



The Deaconer October 2007



Worship Services – October

October 7 – Communion - Rev. David Forrey will preach and lead worship

Scripture:

Lay Reader: Craig Clark

Sermon:

Usher:

Greeter: Jennifer Skelton & Michael Picinisco

Deacon of the Month: Sue Chatwin

October 14 – Stewardship Sunday – We'll focus on the gifts of God and our call to use those gifts in God's service

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31, 2 Corinthians 9:7-15

Lay Reader: Martha Thomas

Sermon: *Blessed in Every Way*

Usher: Alice & Frens Zwart

Greeter: Anita & Charles Phillips

Deacon of the Month: Sue Chatwin

October 21

Scripture: Romans 13:1-10, John 15: 18-27

Lay Reader: Barbara Wells

Sermon: *Finding Our Place*

Usher: Jane Hannon & Sue Campbell

Greeter: Una & Joe Bigelow

Deacon of the Month: Sue Chatwin

October 28 – Reformation Sunday

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 18: 31-34

Lay Reader: Frens Zwart

Sermon: *Darwin was Right*

Usher: Rick & Janet Kohlmorgen

Greeter:

Deacon of the Month: Sue Chatwin

Understanding the World's Religions

I encourage you to find and take the 'quiz' on religious literacy located in this month's Deaconer. The startling fact is that most of us know very little about religions other than our own, and many of us know too little about the basics of our OWN religion. For example, do you understand the fundamental differences between Protestant denominations? Many Christians know they believe in the Bible, even if they aren't quite sure what it says. ***For five weeks, beginning October 21, we'll meet from 11:30 – 12:30 upstairs in the Sanctuary to discuss some of the fundamentals of the most prominent faiths of our world today.*** According to Stephen Prothero, professor at Boston University and author of Religious Literacy, it is essential for us, as people of faith and citizens of this religiously plural society, to understand the basic tenets of faiths such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Religious words and ideas permeate our culture, from politics to media to entertainment to discussions at work. Rather than relying on experts, political pundits, or talking heads, we'll be able to decide for ourselves questions like, “Do Buddhists believe in God?” “Is Islam a religion of violence or peace?” “Are Mormons Christians?” Please join us for what should prove to be an interesting and enlightening discussion. Please call the church office (899-5722) if you're interested in coming and would like child care to be provided.

Jim Melhorn

Celebration of Discipline

It's never too late to start! Our discussion group meets once a month to discuss and work through the spiritual program described in Richard Foster's best-selling book, Celebration of Discipline. We learn a lot, have a lot of fun, and continue to grow in faith and spirit. Come and check it out!

Our next meeting will be at October 23, 7 pm in the Sunday School room.



CROP Walk

2008 annual CROP Walk will be hosted by the **Advent Lutheran Church in Rindge** this year. It is on **October 20th** with registration beginning at **8:00^{am}**. The walk is 4.38 miles in Rindge. There will be a stop for bathrooms and also water/apples. At the end of the walk, there will be a pancake breakfast at the Advent Lutheran Church in celebration.

Please contact **Amy Lanza** for further information. If you can't walk, you can sponsor.

Welcome Baskets

The Membership Committee has Welcome Baskets available. If you have a new neighbor, this would be a nice way to introduce yourself and the church to them. They may be picked up at the church or speak to any member of the committee (Susan Casey, Steve Henrikson, Lois May and Marcie Miller).

Common Grounds Coffeehouse

We started in September with a wonderful show, featuring local artists Zo Tobi and Amy Petty. Zo's deeply moving songs and inventive guitar playing and Amy's lush vocals left a lasting impression with the all-ages audience, made up of some of Zo's fans and friends and some of our local 'regulars'.

Our Featured Performer for Friday, October 12, at 8 pm is **Josh Brooks**. Here's some information about Josh:

Although he'd like to tell you about how he hitchhiked across country with nothing but his guitar, a bag of beef jerky and a funny hat, Josh Brooks is exactly who his songs say he is: a father, husband, life-long Vermonter, and thoughtful observer of the world. When Josh released his eponymous seven-song demo in 1999, he was immediately labeled 'the future of folk music in Vermont' (Burlington Free Press). Josh's first full-length album, *I Have Tried to Run* (2000) bore this prediction out, leading VPR folk DJ Robert Reznik to proclaim: "Josh demonstrates a memorable and dramatic individual style that is all his own. His music and lyrics sound like the product of a person with more mileage and burnish than 25 years usually affords."

