



First Christian Church of Freedom

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Newsletter June 2016



Pastors Corner

MINISTRY TO OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

One of the comments often heard around our church is the lack of young people. It's true that we don't really have a Sunday School or a Youth Group like many of us grew up with. Part of it is the nature of this area, another part is the priorities of modern parents, and a third part is the difficulty in getting volunteers to 'staff' it. However, we aren't as unresponsive as some would think.

Our Christian Education Committee has seen to it that we've offered Sunday School each Sunday. A person is designated to see if any children at the service would like to come back for a lesson every Sunday. We also offer a wonderful Music Camp Week in the middle of the summer that has had 20 - 25 students. On Christmas Eve we have a great pageant where we 'recruit' children to take on various parts. We just

awarded 5 scholarships to students pursuing a college education, almost always going to a Freedom resident and this year amounting to \$1000 per person. Each year we sponsor a 'graduation brunch' for the 6th graders at Freedom School, doing it for 9 children recently. Beyond that, the Quilting Guild that meets each Monday has donated more than 250 small quilts for babies at Memorial Hospital in North Conway this year. Finally, the Food Pantry has provided food to all area residents who have a need, many of whom are children. There is a Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is also available to those who have needs, and has been given to several families. So, it may not appear that we have an abundance of children here in our midst, but we are aware of the importance of our children and youth, and gladly 'reach out' in Christian love in whatever ways we can.

We, of course, welcome babies, children, and youth to our services, and are hopeful that the tide will change and, once again, we'll have more than we can handle. But, in the meantime, we continue to do ministry with anyone we can. May God continue to bless our ministry in the village and surrounding areas. See you in church! Pastor Larry



Small Addition to our Worship Service - "The Assurance of Forgiveness"

This 'assurance' follows our confessional prayer in the service, and is one of the functions of the pastor - to remind us (the congregation), that we are assured of forgiveness because of what Jesus did on the cross. When the pastor (priest or minister) speaks from the

altar, facing the congregation, he/she is reflecting the thoughts of God. In that sense, I am not speaking my thoughts, but what God and the congregation has called me to do. So, it's important that after we have confessed our sin, it is my responsibility to share that God does accept our words, and wants us to know that we are forgiven and now prepared to hear God's Word of love and guidance. We continue the service with the reading of Scripture and sermon that inspire us to continue in our Christian way. Please let the Worship and Music Committee know if this is helpful.



President's Message

We are approaching one of our busiest and most fun times of the year, beautiful, warm summer! There will be much to do and fun to be had by all. Line dancing has started and if you're interested, they meet at the Town Hall on Mon. evenings @ 7 PM. No experience needed...just come and enjoy!!

I am coordinating my column this month with LuAnn Rollins, chair of the Membership Committee, because we tend to work closely together with the planning of the various church activities. I will list just a few of the upcoming events.

A Fellowship Dinner is being planned by our Membership Committee for July 17 at the Province Lake Golf Club Restaurant. There is information in the Fellowship Room regarding time, menu, etc. We hope many of you can join us.

Looking a little ahead, though I hate the thought of rushing the summer, we can't forget the Church Picnic in Sept. As you can see, there is much to choose from and lots to do, along with the town's Old Home Week and Craft Fair to keep us as busy as we choose to be!

Since our last newsletter, we have taken in 7 new members, with the possibility of 2-4 new members by Sept/Oct. First Christian Church continues to grow and we are blessed to have so many volunteers willing to help keep our church relevant and inclusive to all who wish to partake of what we have to offer. As church President, my heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every one of you for all that you do to make that happen.

I am looking forward to attending as many of the above events as I am able, as well as, enjoying the camaraderie and fellowship with all of you. Have a wonderful summer!
Sandy Boyle
President Church Council
Be seeing you around town



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 10:30 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.



The Scholarship Committee met on May 5th to review applications received for the George T. Davidson, Jr. Scholarship. In total, 74 applications were received. After much deliberation, 5 recipients were chosen:

Nora Devine
 Madelyn Glavin
 Hillary Johnson
 Nathanael Mathieu
 Tanner Wheeler

The following served on this year's committee: Velma Hormell, Paul Olzerowicz, Judith Robertson, Pastor Larry, Jane Hartnett, and Dean Robertson. Dean filled in for Sandy Boyle who was unavailable due to a prior commitment.

