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Newsletter May/June



Pastor's Pondering

Christ is Arisen!

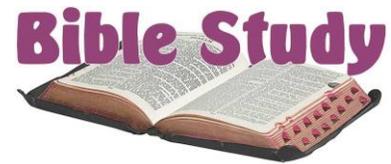
We are almost at the end of the first half of the church year. After looking at the prophecies of Christ, we celebrated the birth, baptism and early ministry of Jesus during Christmas and Epiphany. Then we focused on the controversies of Jesus during Lent, leading up to the capture, trials and crucifixion of our Lord on Good Friday. Having just celebrated the Resurrection, these Sundays of Easter

concentrate on the appearances of the Risen Jesus and some teachings on what is to come. This all leads up to Pentecost (June 9), as the Holy Spirit comes upon the new church and prepares it to take up the mission of spreading the "Good News" of God's love.

What might all this mean to us? As we practice our faith, we realize that this story of Jesus has an effect on how we live. Because Jesus is resurrected, we shall be also. This result of God's love assures us that we have a future, and it is in God's hands. The promise gives us confidence and a boldness to be sharers and witnesses of how God is in relationship with us all. God cares and has compassion for all who believe, therefore we act as God would want us to. We find a pattern for action in the life of Jesus. That old acronym of WWJD (What would Jesus Do?) is a great one to follow. In the parables and stories of Jesus, we see him teaching and reaching out to those who aren't able to 'do' for themselves. We see him engaging the needy and rejected, seeking to lift them out of poverty and disability.

As we look around, there is no scarcity of opportunity to help. We are blessed with resources (money, time, talents) to assist those around us as well as those in other places. Local food pantries and broader relief agencies are begging for help. Conservation and service clubs reach out to the community on projects being done. WWJD? How can we not?

News notes, May news!



This is a wonderful time of year. After a long and snowy winter, we see life emerging all around us. As we see the grass growing, the flowers blooming, and the trees leafing, it is time for us to do what God intended for us. May God continue to bless us! See you in church.

Pastor

Louise Anderson Memorial

As you have probably heard, we have received a very generous gift in memory of Louise Anderson. Some newer members may never have known her, but she was active as a deacon and choir member. She lived alone in a modest house on Broad Bay after retiring up here from the Boston area. She certainly was not wealthy, but she was frugal with what she had. Louise outlived most of the family she had, and so left a good part of her estate to the church. We hope to be good stewards of what she left, and spend it in a way that brings glory to God, her Lord and Creator.

The Council will determine how that will be done, but a part will, no doubt, go to our sanctuary renovation. Her example might serve our congregation in motivating others to include the church in their wills and estate planning. For some this might be a small percentage of a larger amount, for others it might be the designation of the church for memorial donations. In any case, it enables the church to go on with its ministries and service to others in the community and beyond. We sincerely thank Louise for her thoughtfulness in giving to First Christian Church of Freedom.



PASTORAL VISITS

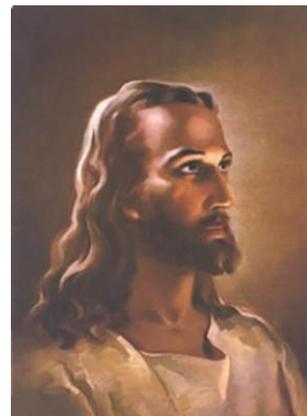
Should anyone wish to have a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Larry, a deacon, or Patty in the church office.

Bible Study at Calumet (Every Tuesday at 10 AM)

Twice a year we have full breakfasts at Calumet in addition to our regular Bible study. We have one coming up on June 4th. It'll start at 9 in the Conference Center dining room with a cost of \$11. They offer a full range of choices, from eggs and bacon to oatmeal and fruit. We hope that people will stay for the Bible study at 10. Please respond to Nancy Wogman or Karen Hopkins in the next couple weeks.

Trustee Matters

Everyone has noticed the sanctuary painting that's been going on. It's just about finished. The next phase will be the floor. They're looking at 'runners' in the aisles and wood laminate under the pews. Lucy Kendall welcomes your thoughts. They will also be assembling a metal ramp outside Pastor's office in the back of the building to replace the wooden ramp which has steadily deteriorated. It has been donated and Charlie Bojus will be directing the assembly.



