

THE NEW COVENANT



News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Message from The Deacon's

Deacon's Care Cards were a big discussion in the most recent Deacon's Meeting.

The Deacon's have come up with the idea for care cards for our members to fill out.

The card would have emergency contact information and basic medical questions to be kept in a lock box in case of emergency or if emergency services are needed.
(Ambulance, EMT Care, etc.)

We Care Cards
from
The Board of Deacons



Name: _____

Point of Emergency Contact: _____

2nd Emergency Contact: _____

****Space provided on the back of the card for medical conditions****

*****Allergies and Medications should go on this side.*****

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July/

August

2022

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July				
Ministries	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Worship Leader	S. Santoro	M. Alling	J. Finnegan	L. Walsh
Greeters	R. Thomas	L. Walsh	T. Morin	K. Miedema
Ushers	James D. Baker	J. Baker	L. Walsh	D. Baker
Sound Board	G. Giemza	G. Giemza	G. Giemza	G. Giemza
PowerPoint	M. Alling	R. Thomas	K. Remillard	M. Mercer
Media	J. Tobin	K. Remillard	J. Tobin	J. Tobin
Lemonade on the Lawn		L. Walsh J. Finnegan	C. Pilibosian	K. Mercer
Counters	L. Walsh G. Giemza	M. Alling C. Pilibosian	T. Morin G. Giemza	J. Mercer C. Pilibosian

July/August Birthdays:

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
 Mark Thomas 7/21
 Suzanne Santoro 7/29

Shea Stone 8/1
 Evelyn Williams 8/7
 Seth Kloczkowski 8/24
 Bill Spalton 8/25
 Ruth Hoekstra 8/22
 Judy Salzberg 8/31

July/August Anniversaries:

Bill and Linda Skillen 7/22

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



♥ happy ♥
 anniversary

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

<i>August - September</i>					
Ministries	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28	Sept. 4
Worship Leader	S. Santoro	L. Walsh	J. Tobin	R. Thomas	M. Alling
Greeters	D. Baker	B. Giemza	L. Walsh	T. Morin	K. Miedema
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Media	J. Tobin	J. Tobin	K. Remillard	J. Tobin	J. Tobin
Lemonade on the Lawn	T. Morin	G. McCrea	L. Walsh	S. Santoro	D. Baker
Counters	M. Alling G. Giemza	L. Walsh G. Giemza	G. McCrea C. Pilibosian	M. Thomas G. Giemza	D. Baker C. Pilibosian

Session Corner

Session met on June 6 for congregational prayer.

Session met on June 20 for Stated business meeting and approved the following:

Approved hiring ARJ Construction replace the manse, garage, shed roofs and to replace the roof over the Spring St. tower of the sanctuary.

Approved replacing Mallorie Mercer on August 6 with Mark Thomas.

Approved Rev. Greg Keosaion to teach a Bible/ book class in the fall and to preach on August 7.

Approved to give one hour to Jimmy Tobin each week to work on the website, and reducing Mallorie Mercer's hours to 9 hours per week.



For many, if not most of us, it has been a stressful, exhausting year. No matter what our occupation, we have been doing what we feel God calling us to do. All vocations involve more than a walk along the beach! God calls us to work!

And work we have this past year, both inside and outside of church. In the process we've accomplished a lot, but we have also encountered a lot of surprising, difficult situations that have challenged us to understand and respond as Jesus would. And, the reality is, we haven't always responded that way.

No matter. At this point, when we are between the program year just ended and the next one not yet started, it is time to sit down and read the sixth chapter of Mark's gospel. Sit down and read it when you have the time to read it slowly and then reflect upon all that happened to Jesus and to the Apostles. Find where you would put yourself in that chronology of events. With whom can you identify or resonate?