Pastor Larry and Paul Olzerowicz volunteered to attend the ceremony at Kennett to present the awards on behalf of the church.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Hartnett, chair

The following is a note that recently arrived at church from a recipient of a 2016 scholarship:

Dear First Christian Church of Freedom,

I would like to thank you for awarding me a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship means a great deal to me as I grew up attending your church every Sunday. I even went to church on Wednesdays, rushing off the bus for church club.

This fall, I plan to make the best of your award at the University of New Hampshire. I will be studying biological and environmental sciences, hoping to earn my master's by the end of it.

Your gift will help lighten the financial burden of college tuition. I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you, Hillary L. Johnson



Intergenerational Christian Education News

At First Christian, there are activities for all ages when it comes to Christian Education. Our Faith Journey never ends and we are committed to providing a firm foundation for our youth and opportunities for all ages to continue that journey.

The Christian Ed. Committee met on May 25, 2016.

Many thanks to our teachers who continue to teach on a rotating basis. They are Carol McIntire, Petula Plunges, Heide Paulding and Nancy Wogman.

On June 15, we hosted the graduating 6th graders for a brunch held at the church. Many thanks to Gail Bizer for coordinating this event and to Chris Boynton, Carol McIntire, Frank Cunio, Lucy Kendall, David and Kathy Avery, Judy Robertson, Karen Olszewski, Pastor Wogman, and Nancy Wogman for assisting.

On July 10, we will hold a Berry Festival to raise funds for our summer music/theater camp. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250 to purchase the food and decorations!

Sunday School will continue each Sunday. The Adult Book Group is now meeting on Thursdays at 10 a.m. The Bible Study is held at Camp Calumet and is led by Pastor Wogman. Plan to attend if you are able!



A note from your head ushers

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 contact one of the Head Ushers (Mark McKinley 539-6577 or Judy Blake 539-5453). 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 or Jim. Thank you



Funeral Service for Craig Devine - June 16

A small group of us went down to the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen to pay final respects to a dear member of our congregation. Mark McKinley, Bonnie McCue, Pat and Charlie Bojus and myself held a small funeral, along with Craig's sister and friend, the funeral director and graveyard attendant. Full military honors were also given Craig, with bugler and 2 flag bearers. Several made remarks about Craig's life, and we reflected on God's promise to all who believe. It was a beautiful day in a wonderful park-like setting, and a fitting tribute to a rather 'tragic' figure, but one of God's adopted sons who loved our little community here in Freedom. It was a privilege to be his pastor and share a short time knowing him. Many thanks to Pat Bojus for her loving ministry and ongoing compassion!



PRAYER LIST

Louise Anderson, Nathaniel & Carolyn Anderson, Kathy Avery, Tarryn Balch, Stephen Barnickle, Phil Beckwith, Howard Bouve', Chris Boynton, Kathy Brownrigg, Harold Brown Jr., Carolyn Clancy, Priscilla Collette, Jason Crawford, Pauline Crawford, Elise Crommett, Sarah Dayton, Florence Dellecese, Sally Downey, Irene Eichler, Jane Garnsey, Michael Gaudette's sister-in-law, Linnie Giles, Kathleen Helfrich, Karen Hopkins, Glenn Hormell, Norma Johnson's brother, cousin and sister, Phyllis Kenison, Elmer Killam, Ginny Lanoue, Gerry Littlefield, Jean Marshall, The Nephew of Fuzzy Martin, Carol

Melvidas, Frank Meserve, Bill Nason, DeMott Post, Jeannie Rogers, Jen Scales, Kathleen Sherin, Dan Spear, Dick Stosez, Mike Sudak, Michael Sweeney, Jim Tracey, Cheryl Vitum, Joy Anna Winslow 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.