After two years performing throughout the northeast and opening for the likes of Tom Rush and Ellis Paul, Josh's 2003 release *Better Days* found him drawing inspiration from country stalwarts Hank Williams and Merle Haggard, and expanding his musical horizons with the addition of drummer Kent Blackmer. Following a three year hiatus dedicated to family and grad school, Josh has returned with a five-song EP called *The White House Sessions*. Critical acclaim for *Sessions* has been universal, with Josh LaClair of Seven Days saying: "Brooks addresses both personal and universal themes with emotional authenticity," and Len Sousa of Northeast Performer calling Josh: 'a gifted songwriter with an old soul perspective one can't help but listen to over and over again.'

Opening for Josh will be **Martha and Lou Thomas**, talented musicians and members of our church. Please come on out and show your support. Common Grounds is not just for young people or old people, it's for people of all ages who enjoy good quality live music in a comfortable, smoke and alcohol-free setting.

Upcoming Performers:

November 9 – Tripping Lilly Boston-based band featuring new and classic bluegrass music with a decidedly modern twist. One of the most talked-about bands on the Boston acoustic music scene. "Equal parts sassy bluegrassers and moody urban songwriters, jazzy jammers and sighing torch singers, Tripping Lilly is nearly a genre unto itself. The folk-pop quartet formed in Nashville, but calls Boston home now, and its sound appeals to neotrad and alt fans alike. Guitars, mandolins, and fiddles prance behind airy, quirky melodies that feel both rootsy and modern. The harmonies lull like lullabies, then jolt as if shot through jumper cables." Scott Alarik, *The Boston Globe*

December 14 – Matt and Shannon Heaton Husband and wife duo Matt and Shannon play traditional Irish music with driving guitar rhythms and Shannon's voice and flute playing. They'll be doing a Christmas-themed show in support of their recent CD, *A Very Siúcra Christmas*. Here's what one reviewer has to say about the Heaton's new CD:

Don't think you can take any more Bing Crosby, Johnny Mathis and twinkly, tinkly Christmas albums? Me either. Perfect for the Irish trad fanatic, the folk connoisseur or anyone who is hankering for a superb, acoustic, driving and refreshing holiday album that sports creativity and originality, without being "just another arrangement of Silent Night." Once again, CD Baby's favorite Irish band, Siúcra (meaning, "sugar" in Irish), delivers a blood-boiling album of "trad"-bred jams, complete with bodhran, guitar, Irish flute, whistle and crystal vocals. One of the top 3 Christmas albums in our warehouse."

CD Baby www.cdbaby.com

TURKEY DINNER

Our Annual Turkey Dinner will be held on **October 27th**. This is another delicious meal with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, and homemade Apple Crisp. We will have only one seating at **6PM**.

Tickets will be \$10.

Don't miss this wonderful meal. Reservations have been coming in quickly and we have only 40 seats still available.

CALL 899-5789 FOR A RESERVATION – we will be SOLD OUT soon.

HELP NEEDED

We still need many people to help Sue with the Turkey Dinner. This meal takes a small army to cook turkeys, peel veggies, set-up, cook, serve & clean-up. Please see Sue or sign-up at coffee hour. As a bonus for helping at the dinner, you will have the opportunity to eat a wonderful turkey dinner with the “crew” after the meal has been served.

Prayer Chain

Jim/Cindy Melhorn

Phyllis Ames

Jean Benson

Ed/Peg Brummer

Sue Campbell

Frens/Alice Zwart

Nancy Bogar

Steve/Penny Chace

Betty Chenausky

Burt/Janet Goodrich

Nada Foster

Marty/Bernice Ferwerda

Trudie Kalinen

Rick/Janet Kohlmorgen

Harry/Phyllis Groezinger

Sue Chatwin

Mary Williams

Marcie Miller

Craig/Judy Unger Clark

Sue Casey (Home)

Sue Casey (Work)

Mark/Wendy Warner

Jane Hannon

David/Marie Marr

Bernice Martin

Chuck/Mary Lu Mathis

Norman/Lois May

Mary Jane Sawyer

Peter/Barbara Wells

Ernie/Marge St.Pierre

Tony/Mary Alice D'ambrosio

Bob/Cynthia Childs

Ken/Sandy Harding

Rose Dark

Margaretta Mellen

Ella Dale

Gladys Gorts

Jean Raymond

Lou/Martha Thomas

Steve/Laura Henrikson

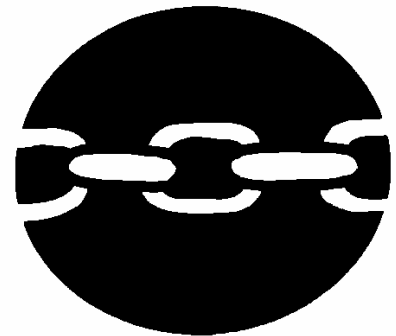
Maura Keegan

Victoria Flatgard

Jennifer Skelton

Jeanne Norwood

The **Deacons** are looking to **update the Prayer Chain List**. If you would like to be added or removed from the list, please see one of the Deacons. Also, check the list on the bulletin board outside of Jim's office to insure your phone number is correct.



