week". We had an excellent Music Camp, thanks to our musician, Carolyn Olzerowicz, and Carlos Martinez, our master director. A fantastic 'barbecue' was arranged by Dean Robertson during the Craft Fair, and we again 'blessed the animals' thanks to Carol Ames and David Avery (in the absence of the pastor due to sickness). Our main activity has been Sunday morning worship, and we average 65-70 each week. Many visitors are present each week, and they enjoy our worship as well as the hospitality after the service. The food pantry and quilters remain busy during the summer months, and 2 new furnaces were installed in our church basements. A couple of 'social nights' were also arranged by Sandy Boyle.

As the days get shorter and the winds begin to blow, the lawn mowers are exchanged for snow blowers, and some begin to plan their 'escape' to warmer climates, we thank God for the variety we experience and the beauty of the scenery. The final 4 months of 2018 will continue to provide us chances to grow in our faith, provide service to others, and proclaim the love of God to all the world. Don't forget that our Bible study on Tuesday at Camp Calumet, 10 a.m. and the Book Club at church

on Thursday at 10 a.m., will be meeting. And join us each Sunday morning at 10 for worship! Pastor Larry



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very busy summer at First Christian Church. Rubber Ducky Day and the church bake sale, then Old Home Week in Freedom started. The parade went off on a very wet and rainy day, followed by the Freedom Church Music Camp performance at the school on Sunday morning. Before the Music Camp there was the breakfast at the Town Hall. The church served BBQ at the school on Friday during the Craft Fair. Thank you to the 20 people who helped make the BBQ lunch a success. A special thank you to those people who came back to help with the cleanup and return the tables and chairs to the church and take down the tent. We raised \$809 selling the BBQ and received \$325 in donations. Bob Smart got a sign for the church that has our name on it. We can use the sign for bake sales also.

Thanks to the trustees for getting the new furnace installed for the rooms at the back of the church. This project had to be done when the food pantry was closed during Old Home Week. The Trustees and Doris had to remove most of the food and the shelves in order for the furnace and oil tank to be installed. Great job done by a few people.

Bob Smart has installed a new sign in front of the church to welcome all. Thank you Bob for doing this.

Lastly, the sail boat on the front lawn of the church was won by Jane Hartnett. This was done by a raffle put on through the Food Pantry.

See you in Church.

Dean Robertson, President



All are invited to Camp Calumet each week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for a group discussion of the scripture lessons for the coming week and how the lessons relate to daily living. **Bible Study** is held in the Camp Calumet Conference Center on the right as you go west on Lake Ossipee Road. Please see Pastor Larry if interested.

"B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!"

Anonymous



PASTORAL VISITS

Should anyone wish to have a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Larry, a deacon, or Patty in the church office.



A NOTE FROM THE USHERS

We are in need of ushers. If you are interested, or if you are currently an usher and no longer wish to serve for your specified month, please call Mark McKinley at 539-6577 or Henry Granahan at 539-5295. Please know that your faithful service continues to be deeply appreciated and does much to reinforce the welcoming attitude of First Christian Church. If you have not participated, and would like to consider becoming an usher on Sunday mornings, please contact Mark. Thank you.



Good Morning Call! Several of us participate in this program offered by the Carroll County Sheriff's office. It is simple.....you make a call and talk to a real person.....if they do not hear from you, the Freedom Police stop by. It is reassuring that, during an emergency, either personal or weather related, someone knows where you are. Any questions.....call the Sheriff directly at 539-2284

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church expenses are \$2,500 higher than income through August 28, 2018. Pledge income continues to be weak although a large special donation and Spring Appeal donations have driven down the shortfall dramatically. Thanks to all! We have raised \$1,000 of our \$5,000 goal for the Spring Appeal. If we are able to meet the remaining \$4,000 the Church will be in fine shape for 2018. Parsonage expenses were up in August for one-time expenses but the Parsonage Fund is expected to finish the year in fine shape.

Investment portfolio returns continue to be volatile in 2018 but are doing well. Returns through May 2018 were 1.2% and have not moved significantly since. With four months left in the year, investments will see volatility due to uncertainty from mid-term elections, trade discussions and increasing interest rates. The Church maintains adequate liquidity to meet its obligations and short term cash requirements. Investments are held at discount brokerage custodians Vanguard and TD Ameritrade.