Jesus sent the Apostles out two by two to spread the gospel message. While they were gone, Jesus learned that his cousin, John, had been beheaded by Herod. I would think that when the Apostles returned they needed to be debriefed and Jesus needed to share his grief with those closest to him. But there just wasn't time! There were so many people coming and going, and *so much to do!!* And, of course, it was all a matter of ministering to others as God gave them gifts for the benefit of others. Not one of us can fail to resonate with seeing *so much to do!*

Jesus saw the situation, and here is what he said and did:

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. (Mark 6:30-32)

There are times in all our lives when Jesus knows we need to vacate our day-to-day activities and go away where we can be alone with him. It isn't the same thing as what we call "vacation," although it might have been the original meaning. Today vacations tend to be a matter of "where all can we go and what all can we do to have *fun?*" And we come home exhausted, in need of another vacation of a different type.

The kind of get-away that was needed in the first place was one in which to get away from life's constant busy-ness and sit down with Jesus to debrief life of the past however many months since the last time such a get-away occurred.

That means walking along a beach, hiking a mountain trail, rocking in a chair on a cabin porch, sitting in the middle of a lake waiting for a fish to bite, or sitting on the deck watching the sun rise. And in the process of doing nothing but that, talking to Jesus – silently or out loud. Months ago, you went out in Jesus' name to do what he gave you to do. Now spend some time alone with him, telling him all about what these past many months have been like and what you feel you have and have not accomplished. And tell him about the losses, too. Jesus experienced a lot of losses during his earthly life, including his cousin John and his friend Judas.

And don't let the lack of Jesus' physical presence deter you from speaking to him. He's there, ready, waiting, and longing to listen. He's there to listen, understand, comfort, guide, answer questions, and offer you renewal and rejuvenation. Jesus knows you will need all of that as you return to the life of work and service.

The reality is that when Jesus and the Apostles arrived at the other side of the sea, there were 5,000 people waiting and in need of food. Doubtless you will find a somewhat similar need as you re-enter your day-to-day life at the end of your time alone with Jesus. Jesus will have prepared you to handle whatever comes your way! And you will have a keen sense of his being right there with you to multiply whatever you have in the way of "loaves" and "fish."

With prayers for all the blessings of time alone with Jesus,
Rev. Dr. DeHoff

Deacon's Corner

With the beginning of summer, everybody is finding ways to keep busy with the welcoming season. It is no different with the Deacon's as we tend to our congregation as shepherds, by helping and serving the needs of others. During the month of June we met and shared the following items:

Opened in prayer followed by the approval of last month's minutes and the treasurer's report

Discussed who would be communion servers on July 3, 2022 (for the In-Home church members and also in the Sanctuary)

Shared updates on our care-givers

New Business

The Deacons discussed the need for First Aid Kits and to make sure to include items, such as ice packs, wraps, etc.

The Creation of Medical Cards for church members was strongly discussed and approved; they will then be available to EMTs and caregivers but kept in a secured lock box.

The Deacons will review counting the offering after a church service with training to be provided by Carol Pilibosian and Greg Giemza. They will provide directions and share in counting the money before delivering it to the bank

The Deacons received further information about the Bob Stains Dialogue Groups from Pastor Susan, which includes training facilitators. Phase 3 of his plan. Then he will be available to consult with trained facilitators as they begin to schedule small dialogue groups.

The Deacons shared several positive comments about the success of this program, and the insightful training that was provided.

Church Family News

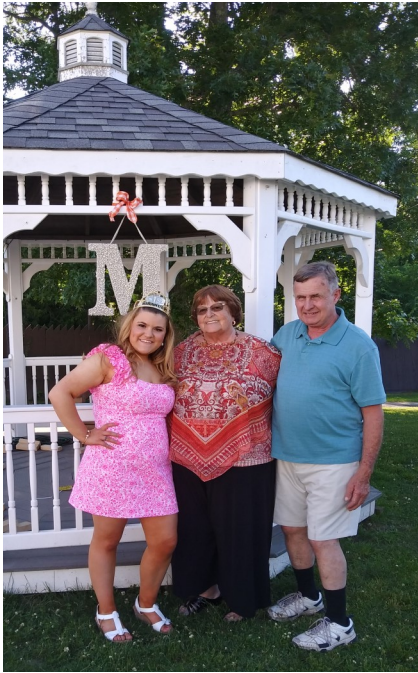


Tanya enjoyed a visit with her nephew Riley in May.

Tanya, her boyfriend Chris and Zach attended a wedding in June in Western Massachusetts.



Tanya got crafty with her friend at a paint class.