Prayer Chain

Church Council Minutes September 20, 2007

Present: Jeanne Norwood, Amy Lanza, Tony D'Ambrosio, Jim Melhorn, Marcie Miller, Sue Campbell, Margaret Morabito. Jeanne served as Council Moderator for the meeting.

Following the opening prayer by Pastor Jim, the minutes of the August meeting were approved. No changes. See September Deaconer.

Treasurer's Report: See written report. Marcie distributed and reviewed the monthly financial statements. Investments are slightly down due to the weak market and pledges were lower in August. The report was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim reported on-going work with the various committees. He led us in a group discussion dealing with Christians engaging in culture, stemming from selected Bible readings.

Old Business:

- **End-Of-Summer Dance:** Thank you, Janet and Rick Kohlmorgen!!
- **Safe Church Policy:** Pastor Jim gathered input from committees; discussion ensued on various topics, including the self-disclosure forms. More input and discussion will occur, resulting in revisions to the draft policy.

New Business:

- **Stewardship Sunday:** October 14. After church, there will be lunch and a presentation about our longterm financial plan and how pledges fit in.
- **Crop Walk:** October 20. This year, the Walk is in Rindge. Contact Amy Lanza.

Committee Reports:

- **Deacons:** See written report. Sue mentioned the upcoming organ concert on October 21. The Deacons are reviewing and updating the prayer list and rules for telephone callers.
- **Trustees:** See written report. Marcie mentioned that they are looking for someone to handle the church's physical maintenance of the grounds and building.
- **Christian Education:** Amy reported that Sunday School has commenced and is quite active this year with many participants. We also now have a nursery class. The Council

approved of posters and wall hangings in the school area.

- **Membership and Evangelism:** See written report. Marcie reported that welcome baskets are available. We will continue Name Tag Sunday on the first Sunday of each month. We discussed getting people to speak about the interesting and fun activities of our church during the Sunday announcements.
- **Mission Ministries:** Jim reported that they need another member or two. Please consider joining this valuable group.
- **Music:** See written report. Tony discussed the search process for a new organist/choir director, as well as how to pay for unbudgeted music purchases.
- **LVA/EC:** Sue reported that they are continuing preparations for the Snowflake Fair; they are planning for the food preparation during Stewardship Sunday; and they are not making wreaths this year, but will be selling them. LVA members may work from home on their projects and are not required to attend meetings to participate. Please share your talents.

Closing Prayer: Amy closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2007

*In God we trust,
Margaret Morabito, Council Clerk*

Diaconate September 13, 2007

The Deacons met on September 13, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Sue Chatwin, Sue Campbell, Sandy Harding, Jean Raymond, Phyllis Ames, Barbara Wells and Rev. Jim Melhorn. Rev. Jim opened with prayer.

Sue Chatwin will be the Deacon of the Month for October. Assisting her with communion will be Jean Raymond and Sue Campbell.

Standard Reports

- **Cards and Flowers** – Get well cards were sent to Mark Fleming and Josh Galante, a thinking of you card to Jon Cormier and a sympathy card to Cal & Nan Sholl.
- **Coffee Hour** – September 16th will be birthday Sunday. Mr. Smith's 98th birthday

will be that day, so the congregation will sing "Happy Birthday" to him.

• **Pastor's Report**

- Hannah Mae Sharos, daughter of Brittney Brown and Stephen Sharos, will be baptized on September 23rd.
- October 7th is world wide communion Sunday, and Rev. Jim will focus on the many meanings of communion
- There will be a wedding at the church on October 20th at noon.

New Business

- The Deacons will investigate buying new earphones.
- The prayer chain list will be put in the Deaconer with a note that if people wish to have their names removed or added they should tell a Deacon.
- The Deacons will review the Safe Church Policy draft.

The meeting closed with a thought by Barbara Wells illustrated by buttons depicting verses from the bible. Sandy will close with prayer at the next meeting which will be on October 11th at 7:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Wells, Secretary*

**Trustees Minutes
September 11, 2007**

The meeting came to order at 7:05 pm with Burt Goodrich, Norman May, Frens Zwart, Marcie Miller, Cynthia Childs, Jane Hannon, Rick Kohlmorgen, Jim Melhorn and Nancy Bogar present.