The Head of Christ - painted by Warner Sallman

Many have noticed the picture on the wall as you leave the church. It is a copy of a painting by Warner Sallman from 1940. It was a popular

depiction during the war and was said to have been reproduced over 500 million times, according to publishers (Kriebel & Bates). Since no one knows what Jesus looked like, and the Scriptures don't describe Jesus physically, this is simply a visual depiction from the artists mind. It was donated to the church at some point, and was over the altar for a number of years. As I understand it, the leaders of the church decided to remove it years ago, and replaced it with the cross. It was relegated to the back corner of the sanctuary, and evidently it upset some people to the point of leaving. In any case, someone thought it might be placed over the doors leading out of church. It seems like a good place as a final reminder of our Lord's sacrifice for us. Feel free to comment pro or con to the Pastor if you have thoughts.

contributed to the capitol fund to make this happen.

Soon we will be installing the new Historic Marker on the front of the church. This past year our church was put on the NH State Register of Historic Places. This is an important milestone to have happen in the 160th anniversary year of the signing of the Charter of our church.

The fund raising committee will be serving a dinner for the Freedom Community Club on May 8. Everyone is invited to this event at the Freedom Town Hall, all proceeds will go to the church.

The Search Committee continues to meet on the first Monday of the month at the church. June Burt is the chairperson.

I want to thank Gale Morris for stepping in for me while I was away. Many thanks Gale. See you in Church.

Dean Robertson, President



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last year for this newsletter I talked about the problems that Judy had after a bad fall in Florida hurting her back. This year she had another fall and broke her right arm while recovering from Rota cuff surgery on her left arm. It was a long winter for both of us. Three times a week for physical therapy for Judy for three months and now beginning therapy again. She thanks everyone for all the calls and cards.

It was nice to return from our winter travels and see all the improvements to the church. The trustees were busy getting improvements done. The carpeting and new floors in the back rooms look great. The sanctuary is almost finished and the new colors are wonderful. Many thanks to the Trustees and also to everyone who



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| Kathy Avery | Delores Ellis | Bill McIntire, Jr. |
| Tarryn Balch | Bonnie Engroff | Carol Melvidas |
| Gerry Barnicle | Dick & Wanda Fields | Matthew Meserve |
| Lucille Bogart | The Family of Joyce Fox | Judy Michaels |
| Suzie Bogart | Fred Kistler | Gay Mocerri |
| Charlie Bojus | Jane Garnsey | Dana Mozzoni |
| Ellie Bossdorf | Dick Gauley | Cindy Nason |
| Chris, Harold & Kevin Boynton | Cynthia Granahan | Peg Nichols |
| Steve Bracci | Beverly Grant | Billy Norton |
| Harold Brown, Jr. | John Hogan | Clifford Pomeroy |
| Kathy Brownrigg | Karen Hopkins | Pat & Roger Olson |
| Christie Catino | Glenn Hormell | DeMott Post |

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Carolyn Clancy	Dale Johnson	Kim Rose
Celia Costa	Elmer Killam	Ruth Smart
Sarah D'Angelo	Fred Kistler	Laureen Strauch
Greg Dayton	Nancy Koza	Mike Sudak
Eric DeCof	Dana Lee	Cheryl Vitum
Lorelei DeNisco	Harold Libby, Sr.	John White
David Eldridge	Jeff & Kathy MacLeod	Joy Anna Winslow
Karen Eldridge	Doreen Martin	

all our country's military personnel and their families.



Women's Retreat, May 4, 2019

Join us on May 4, 2019 from 9 to 3 at the Calumet Conference Center for our annual women's retreat. This year's theme is Women - Water - Wisdom. Bring a small stone. The cost is \$15 for lunch.



Membership Committee is gearing up for what we hope will be a fun filled summer. We will be looking at the various activities around us, plays, concerts, etc... If any of you see something we might all enjoy please give me a call.

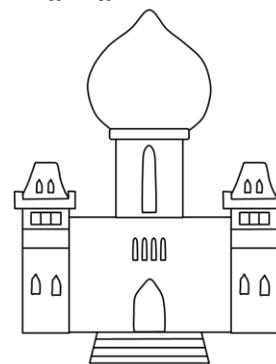
In talking with Pastor Larry, the thought of having a church informational luncheon was discussed, and we decided to hold it on May 19. Please spread the word to anyone you think might like to learn more about the church and its mission in the community. We are going to advertise this event more vigorously than in the past to hopefully spur increased interest.

