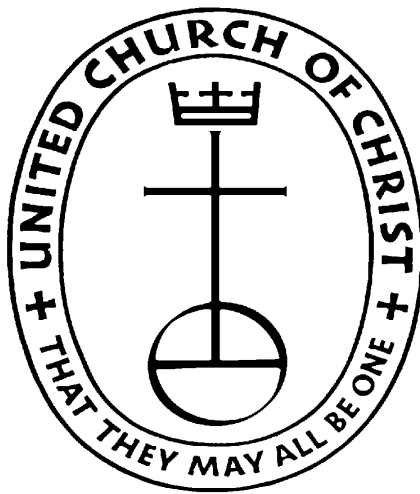


# *Rindge UCC Deaconer*

*June, 2009*



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## Worship Schedule for May 2009

### **Ushers**

**June 7** Bob & Cynthia Childs  
**June 14** Amy Lanza & Lisa Galante  
**June 21** Betty Chenausky & Penny Chace  
**June 28** Doug & Linda Stather

### **Greeters**

Phyllis Groezinger & MaryJane Sawyer  
Cindy Melhorn & Martha Thomas  
Jean Raymond & Maura Keegan  
Betty Chenausky & Bernice Martin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **June Birthdays**

### **Date**

Betty Chenausky	3
Hope Davis	4
Cal Sholl	5
Klye L'Hereux (Sewell)	8
Jeanne Norwood	8
June O'Day	12
Martha Thomas	12
Colleen Keegan	14
Maura Keegan	17
Nicole Fleming	20
Brenda Perry	22
Lawrence Kabat	24
Ellen Gadegaard	26
Michael Goen	26
Meghan Lanza	26
Ed Gagnon	27
John Kohlmorgen	28
Donald Umlauf	28
Arnie Broome	29
Frens Zwart	29

### **June Anniversaries**

Burt and Janet Goodrich 25

### **June Meetings**

Monday, June 1 @ 1:30 – Board of Deacons Meeting  
Tuesday, June 2 @ 7:00 – Book Discussion at Goodrich home  
Thursday, June 4 @ 5:30 – Beginnings – Session #12  
Sunday, June 7 @ Noon (?) - Choir and Christian Ed picnic @ Mathis house  
Tuesday, June 9 @ 7:00 – Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, June 18 @ 7:00 – Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 23 – Deadline for July Deaconer submissions to Lorri Bond  
Thursday, June 25 @ 7:00 – Membership & Evangelism Committee Meeting  
Saturday, June 27 @ 5:00 & 6:30 – Roast Beef Supper

Is your meeting not listed? Be sure to notify Lorri Bond of all scheduled meetings or key dates so they can be included!

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**The 2009 Roast Beef Suppers will be held on June 27, July 25, and Aug. 29. As usual we will have seatings at 5:00p.m. and 6:30p.m. with peeling and setup on the Friday before. Since our work force seems to decrease every year we urge everyone to keep those times available to help out. Last year we sold out every supper and hope to do so again this year.**

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## **BOOK TALK**

Join us on June 2 at 7 PM for our next book talk at the home of Burt and Jan Goodrich. [74 Paradise Island Rd. / 899-5780 ] Have a friend who enjoys a good book? Invite them to come with you!

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## **Deaconer Distribution: Mail, Pick-up or E-mail**

We currently distribute the Deaconer in three different ways: by US Mail, in printed format to be picked up at the church and e-mail. Our goal is to provide it to you in the most cost-effective way. However, we know that many don't or can't use email due to the lack of high speed internet available here in town. In any case, if you would like to receive the Deaconer differently than you do today, please let us know by leaving a note in the Membership Committee's church mailbox or emailing your information to Marcie Miller at [QuiltMM@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltMM@gmail.com).

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## **Membership Database**

As you may know, the Membership & Evangelism committee maintains a database of our church family's names, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and email addresses, which allows us to keep in touch with everyone. To that end, it is important that our data be accurate and up-to-date. So, please let us know if or when your information changes or you notice an omission or inaccuracy. Email updates to Marcie Miller at [QuiltMM@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltMM@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Membership committee's mailbox at church.

Also, did your **email change from Verizon to Fairpoint?** Please notify us of you new email address!

Do you have children at college who have email? Let us know their email and we'll include them on the church email list.

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## Summer Camp Update

Interested in helping out at Horton Center located in Gorham, New Hampshire this summer? The New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ is looking for chaplains and volunteers for camp this summer. See details below.