A.G. Edwards Account: Win Brown and Lianna Poodiack came from A.G. Edwards to discuss our portfolio and our long-term investment strategy. The Trustees are concerned with not only income but also growth. It was agreed that Win and Lianna will continue to come to monthly meetings, and the Trustees will continue to look at their recommendations and to move our focus of just "income" to "growth and income" over the next five years.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted as presented.

Stewardship: Cynthia is going to make copies of the stewardship letter and pledge cards. Burt would like to sign each letter personally. Letter should be in the mail by Oct. 1. On Oct. 14th there will be a Stewardship 2008 Power Point Presentation. Lois May will be coordinating a soup luncheon.

Buildings and Grounds: At this point the Trustees do not have a go-to person for repairs and/or problems with regard to the building. A motion was made and approved to place this topic on our agenda for next month as an action item. Burt had a report from the Oversight Committee. This committee is looking to repair the Bell Tower, paint the building, and replace or repair windows. Right now West Rindge Builders are going to make immediate repairs to the tower to stop water from coming in. The Oversight Comm. will be asking the Ward Fund if they would be willing to cover the cost of blowing insulation into the attic.

Old Business:

1. **Flea Market** – A very successful day and net results were \$911.70. Thank you to Jane for another job well done. Next year the Craft and Flea Market will go back to July.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

*Respectively submitted,
Nancy Bogar, Secretary*

**Christian Education Committee
September 2, 2007**

The CE Committee met on September 2nd, 2007 at 11:30 am. Present were: Amy Lanza, Jim Melhorn, Lisa Galante, Carleen Eicher, Steve Chace and Jeff Sonnega.

The meeting started with a prayer by Rev. Jim.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Rally Day, the upcoming Sunday school year and discuss the Safe Church Policy.

Rally Day – We decided to have a dedication for the Teachers, students and new Youth Director during the normal Sunday worship. Rev. Jim would initiate and pass the microphone to Amy Lanza who would introduce all the teachers and the grades/ages of their respective class.

Teachers would be asked to come forward and then all the children would come together at the end. Rev. Jim would introduce Stephen Chace as the new Youth Director and would lead us all in a prayer of celebration.

Sunday School – Will be starting regular classes as of September 16th, 2007. All curriculums have been ordered and received in. Amy Lanza is in the process of cleaning out closets and cabinets and making a list of needed items. We are in need of crayons, markers and glue! Step stools and potty seats have been bought and put in each of the downstairs bathrooms for the little children. We are working towards a “registration” process for all children to have on file for teacher’s reference. We are very excited for a fantastic year!

Safe Church Policy – We briefly reviewed this document, but didn’t have enough time to give it the full attention that it deserves. It will remain on our agenda until we are able to report back to Rev. Jim with all of our comments and concerns.

We ended our meeting with a brief sharing moment and a prayer by Stephen Chace. Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 14th, 2007 at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lanza

Membership and Evangelism Committee August 22, 2007

The Membership and Evangelism Committee met on Wednesday August 22, 2007 at 7:00^{pm} in the Vestry. Those in attendance were Susan Casey, Steve Henrikson, Lois May and Marcie Miller. Marcie opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Church Council – Marcie indicated that there will be a dance on August 31 at Woodbound, a Fleamarket & Fair on September 8 and a Turkey Supper on October 27. The Missions Team needs members. The Music Committee continues its search for an organist. Trustees are reviewing the portfolio and are planning a Pledge & Stewardship luncheon.

- Welcome Baskets – No baskets delivered. We continue to advertise availability.
- Membership Database – 21 changes – created separate mailing list for electronic Deaconer – added 1 anniversary. 2 additions. Marcie generated labels for the Trustees – stewardship.
- Web Site – Ongoing.

Unfinished Business

- New Member Class – Will try in the fall.
- Bio’s – No change.
- Name Tags – Marcie picked up a supply.
- 104 Ways to Grow a Church – Address the congregation from the pulpit regarding ongoing church projects.

New Business

- Policy for maintaining a safe church – A brief discussion related to a draft proposal on a policy for maintaining a safe church. Council would like inputs by September 20.
- Policies & Procedures – Council would like us to review our Policies & Procedures. We have three;
 - New Member Process
 - Membership Database
 - Welcome Baskets

The meeting closed at 8:20^{pm}. Our next meeting will be Thursday September 27, 2007 at 7:00^{pm} in the vestry.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Henrikson

Music Committee September 16, 2007

Attending: Mary Jane Sawyer, Jean Raymond, Pastor Melhorn, Mary Lu Mathis, Tony D’Ambrosio

Minutes:

Sue Chatwin has volunteered to put new rings on the accompanist hymn book.