If you have any questions about any financial matters of the Church, please do not hesitate to speak with me, any Church officer or member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Olzerowicz, Treasurer



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 Tarryn Balch
 Gerry Barnicle
 Phil Beckwith
 Charlie Bojus
 Ed Boyer
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 George Carbone
 Virginia Casey
 Christie Catino
 Eric Chamberlain
 Carolyn Clancy
 Celia Costa
 Al Davidson
 Greg Dayton
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 Lorelei DeNisco
 Connie Dockham
 David Eldridge
 Delores Ellis
 Bonnie Engroff
 Dick & Wanda Fields
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 Jeannie Rogers
 Kim Rose
 Nancy Seabury
 Sally & Bill Stoops
 Laureen Strauch
 Mike Sudak
 Jim Tracey
 Rosemary Traveis
 Cheryl Vitum
 Joy Anna Winslow

During the month of August the choir has been taking a well-deserved break. Weekly rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 11th at 7 PM. We will back in the choir loft to lead worship on Sunday, September 16th. We are always ready to welcome new singers to our choir. If you're not quite sure about joining, you are welcome to attend a Tuesday evening rehearsal and try it out. For any questions contact me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at (603) 569-5711 or at colzerowicz@gmail.com



The Freedom Food Pantry has gone through some ups and downs during the past months. I think once school starts it will go back to its normal routine. We still have been averaging 150-200 meals a month. Pet Smart in North

all our country's military personnel and their families, and all the refugee children that were separated from their parents, may they be reunited.

Conway has taken the Freedom Food Pantry on as a mission. On July 30th we brought in 1400+ pounds of dog and cat food for the food pantry pets; a real help. On August 28th we brought **ANOTHER** 1400+ pounds. A big **THANK YOU** to Pete Nichols for picking up the food. We are now redistributing to other pantries in Wakefield, Wolfeboro and The Lakes Region Shelter in Ossipee.



Totem Pole Park owners have provided new back packs, lunch boxes, school supplies, sneakers and clothing for some of our food pantry children. No names are exchanged. **THANKS TO TOTEM POLE!**

The volunteers keep showing up and Doris and Paul continue to do the heavy lifting while I struggle with the computer! Thanks to all who volunteer their time and bring gifts of clothes and food.

Bob Bossdorf, Co-Director



The NH Division of Historical Resources announced in The Carroll County Independent of August 23, 2018 that the First Christian Church has been listed on the State Registry of Historical Places along with 10 other historic landmarks in the state. This designation helps protect, preserve and maintain historic properties by offering certain benefits while remaining non-regulatory. There will be more announcements and the research document will be available for you to read soon.
Peg Scully



LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild continues to meet weekly on Monday from 9 am to 2 pm.

The "Rubber Ducky Day" sale was held on June 30th and was the first successful sale day in several years. The sale which was held in the church during Old Home Week "Parade Day" was a total "wash-out" due to the torrential rains. The Guild packed up at 11 am because there was nobody left on the street and the rain kept pouring down.

The next sale will be during the "Freedom Rings in the Holiday" on November 17th.

Raffle tickets are available on the "Whig Rose" raffle quilt. The ticket will be drawn on Sunday, November 18th after church service.

You may contact a Guild Member after church on Sunday or Monday, 9 am to 2 pm to purchase tickets for this beautiful quilt.

Myrtle MacLeod, Guild Secretary



The Scholarship Committee met in May to review the applications for the George T. Davidson, Jr. Scholarship Award.

The following students were chosen this year: Meredith Paulding, Miranda Cottrell, Brianna Desharnais, and Shelby Packard.

Meredith is attending St. Michael's College. She achieved both High Honors and made Dean's List in the fall of 2017. She is pursuing a goal of teaching English as a second language, majoring in Educational Studies.

Miranda is a student at Eckerd College, majoring in psychology and has received a 3 yr. academic award there. She transferred from Unity College in Maine, where she received a scholarship of Academic Merit in 2016.

Brianna will be attending Simmons College this fall, where she plans to study Neuroscience and Behavior. While a student at Kennett, she was inducted into the National Honor Society, the German Honor Society, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. She also received awards for Business and World Cultures.

Shelby will be attending the University of Vermont where she will study Animal Science. She has done much volunteering with Assistance Canine Training Services, which raises and trains wheelchair and mobility service dogs. She designed and operated a program to give the puppies foundational skills that they would need later in their training. She was also a National Honor Society

member and a National Technical Honor Society member.

As you can see, these are high achievers! Beyond their academic accomplishments, they volunteered for a number of worthy causes. Among them, conservation, library assistance, music therapy in nursing homes, congregate meals - the list goes on and on...