Please be sure the office has your email address. Obviously, if you received this newsletter we have your email in the computer. If you picked up the newsletter in your mailbox, however, and you have email, let us know so you can receive it by email next time. A sign-up sheet will be available throughout the year in the Fellowship Room. If you are not a member of the Church and would like to receive the newsletter by email, be sure and let us know.



Our Church Family

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



Please welcome the newest members of our church family:

Joined May 29, 2016

Pastor Carol Ames – PO Box 33, Freedom

Email: grammycarol70@gmail.com

Mary Marchand – 29 Eaton Road, Freedom

Email: franmaryzoey@gmail.com

Marcus Sims – PO Box 152, Freedom

Email: mdsims2002@yahoo.com

Sarah Owen Tabor – PO Box 109, Freedom

Email: kelmescott7@roadrunner.com

Joined June 26, 2016

June Burt – 154 Freedom Point Rd., Freedom

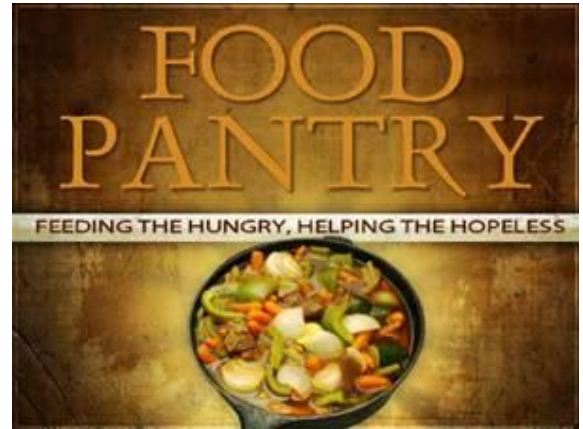
Email: june01328@hotmail.com

Richard Burt – 154 Freedom Point Rd., Freedom

Email: rich.burt9@gmail.com

Lauren Stoddard – 340 Pequawket Tr., Freedom

Email: vpgvvet@aol.com



FREEDOM FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry continues to serve the wider community (Freedom, Ossipee, and Effingham), recently we had 16 families, then we might get two weeks with 5-8, then up to 15 again, the need is definitely there and we continue to serve the need. Wal-Mart and the Food Bank continue to help us with food, so do the many local people and organizations. Our volunteers continue to step up and Doris and Paul and the Bossi's continue to do the heavy work. I am trying to work on producing reports now that we have the information on our families in the computer. Working currently on USDA. Other than that "the beat goes on!"

Bob Bossdorf, Co-Director



FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Summer is here!

It was a busy spring and I look forward to a busy summer. I've learned what a wonderful, caring, close community that is the First Christian Church of Freedom. I'm glad to be a part of it.

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



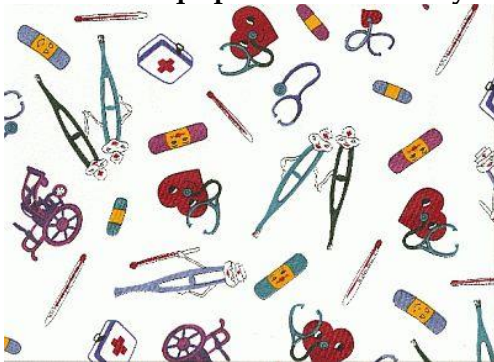
FUND RAISING

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 just received the new catalog for 2016. 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

Medical Equipment Availability



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:

Wheel Chairs

Crutches

Canes

Walkers

Shower Transfer Benches

Commodes

Potty Seats

Shower Chairs

Blow-Up Mattress



In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'



7/9 – Barnstormers Theatre Event Matinee presents “**Sylvia**”, a laugh-out-loud, hysterical and charmingly poignant play, offering a new take on the complicated terrain of the love triangle. By the way, Sylvia is a dog. The play starts at 2pm. Tickets are \$19.80 per person. After the play you are invited to join us at Jake's Seafood Restaurant in West Ossipee. RSVP by June 26th. Call Sandy Boyle for more details.



The Ossipee Concerned Citizens, Inc. is requesting your help in filling the need for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to the home-bound in Ossipee, Effingham and Freedom. The meals routes take an hour or more to complete. If you are interested, please contact Bob Bossdorf. They are also in need of people to join the Board. If interested call OCC at 539-6851. Thank you for your help.



