

THE NEW COVENANT



News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville

August Pulpit Supply

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Sunday, August 1– Rev. Jim Stover

Sermon Title: “The Bread of Life”
Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

Sunday, August 8– Rev. Amy Fowler

Sermon Title: “New Rules”
Ephesians 4: 25

Sunday, August 15– Rev. Jim Stover

Sermon Title: “Sacrifice”
John 6: 51-58

Sunday, August 22– Elder Austin Reichert

Sunday, August 29– Rev. Amy Fowler

Sermon Title: “New Rules, Part Deux”
James 1: 17-27

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July/August
2021

July

Ministries	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1
Worship Leader	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	R. Thomas	M. Alling	S. Santoro
Greeters	W. Colonero	T. Morin	B. Giemza	W. Colonero	J. Baker
Ushers	L. Walsh	J. Baker	L. Joyce	K. Miedema	B. Giemza
Sound Board	G. Giemza	G. Giemza	M. Thomas	G. Giemza	Giemza
Power Point	J. Tobin	K. Mercer	M. Mercer	L. Joyce	M. Mercer
Media	K. Mateer	K. Mateer	K. Mateer	K. Mateer	J. Tobin
Lemonade on the Lawn	L. Walsh & J. Finnegan	Second Sunday Social	M. Mercer & D. Baker		

August

Ministries	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29	Sept. 5
Worship Leader	J. Tobin	J. Finnegan	R. Thomas	M. Alling	L. Walsh
Greeters	T. Morin	B. Giemza	G. Giemza	D. Baker	W. Colonero
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Lemonade on the Lawn					



“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy; fish are jumpin’ and the cotton is high.” Remember that line from George Gershwin’s *Porgy and Bess*? That and Nat King Cole’s “Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” have heralded the long-awaited summertime for generations. No matter what, there’s always a summer that seems to bring with it some long-cherished summer activities.

Recently another pastor and I were talking about how much our churches – and the world in general – need summertime this year. We recalled that in 19th century England, it was common for everything to shut down for a week while everyone “went on holiday.” Perhaps they went to the beach, to a resort in another country, or simply on a vacation trip to another country. We agreed that everyone could use such a vacation this year more than ever.

The pandemic was exhausting for everyone, pastors included. My colleague and I were aware that people seem to lack the energy to do all the things they did before the pandemic. In her church, some jobs are not getting done because members do not have the energy to return to the office and begin getting caught up *and* help the church begin to catch up. Her church completely shut down during the pandemic, and it is finding reopening to be very challenging.

As we processed what life is like at the moment, we began to realize the difficult time we live in. No one is emerging from the pandemic standing on the exact same place they were standing when the pandemic hit. It is as if we got swept up by the storm and deposited in Oz. For many people there is a feeling that the pandemic is over and a desire to “return to where I was when the storm broke loose.” But that’s not where we are.

We finally figured out that at the moment many of us are trying to figure out where we are, process what just happened here, and move forward all at the same time. That effort is not turning out particularly well. It is leaving many of us even more exhausted.

Sometimes there is a need to stay put long enough to identify where you are. If, to avoid getting swept out to sea by the storm, you held onto a tree, there is a need to stay beside that tree until you get your bearings. We need to get our life-bearings. We definitely need to pause in life’s journey long enough to figure out where we are and how we got here.

It’s not enough to say, “The pandemic brought me here.” The reality is that *our reaction* to the pandemic brought us here! The way we reacted quite likely involved a part of ourselves that we had not known existed. The survival instinct causes us to make decisions and plans during times of duress unlike what we make in “normal” times. Those plans and decisions impact the way we make our way forward, so we need to become aware of them and what within us led us to make them.

Once you know where you are and how you got here, only then can you begin to work out a plan and direction for moving forward. And the direction *is* forward. God does not move us backward.