At Rev. Jim's request, a new accompanist book for the Renew! hymn books was purchased. We also discussed that we feel the \$75 LicenSing fee shouldn't be paid by the Music Committee.

Organ concert is October 21 at 5:00. Robin will send the program to Tony. Mary Lu still hasn't heard when the work on the organ repairs will be done; should be done before concert. The cost to repack stoppers is \$2,200.

Tony gave a report on the search for a new organist. Committee is thinking of offering a \$500 finders fee after a one year success. Other ideas: online advertising, paper advertising, posting fliers, & telephone calls.

Mary Lu and Mary Jane will get together to prepare for upcoming music. We need to start preparing our 2008 budget.

Next meeting October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean R. Raymond

God & the Scientist

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning.'" "Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God. "Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man." "Well, that's interesting. Show Me." So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil. "Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

New Hampshire Conference News

We are delighted to report that our vacant staff positions have been filled! Please express your welcome to these persons as you call or come by the Conference Center.

Lisa MacNaughton is our Receptionist / Workroom Coordinator and began serving with us on August 16th. She will likely be the first voice you hear when calling the Conference Center. Lisa is a member of the New Rye Congregational Church in Epsom. She may be reached by calling 603.225.6647 (ext. 100), Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Her email address is reception@nhcucc.org.

William "Bill" Hoysradt has been selected as the Finance Officer. Bill is a member of Brookside Congregational Church in Manchester and has served the Conference faithfully in various capacities over the years. He began his work here on September 1st. Bill may be contacted at 603.225.6647 (ext. 114) or by email at whoysradt@nhcucc.org.

Deborah Kardaseski, "Debbie K." began serving as our Communications Specialist on September 5th. Debbie is currently President of First Congregational Church in Concord. She is at the Conference Center two days a week, normally on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have information to share in The Quarry or the Electronic Leader Feeder, please send it to her at communications@nhcucc.org. Debbie's phone number is 603.225.6647 (ext. 103).

We look forward to serving the churches, pastors, and committees of the New Hampshire Conference to the best of our abilities and, ultimately, to the glory of God.

Rev. Gary M. Schulte, Conference Minister
New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ

Children's Corner

Find 10 differences between these pictures.



Word Search

Find each word of Luke 17:6 in the puzzle below.

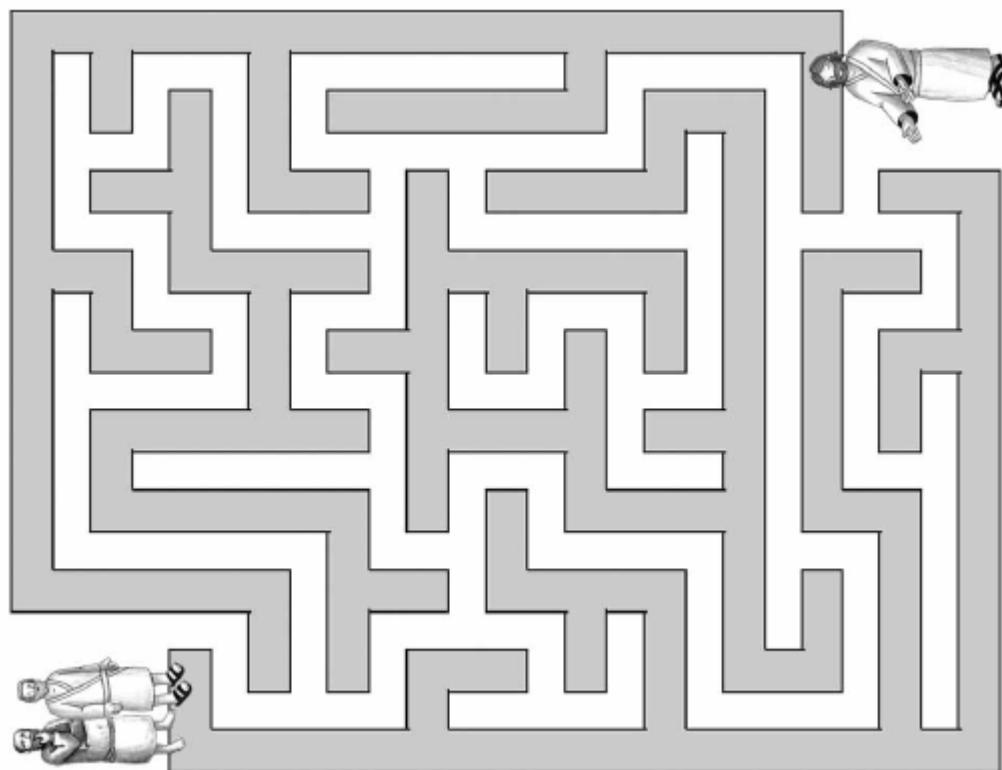
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Jesus said if you had faith as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, pull yourself up by your roots, and plant yourself in the sea, and it would do it!

