



First Christian Church of Freedom
THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE / ESTABLISHED IN 1858



Freedom Rings

Newsletter

September/October

2019



PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS!

"O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have founded a bulwark... When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established, what are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?" (Psalm 8)

The cool, crisp air of late August reminds us of another 'summer past'. As the vacationers leave for their real homes and jobs, we await the next departure of 'snow birds' before facing the rigors of winter snows and ice. This annual

cycle makes life both exciting and unpredictable. There are people who like the constant 'fair weather' of a Hawaii or other tropical paradises, but we'd probably fail to appreciate the few perfect days we experience sprinkled through the year. Life is much like that - mostly routine and uneventful - but marked with a few unforgettable, challenging experiences that 'spice up' our calendars. The Church year brings its holy days, the nation's year has its holidays, and our personal years present birthdays and anniversaries, births and deaths. All of it marks a life full of change and adjustments.

As we reflect on this 'life', it's good to know that God is present to bring hope and oversight to all of it. What is the purpose, where is it all going, how will it all end? We're not privy to the answers, but we are given faith and confidence to know that we have a God who desires a relationship with creation, who provides the tools and guidance for living it out each and every life, and who is the embodiment of life itself. And this church community, with its joys and frustrations, is here to nurture and sustain us. We gather each Sunday to recognize and honor our Creator and Savior, but also to celebrate each other, who we greet before and after worship with caring concern and warm regards. Yes, another season is upon us, but we don't despair. We look forward to new ventures and discoveries. This is how it goes

from day to day, month to month, and year to year! "Have no fear, little flock, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom!" (Luke 12:32) What more could we ask for?

Blessings! *Pastor Larry*



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



All are invited to Camp Calumet each week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (10:30 a.m. in the summer months) 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.

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

Anonymous



Lord, help us to be the people
our dogs think we are.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very busy summer for all of us at the First Christian Church in Freedom this summer. We had the bake sale during Rubber Ducky Day, then the church sponsored Music Camp that was during Old Home week. Again very successful. Many thanks to Carolyn Olzerowicz and her team for the good work and thank you to the 20 or so children who participated. This is always a good outreach mission for our church. Some members helped with the BBQ at the craft fair again this year. Thank you to all who participated. We raised about \$800 for the church.

The Trustees have been busy this summer finishing up with the handicap ramp and installing a new vapor barrier under the sanctuary. Now they are covering the vapor barrier with pea stone.

We had a special church meeting to approve up to \$20,000 for new carpeting and flooring in the sanctuary. This work will be done during September. We are also considering central vacuum to be installed.

Lastly, we had a wonderful dedication service after church in August to commemorate that the church is now on the New Hampshire State Registry of Historic Places. The new plaque is outside of the church.

Now that fall is fast approaching, it is time for the Nominating Committee to begin their work. I hope you are thinking of the different committees you may want to serve on. Please feel free to contact me or Sandy Boyle if you can help. See you in church,

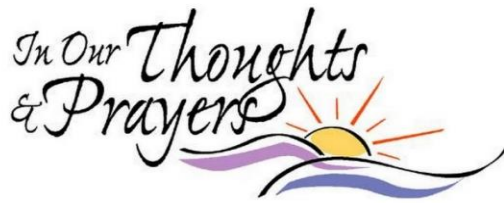
Dean Robertson, President



“On August 11, Pastor Larry Wogman and the entire congregation celebrated the dedication of the plaque which commemorated the listing of the First Christian Church of Freedom on the **New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places**. Peg Scully represented the Freedom Heritage Commission which headed the effort to attain this honor. She thanked the generous donors who contributed to the purchase of the plaque.”

(Nadine Chapman- photos and text)





If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to speak to myself or any member of our search committee.

Respectfully submitted,

June Burt

Pastoral Search Committee Chairperson



Scholarship Committee

This year's George T. Davidson, Jr. Scholarship recipients were invited to attend the service on June 30th this past summer. Four of the six were able to accept and we got to meet them and visit a bit at coffee hour following the service. It was great to put faces to names and also meet some of their extended families. They are all full of happy anticipation as they go forth with their education - so exciting to hear their plans!

This year's recipients were Brianna Desharnais, Hillary Johnson, Lucy Knox, Cora Nicoll, Meredith Paulding, and Sam Paulding.

We wish them much success and happiness and look forward to hearing their progress. Jane Hartnett, Scholarship Committee Chair.