7/10 – Strawberry Festival here at the church. 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. 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



The **Fellowship Dinner and Storytelling** by Arthur Surette, will be held on **July 17th**, 4pm at the Province Lake Golf Club. Tickets are \$26 per person. Contact LuAnn at 539-4130 for more information.

There are many wonderful happenings starting in July:



7/2 - American Civil War Music Concert presented by the banjo musical group Hardtack at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.



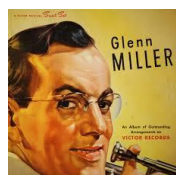
7/4 – Chicken BBQ at 5 pm; at 6:30 pm, Blue Hill Brass Band concert followed by an ice cream social. These take place at the Family Camp Big Top Tent at Camp Calumet.



7/9 – String Concert presented by String Equinox: Shana Aisenberg & Beverly Woods at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.



7/16 – American Gospel Music Concert presented by Jeff Warner at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.



7/22 – Glenn Miller Orchestra 2016 at Great Waters Music Festival, Wolfeboro at 7:30 pm.



7/23 – Accordion Concert presented by Gary Sredskienski, The Accordion Ma at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.



7/30 – Piano & Flute Concert presented by Local Rhapsodies, Rebecca Moore & Lauren Houlihan at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.



8/6 – Accordion, Fiddle & Storytelling Hour presented by Allison Aldrich & Hunt Smith at the Camp Calumet Conference Center at 7:30 pm.

For the events taking place at Camp Calumet, please call 539-4773 for more information

Elijah!

God's Faithful Prophet

Announcing the 11th Annual:

**First Christian Church of Freedom
Children's Summer Theater Camp**



**Monday, July 25th - Friday, July 29th
10 AM - 3 PM
At the Freedom Elementary School**

The children will spend the week acting, singing, and dancing. There will be plenty of time for crafts and play as well. By Friday afternoon they will be ready to perform this year's play, "Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet," a comic retelling of the Biblical story of Elijah and the contest against the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. This is always a fun and rewarding week for everyone. The children should bring a lunch with beverage and an afternoon snack each day. The cost is \$15 for the week. Scholarships are available. Registration by July 20th will ensure that there will be costumes and supplies enough for everyone. Children must be at least 8 years of age.

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

Performances at the Freedom Elementary School

Friday, July 29th at 2:30 PM, &
Sunday, July 31st at 10:00 AM
At the FCCF Old Home Week
Worship Service

Freedom Old Home Week Parade

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

Elijah!

First Christian Church of Freedom

Summer Theater Camp

July 25th-29th, 2016

Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Home phone # _____ 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? _____ 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 2016

(See page 7 for July special events)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10am Food Pantry
3 9am Choir 10am Sunday Service	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 7pm Line Dancing	5 10:30am Bible Study at Calumet 7pm Choir	6 8am Walking Group	7 10am Book Club	8	9 10am Food Pantry
10 9am Choir 10am Sunday Service Strawberry Festival	11 9am Ladies Guild 7pm Line Dancing	12 10:30am Bible Study at Calumet 7pm Choir	13 8am Walking Group	14 10am Book Club	15	16 10am Food Pantry
17 9am Choir 10am Sunday Service Fellowship Dinner	18 9am Ladies Guild 7pm Line Dancing	19 10:30am Bible Study at Calumet 7pm Choir	20 8am Walking Group 7pm Council Meeting	21 10am Book Club	22 Glenn Miller	23 10am Food Pantry
24 9am Choir 10am Sunday Service	25 9am Ladies Guild 7pm Line Dancing Music Camp	26 10:30am Bible Study at Calumet 7pm Choir Music Camp	27 8am Walking Group Music Camp	28 10am Book Club Music Camp	29 Music Camp	30 10am Food Pantry
31 9am Choir 10am Sunday Service						

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9am Ladies Guild 7pm Line Dancing	2 10:30am Bible Study at Calumet 7pm Choir	3 8am Walking Group	4 10am Book Club	5 Freedom Craft Fair	6 10am Food Pantry
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