Luke 17:6

Help the people follow Jesus.



STEWARDSHIP 2008 Sunday October 14

*"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ
and stewards of the mysteries of God." I Corinthians 4:1*

Members and friends of the First Congregational Church and Society of Rindge support the mission and ministry of this church in a variety of ways, including giving of their time, talent and treasure.

In 2007 our Church embarked on an ambitious and very important Long Term Financial Plan. The overall goal is to become financially sound within five years. In this first year, your support has been very strong and we have been able to restore 2007 Budget cuts and to fund the position of Youth Director.

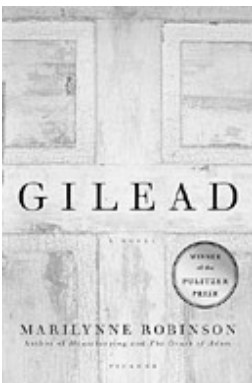
We are now planning for 2008 with continued optimism and with realistic goals. As we develop the FY 2008 Budget, we ask all members and friends to continue their significant commitment to our Church for next year. With your generous help, the Long Term Financial Plan goal to increase pledges by 15% can be achieved.

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on October 14. After our church service, a light lunch will be served and information will be provided about our current church budget and our Long Term Financial Plan. We encourage all members and friends to participate in this discussion.

Yours in Service,

Burton Goodrich, Chairman

Board of Trustees: Joe Bigelow, Nancy Bogar, Cynthia Childs, Ed Gagnon, Jane Hannon, Larry Kabat, Rick Kohlmorgen, David Marr, Norman May, Marcie Miller, Frens Zwart, Jim Melhorn - Pastor



BOOK TALK Selection for November 29

Marcie Miller will be hosting folks at her home Thursday, November 29 November for a book talk on **Gilead**, 2005 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, by **Marilynne Robinson**. Thanks to the efforts of our town library, copies may be available for loan in mid-October during coffee hour.

A brief summary follows:

In 1956, toward the end of Reverend John Ames's life, he begins a letter to his young son, an account of himself and his forebears. Ames is the son of an Iowan preacher and the grandson of a minister who, as a young man in Maine, saw a vision of Christ bound in chains and came west to Kansas to fight for abolition: He "preached men into the Civil War," then, at age fifty, became a chaplain in the Union Army, losing his right eye in battle. Reverend Ames writes to his son about the tension between his father--an ardent pacifist--and his grandfather, whose pistol and bloody shirts, concealed in an army blanket, may be relics from the fight between the abolitionists and those settlers who wanted to vote Kansas into the union as a slave state. And he tells a story of the sacred bonds between fathers and sons, which are tested in his tender and strained relationship with his namesake, John Ames Boughton, his best friend's wayward son.

This is also the tale of another remarkable vision--not a corporeal vision of God but the vision of life as a wondrously strange creation. It tells how wisdom was forged in Ames's soul during his solitary life, and how history lives through generations, pervasively present even when betrayed and forgotten.

Church Retreat – May 2007 – Certainty versus Mystery

Areas of our lives where we want “certainty” versus where we would prefer “mystery” (differs for each of us)

How do we perceive various aspects in our lives? Some people like to have their travel plans nailed down to the finest detail, where they’re staying, how long it takes to get to certain places, and how much it will cost. Others want to be free to enjoy their trips as the urge strikes them...it’s spontaneous. Some people need to have money affairs known and balanced to the penny; others don’t need or want to have their money situation be that accurate.

Our retreat participants identified the following areas where they needed “certainty” or preferred “mystery”.

Certainty	Mystery
Travel	Travel
Money	Money
Baking	
Time	Time: “ish”
Trips	
Calendar	Trinity/God/ Miracles (UCC’s position)
Career / job	
Being known	
Providing for family	
Kids future	Kids future
Genetic Testing	
Scripture	Scripture

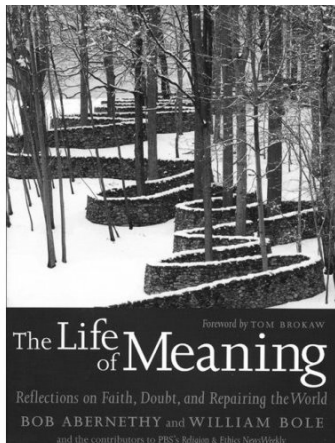
Note: These could and will likely change over time or in various stages of our lives.

What areas of your life do you need to have certainty? Where is some uncertainty okay for you?