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| Kathy Avery | Bonnie Engroff | Bill McIntire, Jr. |
| Tarryn Balch | John Ferralasco, Jr. | Carol Melvidas |
| Gerry Barnicle | Dick & Wanda Fields | Judy Michaels |
| Gail Bizer's Niece, Kari | Fred Kistler | Gay Mocerri |
| Suzie Bogart | Jane Garnsey | Diana Mozzoni |
| Charlie Bojus | Dick Gauley | Cindy Nason |
| Chris, Harold | Cynthia Granahan | Peg Nichols |
| & Kevin Boynton | Beverly Grant | Billy Norton |
| Steve Bracci | John Hogan | Clifford Pomeroy |
| Harold Brown, Jr. | Karen Hopkins | Pat & Roger Olson |
| Kathy Brownrigg | Glenn Hormell | DeMott Post |
| Christie Catino | Rob Hyam | Jeannie Rogers |
| Eric Chamberlain | Dale Johnson | Kim Rose |
| Carolyn Clancy | Elmer Killam | Ruth Smart |
| Celia Costa | Fred Kistler | Kevin Stark |
| Greg Dayton | Nancy Koza | Ellie Stokes |
| Lorelei DeNisco | Dana Lee | Laureen Strauch |
| Judith Domhro | Harold Libby, Sr. | David Tanis |
| Mark Downie | Bob & Peg MacDonald | Debbie Trail |
| Susanne Eaton | Jeff & Kathy MacLeod | Cheryl Vitum |
| David Eldridge | Doreen Martin | John White |
| Delores Ellis | Debbie McGivney | |
- all our country's military personnel and their families.



The Pastoral Search Committee continued to meet during the summer on a monthly basis and will continue our process into the fall. We are receiving resumes, networking to let people know of our search, and responding as people step forward.



Next Newsletter Deadline is
October 21

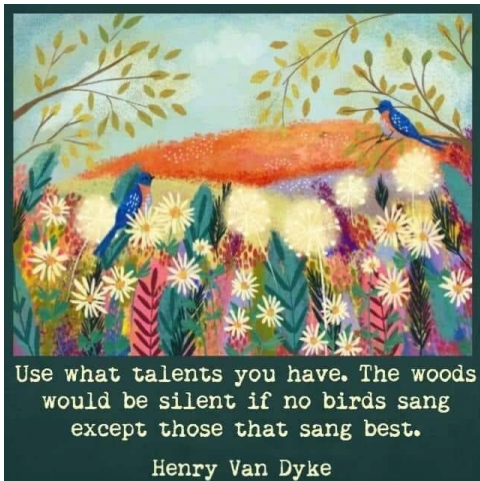


NEW FLORIST

The First Christian Church has changed Florists to buy our altar flowers from **Bloomers** in Parsonsfield, ME. The owner, Debbie Eldridge, does a beautiful job and there is no delivery charge. Everyone seems to be happy with what she has done so far.

A Significant savings!

CHURCH CHOIR



It's been an active summer for the Music program at the First Christian Church of Freedom. Our choir continued to rehearse and lead worship right up through the end of July. We also performed at the Old Home Week Talent Show. I think the audience really enjoyed it. Thank you, choir members! You are hard-working, talented, and lots of fun. I hope you enjoyed your few weeks off in August. You have earned that and more.



22 children participated in the **Summer Musical Theater Camp**. This was our 14th year! From what parents and grandparents have been telling me I believe that it was a rewarding and fun week for everyone involved. I love to watch as the children's individual personalities unfold and grow over the week and from year to year. The play, "Malice at the Palace: the Story of Esther," was performed at the Old Home Week Service at the Freedom Elementary School. Thank you to the many people who helped make our camp and worship service possible.

Next summer the play will be "Once Upon a Parable".

We are always ready to welcome new singers to our choir. If you would like to sing with us you can simply show up at a rehearsal or contact me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at (603) 569-5711 or at colzerowicz@gmail.com . Weekly rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 10th at 7 PM at the church.



A REMINDER

The Fund Raising Committee is still selling Rada Cutlery (an American-make product).

Maybe you need a new paring knife, spatula, cake server, pizza cutter, etc. If you would like to check out the catalog, please contact Velma Hormell at 603-539-2079, or Patty Dumas at the church office.

Keep this extremely well-made cutlery in mind for gifts throughout the year and you will be supporting the Church too. Thank you.

