



First Christian Church of Freedom
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Freedom Rings

Newsletter
July/August



Pastors Ramblings!

SUMMER'S HERE AGAIN!

Despite a cold spring, the 4th of July weekend reminds us of summer's return (also the traffic). Whereas most churches have a big fall-off in attendance, First Christian actually increases. So, we can expect lots of visitors over the next month or two, which also means opportunities to share the Word and show what a 'welcoming congregation' looks like. We don't have air-conditioning or bathrooms close by or other amenities to provide comfort, but we do have a meaningful, Christ-centered worship and friendly fellowship to offer. The words of our

Gospel for July 2nd says: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me... And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matt. 10:40-42) These were instructions given by Jesus to the disciples as they went out on their mission. We might take them to heart as we receive guests into our midst during these summer months.

We also have some busy times ahead. The Directory is in its finishing stages, and we thank everyone who came to have their pictures taken. It'll be a wonderful tool in creating a closer congregation, one in which we know one another better. Our 'music camp' is another event that brings our community together as we celebrate "Old Home Week" in Freedom. We hope everyone will come to their performance on Sunday, July 30th, at the elementary school. I hear that there may be a 'continental breakfast' prior to that at the town hall. Everyone has received communication on a 'big event' being planned for the Capital Campaign in August, and a picnic is being worked on as well. So, the summer is shaping up to be a busy one, and we hope everyone can participate. See you in church!

Pastor Larry



they are not alone...we are all Christ's children and we can and will lift each other up in the face of these difficulties.

See you around town,

Sandy Boyle

President of Church Council

Study^{the} Bible
with us



President's Message

"Sweet, Sweet" summer has finally arrived and it's shaping up to be a busy and fun filled couple of months. There will be lots of things to choose from... concerts, plays, a garden tour, OHW, the craft fair, as well as a special concert to celebrate 150 years of our church building, all this and more.

Many of you are aware of the need to raise money to address some very pressing internal and external structural problems of the church building that are in need of repair; # 1 being the church roof! We have started a rather ambitious fundraiser in order to raise funds to be added to our Capital Campaign Fund that will help to get repairs started as soon as possible. There are different levels and ways people can contribute, and maybe one will meet your own personal financial needs, but whatever you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. This building has been a fabric of people's lives here in Freedom for the past 150 years and we hope it will be around for the next 150. Please know, if all you can do is buy a ticket or two for this special Modernistics concert on Aug. 11; this fundraiser will be a success! A special thanks, in advance, to all who may contribute to this special cause.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and I hope you enjoy all Freedom has to offer over these coming months. There will be new things to do and new people to meet, so reach out and welcome them to our lovely town.

Remember those who are ill, those who may feel alienated, or lonely etc. and let them know

All are invited to Camp Calumet each week on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. during the summer 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



6th Grade Graduation Brunch

On Thursday, June 15, our church honored the graduating Freedom Elementary School 6th graders with a brunch. They walked up from the school and enjoyed an array of breakfast dishes! This has become an annual event.

Many thanks to Gail Bizer who organized the event and also to David and Kathy Avery, Lucy Kendall, Judy Robertson, Bev Grant, Carol Cunio, Karen Olszewski, Norma Johnson, Maureen Elliott, Pastor and Nancy Wogman and Mark McKinley.



Strawberry Festival at First Christian Church of Freedom

Join us on July 9 following the worship service for a strawberry festival to support our summer Music Theater Camp. In lieu of the usual coffee hour, there will be strawberry shortcake. A \$5/person or \$15/family donation is suggested. The proceeds from the festival will benefit the summer Music Theater Camp that is held during Freedom Old Home Week and is open to children in the community. Thrivent Financial has provided funding for the festival. So-join your friends after church for the festivities. It's a time to relax, meet friends, celebrate summer and support a good cause. For more information contact NancyWogman@aol.com, 539-2783.



Retired Senior Volunteer Program Luncheon (RSVP)

Each year RSVP honors those volunteers that have contributed 25 hours or more to the program. In 2016, Carroll County volunteers at

46 stations donated 38,386 hours of volunteer service! That equates to a value of \$891,317 if those volunteers were paid.



This year the First Christian Church of Freedom Ladies Guild and the Food Pantry were honored to have Peg Nichols receive the Barbara J. Hunt award for her more than 2000 hours of volunteer service during the past 10 years. Peg volunteers weekly and we are so grateful for her selfless commitment! Additionally, Bob Bossdorf, Pat Riker and Nancy Wogman received a five year award, Myrtle McLeod, Peg Nichols and George Thompson received a 10 year award, and Lee Allison received a 20 year award.