Looking forward to a great summer of relaxation and fun.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Boyle, Chairperson
 Barbara McEvoy
 Dianna Thurston
 Clair Tracey

Thanks to all who supported the **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**. Decorations were beautiful thanks to Karen Olzewski. And thanks to Mark McKinley for helping to set up. Nancy Wogman, Carol Cunio helped to serve. And a special thanks to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 grant. As a result of that support, we realized \$450 for our summer music camp! So—we enjoyed great food and wonderful fellowship while supporting a good cause.



Malice in the Palace Summer fun for children!

The First Christian Church of Freedom Children's Summer Theater Camp will be back for our 13th year! All children, both local residents and summer visitors, who are at least 7 years of age, are welcome to participate. The camp will run from July 29th through August

2nd from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Freedom Elementary School. This year's play will be "Malice at the Palace". The children will act, sing, and dance the story of the faithful heroine, Esther. They will learn how she selflessly saved her people from destruction.

There will be two public performances of the play. On Friday, August 2nd at 2 pm the community is welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. The main performance will be a part of the Old Home Week Church Service at the school at 10 AM on August 4th. Camp participants should plan to be at both performances.

The cost to participate is \$15 for the week. Scholarships are available. Registration forms and further information are available through the church office or by emailing me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at colzerowicz@gmail.com.

The Deacons have been asked to feature some members of the Church in the newsletter. We will start off with **Bob & Ruth Smart**.



Bob & Ruth came to New Hampshire in 1998 after retiring from their jobs in Connecticut. In 1999, Bob became involved in community activities and then joined the First Christian Church of Freedom and the Community Club. He then was recruited to serve in several organizations. Bob says that it is a wonderful & satisfying experience to be part of the Freedom Community for 17+ years.

Bob was a Deacon in the Church and was mentor to many. He was on the Church Council and became the president with a keen mind to

make things work for the betterment of the Church and the Church family.

At this time, he is the Assistant Treasurer and an Historian. You can find Bob at the front door to the left as you enter the church as he gets ready to film the service and make CD copies to bring to shut-ins and the homebound.

As his back-up support, there is his lovely wife, Ruth. She was always there being part of the fund raisers, making soup, casseroles, cookies and other goodies for the luncheons.

During the Advent Season, you would find Bob in front of the church setting up the Nativity Scene. It would be complete just before Christmas Eve. Depending on the "snow & ice", people would come from miles around to just to see it throughout the Season - spot light and all.

You would also see Bob help decorate the float for the Music Camp show. He used his truck to pull the float that everyone pitched in to make and decorate.....a most wonderful float it would be. It won best float overall winning many blue ribbons.

It is with great honor & pride that we celebrate such an active, energetic couple who are amazing supporters of the First Christian Church of Freedom - We say Thank You!



Scholarship

I have received only one application to date, which I have duplicated for the committee. I have also called Kennett High School and offered to pick up the completed applications. I have not received a call/email back yet. Once received, a date to meet will be scheduled.

Jane Hartnett, Chair



Ladies' Guild

I would like to thank all who sent cards, visited and prayed for me over the past three and a half months. It has helped a lot during my recovery. Thank you again.

Peg Nichols, President



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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

The flowers are blooming and the birds are singing!!!

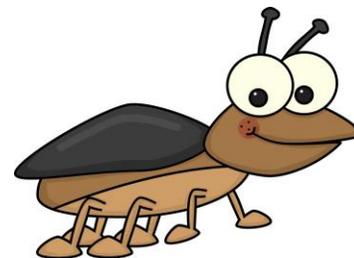
If you have any information for the office or for me, please leave it on my desk on Sunday mornings. Office hours are Monday 9-1, Wednesday 9-1 and Thursday 9-1.

Sincerely, Patty Dumas

JUST FOR LAUGHS!!



Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."



A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

MAY 2019

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9 am Choir Sunday Service 10 am	9 am Ladies Guild 7pm Search Committee Meeting	10:00am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Rehearsal		10am Book Study Group		10 am Food Pantry
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