Remember that God did not go to the beach while we endured the pandemic! God was very much present with us, guiding our plans and decisions so that we would make it through the crisis. We survive such times not so much because our survival instinct is so strong but rather because God gives us strength well beyond our human strength.

This summer, find where “fish are jumpin’,” and on one of those “lazy, hazy crazy days” take some time to reflect on the events in your life of the last year and a half; where God was in those events; the decisions and plans you made that brought you through; and where you have landed. Once you know where you are, you’ll be ready to walk with God into wherever you and God are going together next.



July Birthday Corner

Maura Connelly	7/9
Anne MacLeod	7/10
Joel Phoebe	7/10
Bev Keeler	7/11
Will Shannon	7/14
Tony Santoro	7/16
Jim Baker	7/17
Gloria Rauth	7/17
Mark Thomas	7/21
Suzanne Santoro	7/29

July Anniversary Corner

Bill & Linda Skillen	7/22
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August Birthday Corner

Shea Stone	8/1
Katherine Kloczkowski	8/3
Robin Gniadek	8/13
Clara Holding	8/18
Bill Spalton	8/25
Judy Salzberg	8/31

August Anniversary Corner

Jim & Debbie Baker	8/8
Kevin & Marcie Brandriff	8/8
Mark & Ronda Thomas	8/8
Scott & Jennifer Szajna	8/10
Don & Susan Mateer	8/16

If the church office doesn't have you/your family's birthday/anniversary information, let your church family celebrate your special days with you. Please call Mallorie or Debbie in the office at 508-234-8220 or email the office at office@whitinpres.net so we can include your birthday/anniversary dates in the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter.

Remember The Homebound and Those in Hospitals, Rehab Centers and Nursing Homes:
Gloria Rauth - Whitney Place, 85 Beaumont Dr., Rm 11, Northbridge, MA 01534
Ruth Hoekstra - Linwood Apartments No. 105, 670 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588
Jim Remillard - 20 Fair Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569
Nancy Freiswyk - 85 Beaumont Dr., Room 212, Northbridge, MA 01534

****Sunday Morning Worship Schedule****

Morning Worship Service **10:30AM**
Lemonade on the Lawn **11:45 AM**

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20

Joys and Concerns

Let us pray for all our service people, both active and inactive

Chris and Rena Matchett prayers for their son Corey, who donated a kidney a couple weeks ago and is now in a rather painful 6 to 7 week recovery period.

Chris Lee has a joy that he has started back to work, now that Covid is no longer such a problem.

Tanya Morin has a joy that Zack has been home and they got to have a good visit.

Kim Mercer has a request for prayers for her friend Angela who had a bad reaction to medication and took on 24 lbs of fluid.

We pray for peace and comfort for Linda Skillen and her family at the loss of her sister-in-law a couple weeks ago. Linda's brother died a few months ago, and while he and his wife are now together again, it leaves a big hole in the life of family left behind.

Eileen Straub asks prayers for her husband, Michael. He has begun to experience a great deal of pain again, and drs. seem to have difficulty getting the pain medication dose satisfactorily regulated.

Ruth Hoekstra asks prayers for a decrease in pain in her legs and feet and for improved mobility.

She also asks prayers for her friend Mona, that family connections may become more congenial and peaceful.

Haleigh and Hannah Reynolds ask prayers for their Grandmother, who is in the hospital and not doing well. We pray for peace and comfort for her and for her family even as we pray for wisdom and the gift of insight for drs. to know how to help her.

Jim Remillard asks prayer for two things: that God will inspire his drs. with ways to effectively manage pain caused by spinal stenosis and that recovery from recent carpal tunnel surgery on his hand will progress a bit faster.

Laurie and Mike Sabourin ask that we keep the family of Chuck Holding in our prayers, as Chuck died this past week. Chuck and his family were members of our church at one time. Please Mike and Laurie in your prayers as well, and they and the Holdings have been very close friends for many years.