The RSVP is dedicated to developing meaningful opportunities for volunteers age 55 and over who want to find challenging, rewarding and significant service roles in communities and to work with community groups such as schools, libraries, food pantries, hospitals and disabled and low income elderly.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION NOMINATION FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Our very own Doris Sirois was recognized and received the Community Service Award from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. She has been the Director of the Freedom Food Pantry since 2012 and during the past six years has had a huge impact on the operation of the facility, resulting in more funding, distribution and, consequently, exceptional results for needy clients.

In addition to Pantry duties, Doris is a wonderful and supportive friend to everyone she knows. If she sees a personal need, she is the first in line to give a hand and offer support. This quality spurs her to reach out beyond the Pantry and into the community at large, again and again.

So, congratulations Doris!



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, either because of health issues or other concerns, 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.



Choir singers wanted. There is always room for more singers. No audition required. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights at 7. Come join us!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAMILY AND BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER?

When you're a member of a church, it means you've made a commitment to your faith. You have said "I'm a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of a Christian community." It also helps from the church's point of view to know who can be counted on to continue the church.

First Christian Church has 2 categories of members. One is as a full member – those who consider First Christian Church of Freedom their primary church. We also have a second category of people who may belong to another congregation. It's called 'associate membership'. It may be that a person is a lifetime member of a church in another state, and really wants to retain their membership there. Or, it may be, as is the case with me and many others, that for other benefits, one wants to maintain membership in a church of a particular denomination, or where one's family has always been a member, and it is necessary or desirable that one retain membership in a denominational church. In this case, one can become an associate member here and have all the privileges of a full member – vote, pastoral care, involvement in various ministries, serving in leadership, etc.

We want to invite those who are not, to become full or associate members. Being on this 'list' does not make anyone better or more *Christian than anyone else, but it does help us get 'a handle' on 'who we are' as a congregation, and maybe how we need to shape our mission and ministries.*

Please let us know about joining (it's free!), or if you're not sure, speak to Pastor Larry or call the church office 539-6484

Louise Anderson, Nathaniel & Carolyn Anderson, Kathy Avery, Tarryn Balch, Matt Barnicle, Phil Beckwith, Gail Bizer, Jim Blake, Ellie Bossdorf, Harold Boynton, Kevin Boynton, Harold Brown Jr., Kathy Brownrigg, Carolyn Clancy, Celia Costa, Greg, Dayton, Connie Dockham, Sally Downey, David Eldridge, Robert Elliott, Delores Ellis, Joanne Fuller, Jane Garnsey, Michael Gaudette's sister-in-law, Cynthia Granahan, Karen Hopkins, Glenn Hormell, Elmer Killam, Pauline Leclerc, Gayle Lee, Jean Marshall, Mary Mayhew, Donald McCauley, Carol Melvidas, Judy Michaels, Bill Nason, Peter Nichols, Pat & Roger Olson, DeMott Post, Harry Potter, Jeannie Rogers, Kim Rose, Marci Sharp, Kathleen Sherin, Marcus Sims, Barrie Stokes, Dick Stosez, Mike Sudak, Marc Thurrell, Cheryl Vitum, Joy Anna Winslow, Eli Workman and all our country's military personnel and their families.

To ensure your prayer request is added to the list, please write the information down and place it in the offering plate, Patty's mail slot or on her desk. Thank you.



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.



New Members Are Joining

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED!

We are pleased to be receiving new members this summer (not sure of exact date). They are:

Don and Cheryl Harris

Karl and Eileen Gunkel

Don and Janet Johnson

Gordon Ahlstrom

Barbara McAvoy

Some are joining as Associate Members in order to maintain a relationship with other churches, but for all intents and purposes, they are full participants in the life of First Christian, and we hope everyone will welcome them in. Their addresses and phone numbers will be in the new directory which we'll have shortly.



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 Lee Allison at 539-6429 or the Sheriff directly at 539-2284.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church expenses are \$5,400 higher than income through June 10, 2017 due primarily to lagging 2017 pledge income. One large donor has not yet made their 2017 donation. Repairs to the roof above the offices are in process. The impact on the 2017 budget will not be known until the repairs and the Capital

Campaign fund raising is complete.

The parsonage tenant lease runs out July 31, 2017. A new tenant has been identified and we are working with her to coordinate the paperwork and repairs required to have it ready for her in August.

2016 audit information has been provided to our Church Auditors for their review.