We want to wish them all success and happiness on their chosen paths and hope to get progress reports!

Those who served on this year's committee were Rev. Wogman, Velma Hormell, Charlie Bojus, Paul Olzerowicz, Dean Robertson, and George Thompson. Each brought much to the committee in thoughtfulness for the task. As I write this article, I think back on George Thompson and his quiet presence. He was well prepared and enjoyed serving on Scholarship. His passing has left a huge hole not only in this committee, but in all his other undertakings here at FCC. He is missed very much.

Jane Hartnett, Chair



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY

The First Christian Church of Freedom has medical equipment available. If you have such a need, please contact the office or Henry Granahan at 539-5295.

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| Wheel Chairs | Commodes |
| Crutches | Potty Seats |
| Canes | Shower Chairs |
| Walkers | Blow-Up Mattress |
| Shower Transfer Benches | Knee Braces |

Thank you to the Nason Family for their very generous donation of the following equipment: Slide Board (wheel chair to car), Step Stool, Transporter Chair, Bed Rails, Bike Pedal on Stand, Air Mattress w/pump

The following exercise equipment was also donated by the Nason Family: Trapeze and Bike Pedal on Stand



BOOK CLUB

The book group will resume on Thursday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. The book we shall start is Letters to My Palestinian Neighbor by Yossi Klein Halevi which came out this past spring. The cost is \$17.01 and is available at the church. As Amazon describes the book: "Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator and award-winning author of *Like Dreamers* directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes..."

Halevi's letters speak not only to his Palestinian neighbor, but to all concerned global citizens, helping us understand the painful choices confronting Israelis and Palestinians that will ultimately help determine the fate of the region."

Come join the discussion and the search for understanding of a deep territorial and religious issue.



The Fund Raising Committee is selling "Rada Cutlery" made in the USA as one of our fundraisers. This will not be a door-to-door event but samples will be on display at our events and ongoing. You may contact Judy Robertson, Velma Hormell or Patty Dumas in the church office if you are interested in checking out the catalog for paring knives, bagel knives, chef's knives, granny forks, pie or cake servers, steak knives, etc. which are available.

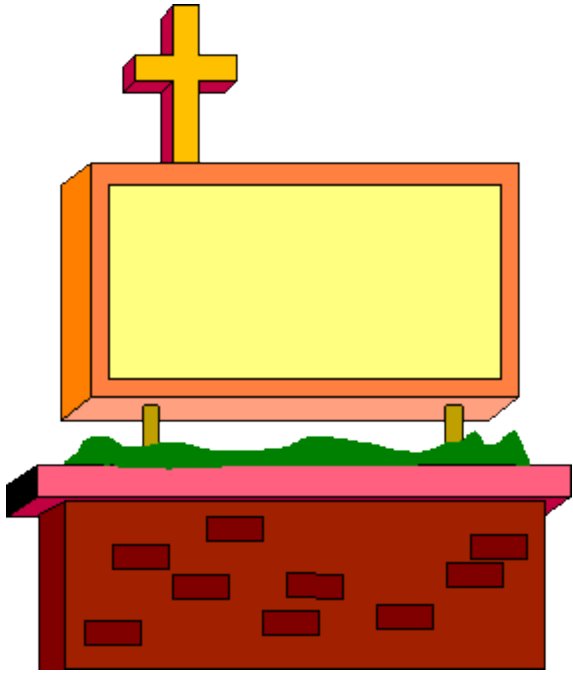
We have received the new catalog for 2018. Keep this extremely well-made cutlery in mind for gifts throughout the year and you will be supporting the church at the same time.
Velma Hormell



FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

The most beautiful time of year...enjoy the foliage!

If you have any information for the office or for me, please leave it on my desk on Sunday mornings. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.
Sincerely, Patty Dumas



Real Church Signs to make you giggle!

"HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS. TEXT WHILE DRIVING IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM"

"ADAM AND EVE - THE FIRST PEOPLE WHO DID NOT READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS"

"LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT? THIS IS HIS HOUSE"

"CHURCH PARKING ONLY. VIOLATORS WILL BE BAPTIZED"

"WALMART IS NOT THE ONLY SAVING PLACE"

"I'M ALSO MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE."
-GOD-

"WHY DIDN'T NOAH SWAT THE TWO MOSQUITOES?"

"EXERCISE DAILY. RUN FROM SATAN, WALK WITH GOD!"

September 2018

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