Mark Thomas asks prayers for him and his family as his last day as head librarian at Gordon-Conwell Seminary was June 30. Pray for God's support as Mark says good-bye to colleagues with whom he has worked for the last 7 years.

Lynne Walsh asks prayers for her boss, Ashley's, cousin Rena who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and will have surgery soon.

Please keep Katrina Bilodeau in your prayers, as the pathology report on her thyroid gland showed that it was malignant. She will see an endocrinologist to find out if she needs further cancer treatment.

Please keep Cliff Chesley and his wife Darlene in your prayers, as a liver donor still has not been found, and he is in the final stage of liver disease.

Jean Finnegan has a prayer of joy that her son recently surprised her with a visit, and they had a good time catching up.

Ronda and Mark Thomas have a prayer of thanks that they will be traveling to OH at the end of Aug. for a memorial service for Mark's Mom and Dad and to have a reunion with family.

Carol Pilibosian, along with the entire church family, has a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for Anne MacLeod's 100th birthday, which was celebrated here in the Fellowship Hall on Sat. July 10.

Kim Mercer requests prayers of healing for her step-grandmother, Janet, who slipped and fell while on a trip to Cancun and broke her hip. She was transferred to several Mexico hospitals before flying to Ft. Lauderdale for surgery on Mon.

Tanya Morin asks prayers for serious, motion limiting shoulder pain caused by an impingement. She is getting PT, but pain relief is slow.

Tanya also has a prayer of praise that Zack has returned home safely from 2 weeks of National Guard training. He flies out to Ft. Knox for ROTC training on July 7 and returns Aug. 11.

We keep the family of Edna Fontaine in our prayers, as they finally were able to have a memorial service for her on July 12.

Ruth Hoekstra asks prayers for her son, who broke his back in an accident a few years ago and continues to experience pain that limits.

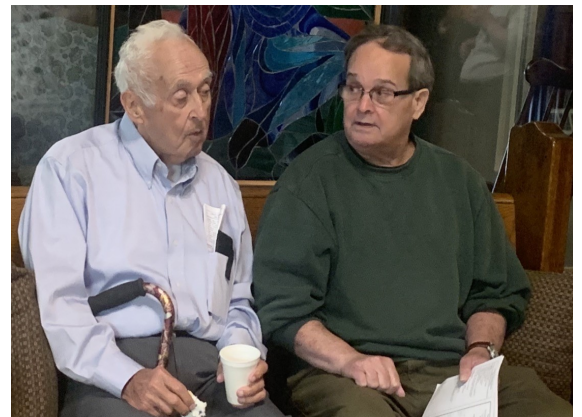
Church Family News



A huge thank you to those of the Church that worked diligently during quarantine.



New friends Bob and Angelo!!



The Morins celebrating Father's Day with Bobby and Jeanne.



New Deacons Marilyn Alling and Mallorie Mercer (Youth Deacon) after being ordained and installed.



Susan Mateer, Don Mateer, and Dave Miedema, Tim Weigers, and Eric Shelin (Youth Trustee) being installed as Trustees.



Laying on of Hands for Elders and Deacons.



Carol Pilibosian, Greg Giemza, Tanya Morin, Ken Remilard, and Jean Finnegan being ordained & installed as Elders and Deacons.



Judy Salzberg, Deborah Baker, Mallorie Mercer (Youth Deacon) and Marilyn Alling being installed as Deacons.

Church Family News



July 11th, 2021
Our church family enjoying our first
Second Sunday Social since March
15th, 2020.

Happy 100th Anne MacLeod and Happy 85th Birthday to Bev Keeler



Representative Dave Muradian presented Anne with a certificate of recognition from himself and one signed by Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito.



Mallorie Mercer celebrated her 17th birthday on June 14th. She also received an award in achievement for completing Spanish 3.



Zack Morin and his girlfriend Olivia during their visit to Georgia.



Tanya Morin at Tanglewood to see the Boston Pops on July 4th.