Church investments continue to perform well and are secure at the custodians.

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, First Christian Church of Freedom



OFFERING COUNTERS

The church service collections are in good shape at this point in the year. As of June 18, 2017 we have received \$32,199, which is 44% of the

We are embarking on a capital campaign this summer to raise needed funds to repair and maintain our historical building. We are thankful that members have continued to support our church through their pledge commitments and through general offerings each week. These make our church financially strong and ensure the successful running of day-to-day operations.

The Deacons have custody of medical items available for loan purposes. Currently the following items are stored in the church barn and may be borrowed by contacting George Thompson at 539-4601, or the Church at 539-6484.

Commodes
Potty Seats
Shower Chairs
Blow-Up Mattress



The Scholarship Committee met on May 11th to review applications and choose this year's recipients for the George T. Davidson, Jr. scholarship awards. It is never an easy task and I think this year seemed the most difficult- so many students with terrific qualifications across the board. We labored through the process and would like to introduce you to this great group: **Shelby Cyr** is a recent Kennett graduate, who is a member of the National Technical Honor Society. She was also recognized by the North Conway Rotary Club for service, as well as by Conway School Board for Academic Achievement. She plans to attend White Mountain Community College. She has already completed a semester before she graduated. Her dream is to own her own bakery, with an emphasis on Wedding and specialty cakes.

Samantha Ducker is another recent Kennett grad. She has been on their honor roll for multiple semesters, has been vice-president, and later president of the HOSA -Future Health Professionals Club, and received awards in two competitions; one for Health Education and the other in a Nursing Assistant competition. She

will be attending the University of New England as a nursing major. Her goal is to become an international traveling labor and delivery nurse.

Rebecca Lees, our 4th KHS graduate who was chosen as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist, is a member of the National Honor Society, and was recognized for academic excellence by the Conway School Board. While at Kennett, she took AP classes in Biology and Calculus as well as Advanced Physics. By challenging herself with these classes, she discovered fields of interest that she could see herself thriving in. She is deciding between Hofstra and Fordham, and will major in either Biology or Math.

Meredith Paulding is no stranger to FCC. We have watched her grow up! She just graduated from Fryeburg Academy where she excelled: 4 years, High Honor Roll, National Honor Society member/secretary, DAR Award for American History among recognitions she received. She attended the Dirigo Girls State Seminar to study levels of government and was chosen "Outstanding Girl" in her group. She has also been active in community service here in Freedom as well as in Maine. She plans to attend St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Tanner Wheeler rounds out the group. He was a 2015 graduate of Kennett, where he was a National Honor Society Member, and graduated in the top ten of his class. He participated in sports programs and clubs and has gone on to do the same at UNH. He is in the Honors Program there, making the Dean's List every semester. He has also continued his volunteer work there, helping with beach clean-ups and working with the Nature Conservancy. He also does service work at UNH. He is majoring in Business Administration-Finance and Management.

Pastor Larry and Paul Olzerowicz attended the award ceremony at Kennett to present the scholarships.

Serving on this year's Scholarship Committee were Velma Hormell, Paul Olzerowicz Judy Robertson, George Thompson, Pastor Larry, and Jane Hartnett.

LATE BREAKING NEWS!

The church picnic will be held on **Monday, Aug. 14th**, in the afternoon and early evening at the Davidson Camp off of Lake Ossipee Road. Details and sign up to follow.



FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN!!!

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

Sincerely,

Patty Dumas



TEN OF THE BEST, WITTY AND FUNNY CHURCH SIGNS!

1. Notice in a church parking lot. Trespassers will be Baptised.
2. If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.
3. Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
4. How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?
5. Fight truth decay -- study the Bible daily.
6. No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace
7. Free Trip to Heaven. Details Inside!
8. When the restaurant next to a chapel put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays", the chapel reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays too!"
9. Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.
10. In the dark? Follow the Son.

The Capital Improvement Committee would like to remind you the fundraiser is for the Church Building and in celebration of its 150th anniversary. Let's make it happen for the next 150 years. Be a sponsor and get your tickets. Thank you!

The Modernistics



Music and Dance from the Great American Songbook

Peter H. Bloom, flute; Mark Leighton, guitar; Ted Powers, guitar, ukulele, tap and vocals; and Pamela Powers, vocals and tap.

TICKETS

**Individual Tickets: \$20 rollinslu58@gmail.com
539.7791 – 539.8617**

WARD BOAT SHOP

Areas in and around Freedom

Capital Improvement Fund – First Christian Church
Tax Deductible

Friday, August 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Freedom Elementary School, 40 Loon Lake Road



Join us for a toe-tapping show of Music and Dance from the Great American Songbook with ***The Modernistics***.