It’s important to realize that your answers may be different for each of us. So with that being said, it follows that what inspires, motivates, challenges or pushes each one of us can and will be VERY different, perhaps even in opposing directions. In working with each other, we need to be cognizant of these differences; respecting them and valuing the various perspectives each person brings to the situation.

Take some time to think about and discuss these factors in your personal, professional and spiritual lives! You’ll learn lots about yourself, you family and your friends!

If you wish to discuss this exercise, please contact one of the retreat participants, Marcie Miller of Jim Melhorn.



The Life of Meaning **October 14, 2007 – 6:30^{pm}**

The life of Meaning is a good read and even better conversation.

In an illustrated talk, **Bob Abernethy**, anchor of the PBS show **Religion & Ethics News Weekly** Shared wisdom about

- People’s search for meaning in their lives.
- Their experience of God
- Their struggle to reconcile faith and doubt.

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The quiz that follows appears in chapter 1 but is reprinted here along with the answers. To figure out how you did, add up your total points then multiply by two to get your score on a standard 100-point scale. An A is 90 points or higher. B is 80-89. C is 70-79. A passing grade is 60 points or more.

Religious Literacy Quiz

1. Name the four Gospels. List as many as you can.
2. Name a sacred text of Hinduism.
3. What is the name of the holy book of Islam?
4. Where according to the Bible was Jesus born?
5. President George W Bush spoke in his first inaugural address of the Jericho road. What Bible story was he invoking?
6. What are the first five books of the Hebrew Bible or the Christian Old Testament?
7. What is the Golden Rule?
8. "God helps those who help themselves": Is this in the Bible? If so, where?
9. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God": Does this appear in the Bible? If so, where?
10. Name the Ten Commandments. List as many as you can.
11. Name the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism.
12. What are the seven sacraments of Catholicism? List as many as you can.
13. The First Amendment says two things about religion, each in its own "clause." What are the two religion clauses of the First Amendment?
14. What is Ramadan? In what religion is it celebrated?
15. Match the Bible characters with the stories in which they appear. Draw a line from one to the other. Hint: Some characters may be matched with more than one story or vice versa:

Adam and Eve

Exodus

Paul

Binding of Isaac

Moses

Olive Branch

Noah

Garden of Eden

Jesus

Parting of the Red Sea

Abraham

Road to Damascus

Serpent

Garden of Gethsemane

Answers (and Grading)

1. Name the four Gospels. List as many as you can. (1 point each.)

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

2. Name a sacred text of Hinduism. (1 point.)

There are many possibilities here. They include: the Vedas, Brahmanas, Aranyakas, Upanishads, Puranas, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, Yoga Sutras, Laws of Manu, and the Kama Sutra.

3. What is the name of the holy book of Islam? (1 point.)

Quran.

4. Where according to the Bible was Jesus born? (1 point.)

Bethlehem.

5. President George W. Bush spoke in his first inaugural address of the Jericho road. What Bible story was he invoking? (1 point.)

The Good Samaritan.

6. What are the first five books of the Hebrew Bible or the Christian Old Testament? (1 point each.)

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

7. What is the Golden Rule? (1 point.)

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Matthew 7:12), or a similar sentiment from Rabbi Hillel or Confucius. ("Love your neighbor as yourself" is not the Golden Rule.)

8. "God helps those who help themselves." Is this in the Bible? If so, where? (2 points.)

No, this is not in the Bible. In fact, it is contradicted in Proverbs 28:26: "He who trusts in himself is a fool." The words are Ben Franklin's.

9. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God": Does this appear in the Bible? If so, where? (2 points.)

Yes, in the Beatitudes of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3).

10. Name the Ten Commandments. List as many as you can. (10 points.)

The Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish versions of the Ten Commandments differ. Give yourself credit for any ten of the following twelve commandments, each of which appears in at least one of those three versions:

1. I the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage.
2. You shall have no other gods before me.
3. You shall not make yourself a graven image.
4. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
5. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
6. Honor your father and your mother.
7. You shall not kill/murder.
8. You shall not commit adultery.
9. You shall not steal.
10. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
11. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
12. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

11. Name the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism. List as many as you can. (4 points.)

1. Life is suffering.
2. Suffering has an origin.
3. Suffering can be overcome (nirvana).
4. The path to overcoming suffering is the Noble Eightfold Path.