Deacon's Report - May 24, 2021

- The Treasurer's Report shared the new balance for the committee and that Care Packages were all delivered to thankful receivers.
- Discussion was made about Communion Services to our shut-ins; Brandy has volunteered her services to serve two of our members on June 6th. (COVID protocols are limiting our ability to serve all of our residents at this time).
- It was noted that NAC will meet on June 8th, 2021 and will be meeting on a rotating schedule do to their President leaving.
- Tanya Morin sent out (and even delivered) Care Packages to our college kids and those serving in the military.
- There is a need to update our caregiver list; we need to ask around if there are other students, military servants, shut-ins or senior citizens that may have moved or are entering new living accommodations and would appreciate our services.
- Planned for "Lemonade on the Lawn" (and cookies!) for June 6 so that we can celebrate our new graduates.
- A second Sunday Social gathering is also in the plan to meet in July with the weather permitting us to a have a grilled meal outside.
- Good news given by Pastor Susan that Hymn books and Bibles will be coming back into the Sanctuary as soon as next month using proper protocols.
- Meeting closed with prayers and praise and concerns for our church.

Session Report -

Monthly Business Meeting June 7 -

- Session met for monthly prayer meeting on June 7
- Met for Giving report analysis on June 8
- Met for tech meeting on June 11
- Met for Session business on June 21
- Reviewed 2021-2022 budget prepared by the Trustees
- Reviewed Pastor DeHoff's 2021-2022 contract
- Set in-home communion for July and August
- Approved use of the church to celebrate Anne MacLeod's 100th birthday on July 10
- Reviewed Pastor's and all committee report
- Approved August pulpit supply

Session met on July 5 for a Prayer Meeting

July 5 called Session Meeting -

On July 5th Session met for a Special Called Meeting.

Lynne Walsh was elected clerk of Session.

Session also reviewed the issue of cutting the Pastor's hours, as recommended by the congregation at our June 27 Annual Meeting. After prayer and much discussion we voted to keep her hours the same.

By cutting the Pastor's hours we will still not eliminate the budget deficit, but we will lose services. Also it would be hard for PNC to find a half-time pastor. Session is further reviewing ways to provide an achievable 2021-2022 budget.

Missions Report -

News from the mission field in the next town over. Children's Haven summer camp Camp Chilaven is located right in Douglas. Children's Haven's sole mission is to introduce inner city kids to Jesus Christ. During the summertime they run Camp Chilaven and bring inner city kids to the country. It is a place where kids can enjoy the outdoors, have campfires, run, play and best of all hear the good news about Jesus in a safe environment. They are members of the Christian Camp & Conference Association and KMHMC has supported Children's Haven and sponsored camp for many years. There is more information and more ways to support Children's Haven at the Mission bulletin board beside the welcome center desk.

Happy camping!



A Message from Christian Growth and Nurture -

CGN is taking a break for August. We wish to thank all our SS teachers and group leaders for their commitment to teach both young and old. SS will resume on September 19 . Rally Day is September 12 and rumor has it that there will be food involved! Have a great summer everyone! Thank you to all the members of the committee who pulled together the Easter festival. It was a fun event for everybody. Thanks for all the hard work and laughter we have enjoyed. We look forward to resuming working together and sharing more laughter in the Fall.

In His service

The Ladies of CGN;
Suzanne Santoro, Chair, Lynne Walsh, Mallorie and Kimberly Mercer, Sarah Weigers, and Leslie Reichert.



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 AM Worship Service			5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
12:30 PM PNC Meeting						
2:30 PM Worship Commit.						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Trustees Meeting		5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn			7:00 PM CGN Meeting			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30AM Worship Service			5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:15 AM Pick Up Choir			5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
10:30AM Worship Service						
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						

August 2021

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15 10:30AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	16 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting	17	18 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	19	20	21
22 9:15 AM Pick Up Choir	23 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	24	25 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	26	27	28
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