Favorites by: Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Jerome Kern
Songs: ***Blue Skies, Let's Misbehave, Sunny Side of the Street, Top Hat, Paper Moon, It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing***

***Sponsorship levels:** **Back Pew** \$300 plus 1 ticket
Front Pew \$750 plus 2 tickets
Choir Loft \$1000 plus 4 tickets

Program Ads are full page at \$150. Ads must be print ready: jmanley1@hotmail.com

**Sponsors are listed in the program unless otherwise designated*



Announcing the 12th Annual:

First Christian Church of Freedom Children's Summer Theater Camp



Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

Monday, July 24th - Friday, July 28th
10 AM - 3 PM

At the Freedom Elementary School

This is a week that parents and children look forward to each Summer. The children will learn memorable songs, do some fun choreography, and take pride in presenting a play that will be enjoyed by the whole community. This year's play will be "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics," a comic retelling of the story of God's liberation of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Plagues of frogs, lice, flies, fleas, and more will descend upon the people of Egypt before Pharaoh will listen to Moses and let the people go.

The children should bring a lunch with beverage and an afternoon snack each day. Casual clothing is fine but please, no flip-flops or open-toed shoes. The cost is \$15 for the week. Scholarships are available. Please register by July 16th to ensure that there will be costumes, scripts, and supplies enough for everyone. Children must be at least 7 years of age.

Registration forms are available at The First Christian Church of Freedom at 12 Elm St., Freedom; phone # (603) 539-6484 or on the church website, www.firstchristianchurchoffreedom.org. For further information contact Carolyn Olzerowicz at (603) 569-5711 or at colzerowicz@gmail.com.

Performances at the Freedom Elementary School

Friday, July 28th at 2:30 PM, &
Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 AM
At the FCCF Old Home Week
Worship Service

Freedom Old Home Week Parade

Saturday, July 29th at 9:30 AM
Camp participants will board the camp
float at the Freedom Elementary School.

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

First Christian Church of Freedom
Summer Theater Camp Registration Form
July 24th-28th, 2017

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Phone # during camp hours _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail address _____

Alternate contact in case of emergency _____ phone # _____

Allergies or Food intolerances? _____

Medical conditions we should know about? _____

Child's physician _____ phone # _____

Insurance information _____

Do we have your permission to obtain medical treatment in case of an emergency? _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____

Clothing size (for costumes) _____

Do we have your permission to use camp photos that include your child on our Church Website?
_____ In the local newspaper? _____ Initials _____

A rehearsal CD will be mailed to you as registration forms are received. Please learn the songs as best you can before camp begins. This way we will have more time to learn movement, block scenes and work on acting. For additional information call Carolyn Olzerowicz at (603) 569-5711 or email at colzerowicz@gmail.com. Church office phone # is (603) 539-6484.

Please return this form as soon as possible along with \$15 cash or
check made out to FCCF, memo Theater Camp to:

The First Christian Church of Freedom
PO Box 502 Freedom, NH 03836

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10 am Food Pantry
2 9 am Choir 10 am Sunday Service	3 9 am Ladies Guild	4 10:30 am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir	5	6 10 am Book Club	7	8 10 am Food Pantry Annual
9 9 am Choir 10am Sunday Service Strawberry Festival	10 9 am Ladies Guild	11 10:30 am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir	12	13 10 am Book Club	14	15 10 am Food Pantry
16 9 am Choir 10am Sunday Service	17 9 am Ladies Guild	18 10:30 am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir	19 7pm Council Meeting	20 10 am Book Club	21	22 10 am Food Pantry
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am Choir 10am Sunday Service	9 am Ladies Guild Children's Music Camp	10:30 am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Children's Music Camp	Children's Music Camp	10 am Book Club Children's Music Camp	Children's Summer Theater Dress Rehearsal	9:30 am OHW Parade 10 am Food Pantry
30	31					
Continental Breakfast 9 am Choir 10am Sunday Service Children's Summer Theater Presentation	9 am Ladies Guild					

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 9:30 am OHW Craft Fair BBQ Lunch	5 10 am Food Pantry
6 Blessing of the Animals OHW Closing Service 10 am Sunday Service	7 9 am Ladies Guild	8 10:30 Bible Study at Calumet	9	10 9 am Deacons Meeting 10am Book Club	11	12 10 am Food Pantry
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