12. What are the seven sacraments of Catholicism? List as many as you can. (7 points.)

1. Baptism
2. Eucharist/Mass/Holy Communion
3. Reconciliation/Confession/Penance
4. Confirmation
5. Marriage
6. Holy Orders
7. Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites

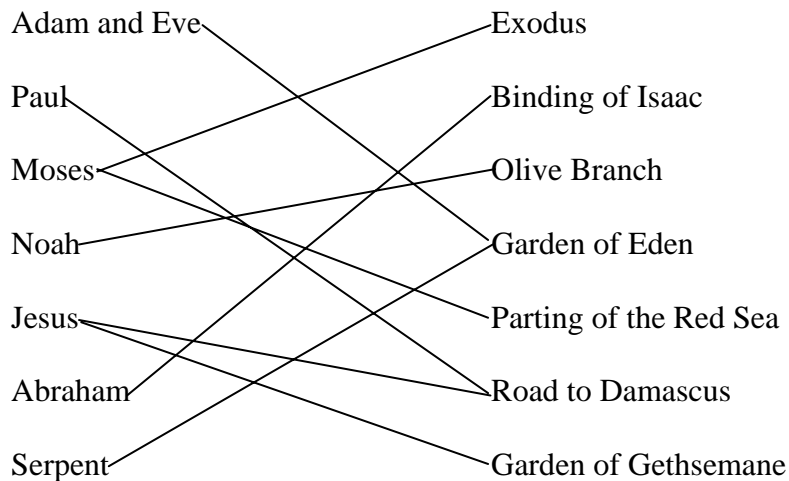
13. The First Amendment says two things about religion, each in its own "clause." What are the two religion clauses of the First Amendment? (1 point each.)

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" The words before the comma are referred to as the establishment clause; the words that follow constitute the free exercise clause.

14. What is Ramadan? In what religion is it celebrated? (2 points.)

Ramadan is a Muslim holiday characterized by a month of fasting.

15. Match the Bible characters with the stories in which they appear by drawing a line from one to the other. Some characters may be matched with more than one story or vice versa. (7 points.)



October - Church Calendar

Monday - October 1, 2007

- 9:30^{am} Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00^{pm} LVA/EC - Vestry

Wednesday - October 3, 2007

- 10:00^{am} Hymn Sing
- 7:00^{pm} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday - October 7, 2007

- 9:00^{am} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} Fellowship - Town Hall

Monday - October 8, 2007

- 9:30^{am} Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00^{pm} LVA/EC - Vestry

Tuesday - October 9, 2007

- 7:00^{pm} Trustees / Buildings & Grounds / Stewardship - Vestry

Wednesday - October 10, 2007

- 10:00^{am} Hymn Sing
- 7:00^{pm} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday - October 11, 2007

- 7:00^{pm} Deacons - Vestry

Friday - October 12, 2007

- 8:00^{pm} Common Grounds Coffeehouse –
Josh Brooks –
Martha and Lou Thomas

Sunday - October 14, 2007

- 9:00^{am} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} Fellowship - Town Hall
- 11:30^{am} Christian Ed. Committee – Vestry
- 11:30^{am} Music Committee – Vestry
- 11:30^{am} Mission Ministries Team – Vestry

Monday - October 15, 2007

- 9:30^{am} Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00^{pm} LVA/EC - Vestry

Wednesday - October 17, 2007

- 10:00^{am} Hymn Sing
- 7:00^{pm} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday - October 18, 2007

- 7:00^{pm} Church Council – Vestry

Friday - October 19, 2007

- All Committee Reports Due for November
Deaconer

Saturday - October 20, 2007

- 8:00^{am} CROP Walk – Advent Lutheran

Sunday - October 21, 2007

- 9:00^{am} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} Fellowship - Town Hall

Monday - October 22, 2006

- 9:30^{am} Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00^{pm} LVA/EC - Vestry

Tuesday - October 23, 2007

- 7:00^{pm} Celebration of Discipline – Sanctuary

Wednesday - October 24, 2007

- 10:00^{am} Hymn Sing
- 7:00^{pm} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday - October 25, 2007

- 7:00^{pm} Membership Committee - Vestry

Saturday - October 27, 2007

- 6:00^{pm} Turkey Dinner - Town Hall

Sunday - October 28, 2007

- 9:00^{am} Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} Fellowship - Town Hall

Monday - October 29, 2007

- 9:30^{am} Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00^{pm} LVA/EC - Vestry

October Birthdays

October 3 – Lee Mailloux
October 3 – Barbara Wells
October 4 – Sandra Pyer
October 5 – Victoria L'Heureux
October 8 – Owen Chace
October 9 – Cindy Melhorn
October 9 – Chris Pyer
October 13 – Tyler Fabiano
October 18 – Susan Casey
October 19 – Judy Unger-Clark
October 21 – Shane O'Day
October 23 – Cathy Mills

October Anniversaries

October 16 – Marcie & Kevin Miller