Velma Hormell



We continue to serve the surrounding towns of Effingham, Ossipee and Freedom, plus the occasional person who wanders in from somewhere else. We continue to put out 1600-2000 meals a month, including serving some emergencies. We also offer clothing and other goods for free. The volunteers continue to show up and do a wonderful job. Doris does the major heaving lifting, Bonnie McCue is a "huge" help and I continue to keep the computer records. Dan Spear keeps the volunteers in line along with Doris. Mark and Nancy Bossi also help with the heavy lifting and food pick-up. Nancy also handles our finances and Paul manages the investment funds.

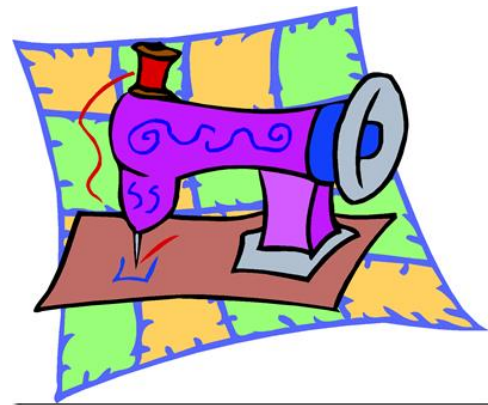
Month after month I pretty much babel about the same things. I would like to point out that we have had this great service of Doris for 13 years. It is an awesome and never ending job. She keeps the pantry organized and does much of the local and far away shopping, loading trucks, transporting and unloading, stocking the food shelves and distributing the food equally and making sure we have the meals and special items at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Claire Tracey has taken over the USDA and Food Bank Quarterly Statistical Reports,

monthly reports and arranges food transport, etc.

We encourage you to come by on a Saturday from 9-12 and see what we do.

Bob Bossdorf, Co-Director



LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild had another great day at Freedom's Old Home Week. The church was filled with quilts, crafts, aprons, pot holders, microwave bowl holders, clothing protectors, table runners, and lots more, on display for our shoppers to choose from.

The weather was beautiful which brought many people out to watch the parade, etc.

The Guild continues to meet on Mondays to make quilts for the Memorial Hospital Birthing Center and for sale. Our sales enable us to purchase fabric, batting and needed supplies to continue our ministry.

The Guild's next sale will be "When Freedom Rings in the Holidays" in November.

Tickets for our beautiful 2019 raffle quilt may be purchased on Mondays, Sundays after church or from a Guild member.

Myrtle MacLeod, Guild Secretary

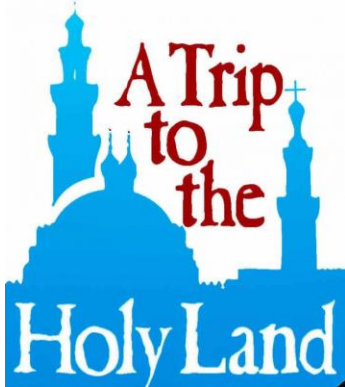


Fall is here.....can you believe it?

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



A man, his wife and his mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them "you can have her shipped home for \$5,000 or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150." The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home.

The undertaker asked "why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to have her buried here and spend only \$150?" The man replied, "A Man died here 2000 years ago, was buried here and three days later He rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

"Who Am I?"

The following riddle was written by a woman in California over 100 years ago in the late 1800's. The answer is one word, five letters long and appears only four times in its various forms in the Authorized King James Bible. Have fun. **You'll find the answer in the Nov/Dec 2019 newsletter!**

**God made Adam out of dust,
But thought it best to make me first:
So I was made before the man,
According to God's holy plan.
My whole body God made complete,
Without arms or hands or feet.
My ways and acts did God control,
But in my body he placed no soul.
A living being I became,
And Adam gave to me a name.
Then from his presence I withdrew,
For this man Adam I never knew.**

**All my Maker's laws I do obey,
And from these laws I never stray.
Thousands of me go in fear,
But seldom on the earth appear.
Later, for a purpose God did see,
He placed a living soul in me.
But that soul of mine God had to claim,
And from me He took it back again.
And when this soul from me had fled,
I was the same as when first made;
Without arms, legs, feet or soul,
I travel on from pole to pole.**

**My labors are from day to night,
And to men I once furnished light.
Thousands of people, both young and old,
Did by my death bright lights behold.
No right or wrong can I conceive;
The Bible and its teachings I can't believe.
The fear of death doesn't trouble me;
Pure happiness I will never see.
And up in Heaven I can never go,
Nor in the grave or Hell below.**

**So get your Bible and read with care;
You'll find my name recorded there.**

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