Chaplains are needed for the following sessions:

July 5 - July 11 (Mid High)

July 12 - July 18 (High School)

July 26 - August 1 (High School)

August 2 - August 5 (Elementary)

August 9 - August 12 (adults)

August 13- August 16 (family camp)

Volunteers may be asked to supervise cabins overnight, help guide campers through the day, help lead or lead the bible study and help in other camp areas. Volunteers would be asked to be available for a session and must normally be 18 years or older (Under 18 maybe able to assist in some areas with Elementary camps). Room and board is free.

Volunteers are needed for the following weeks:

June 30 - July 4 (Elementary)

July 5 - July 11 (Mid High)

July 12 - July 18 (High School - Arts Alive)

July 19 - July 25 (Mid High)

July 26 - August 1 (High School)

August 2 - August 5 (Elementary)

Several of the specialty camps (one Hut to Hut and one Canoe) are now full, but a few still have one or two spots available. Our "regular" camps are growing in size every day, but we still have room. You can register on line at Outdoor Ministries Website or call or e-mail Robert Vodra for a brochure and registration form.

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Gladys Gort's new phone number and address: 978-894-4925  
Hearthside  
676 Baldwinsville Road  
Baldwinsville, MA 01436

## **“One Day at a Time, Sweet Jesus...”**

We are so thankful for the life and ministry of Jim Melhorn to our congregation. We grieve his untimely passing and pray for guidance and support during this trying time.

Like any major challenge we have faced in our lives, we have learned through experience that by breaking it down into manageable parts, tackling it one day at a time, we can successfully meet the challenge. “One day at a time sweet Jesus, one day at a time...”

Rev. Gary Schulte, NHUCC Conference Minister, will be meeting with the Deacons and Council Chair on Monday, June 1 to provide guidance and support to our church through its grieving process, and to assist us in identifying our next steps.

Council has requested the Deacons schedule guest clergy for eight weeks. During this period the NHUCC conference will be assisting us in preparing for the interim pastor process.

Through his tenure, Jim has prepared us well to function efficiently in our individual committees, as a church. While there are many unanswered questions about our immediate and distant future, we are confident that all these matters will be worked out in a way that is beneficial to our church family and ministry. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we take each next step.

**Janet Goodrich, Moderator**

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## **Church Council Minutes May 19, 2009**

**Present:** Jeanne Norwood, Sue Campbell, Janet Goodrich, Marcie Miller, Jane Hannon, Jean Raymond, Lisa Galante, Phyllis Groezinger, Mary Jane Sawyer, Una Bigelow, Ellen Gadegaard, Margaret Morabito.

### **Leaders Gathering in the Presence of God**

*Worship/Prayer/Scripture/Sharing:*

Opening prayer by Margaret.

Update on Pastor Jim's condition.

*Old Business:*

Brief Committee reports were given:

Trustees: This year, there will be a revised budget process. Input will be requested from all Committees during September and October. Start thinking about it and planning now. We need to decide how to handle the parsonage while it is empty. There will be two more personal finance talks given this year at the Recreation Center: August 5 and October 7.

Nominating: Doug Stather has volunteered to be a Deacon. We nominated, voted, and approved. Ellen Gadegaard volunteered to be a Trustee. We nominated, noted, and approved. Thank you, Doug and Ellen!

Music: The Choir will sing on June 7 and then is off for the summer. The annual organ concert will be on October 18.

### **Listening for God's Word to the Church**

We devoted the remainder of the meeting to developing a list of action items in light of Jim's serious health condition, as of May 19.

### **The Church Responding in Faith**

Emergency Action Items:

Prayer Service for Jim: May 20 at 6:30pm

Coffee House: Cancel June 12

Retreat Planning: Postpone

Communications: We determined that this was the most important item for immediate addressing. Don't send e-mail to the church's e-mail address for now since Pastor Jim was answering that. We will update the message on the telephone answering machine.

Prayer Chain: It needs additions and updates.

Pulpit Supply: The Deacons have lined up pastors to cover the next four Sundays. At the time of the meeting, we planned to also line up pastors for the the next four Sundays after these first four. Beyond eight weeks, we planned to arrange for an interim pastor.

Bible Study: We will continue this.

Bulletin: We discussed how this might be changed by guest pastors who may want to provide their own input.

Deaconer: Lori will continue as usual. Input from members is important. The Deaconer will address our current situation.

Jim's House: We discussed how his house and lawn were being cared for while Cindy and family were away.

Closing Prayer: The Council members held hands and said the Lord's Prayer.

We love you, Jim.

Next Meeting: June 18

In God we trust,  
Margaret Morabito, Council Clerk