Mallorie with Deb and Jim Baker at her Graduation/18th Birthday Party.



Mallorie and Lynne at her Graduation/18th Birthday Party.



Kimberly and Mallorie at Mallorie's Graduation/18th Birthday

The Manse Roof has officially been redone!



Thank You Corner

Thank you to Lynne Walsh and Suzanne Santoro for helping with weeding the lawn!! And a special thanks to Lynne for removing the trees that were growing in the azalea bushes in front of the office building! - Pastor Susan

As chairman of the Stewardship Committee, I'd like to thank those of you who have already paid your annual per capita payment. It is a big help to the church when that is taken care of. Thank you all for your attention to this important matter. May God continue to bless you and the UP Church of Whitinsville. - Jim Baker

A thank you to Jim Baker for working with Nydam Oil to get the boiler room up to code. - Pastor Susan

On behalf of the entire congregation, thank you to Kimberly Mercer for filing the insurance claim and working with the insurance company to have the sanctuary cleaned after the boiler malfunction and for getting roof replacement proposals and working with Session and the roofing contractor to replace the roofs over the manse and garage and the sanctuary roof behind the Spring St. tower. - Members of Session

A thank you to Jason Mercer for defrosting the refrigerator in the church office. - Pastor Susan

Missions Corner

The Missions committee is looking to gain more members with a heart to spread the good news of God's saving grace both locally and globally.

In June we had an inspirational worship service with our global missionaries. They are doing some wonderful work abroad and asked us to continue to pray for their safety and for God to open doors for them.

Will you listen for God's call and pray for God to open doors for us to share the good news here at home. Summer can be a time to meet both new and old friends. Ask God for opportunities to share the gospel.

Suzanne Santoro
Missions Chairwoman

Joys and Concerns

Kim Mercer asks prayers for her Dad, Ronald Parker, who had surgery on June 17 to repair a complete tear of his rotator cuff. Surgery revealed an additional tear and a bone spur that also needed repair, so he is experienced a good bit of pain. Pray for healing and comfort.

Debbie Baker has a prayer of thanks and praise that her recovery from Covid is going well so that she can do more of the things she likes and needs to do.

Suzanne Santoro asks prayers for Dwayne Vanden Akker, who recently had lung replacement surgery. He is recovering well, so prayers of thanks and praise as well as prayers for strength and that his body will accept the new lungs.

We keep the **Platt family** in our prayers that God will give them comfort and peace as they grieve the loss of Bob.

Eileen Straub asks prayers for **Michael**. The orthopedist will not do hip replacement surgery until the leg wounds heal, and in order for them to heal, Michael needs unboot therapy that will cost \$4000 a month. Pray for insurance help for the cost.

Please keep the **Mateer family** in your prayers, as **Beth Hendrickson** transitioned from this life to the next.

Carol Pilibosian has a prayer of thanks that her granddaughter's college loan was approved.

Marilyn Alling has a prayer of joy that her son will be moving back to MA, now that he has finished his veterinary residency in ophthalmology.

Ronda Thomas has a prayer of thanks and praise that her **two cousins, who are sisters**, who needed major surgical procedures came through the surgery well and are recovering well.

Jean Finnegan has a prayer of thanks that there was not a serious health problem when she was taken to ER.

Kimberly Mercer asks prayers for her little 4 year-old niece, **Makenzie**, who fell off the swing on Sat. and broke her arm.

Susan Mateer has a prayer of thanks that her brother is Covid free and that no one else in the family caught it from him.

Diana Pedersen asks prayers for **Ken**, who recently had surgery for colon cancer. They learned this week that Ken will also need chemo. Pray that the chemo is not debilitating for him and that it will remove any remaining cancer cells.

Please keep Marilyn Alling in your prayers as she struggles with bronchitis.

Please remember to keep those who are homebound in your prayers as well.

Ruth Hoekstra - Linwood Apartments No. 105, 670 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Nancy Freiswyk – Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, Beaumont Dr., Room 222, Northbridge, MA 01534

Anne MacLeod - Lydia Taft Rehabilitation, Room #26A, 60 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA 0569

Bernard Koerten - 2 Chestnut Street, Apt. 102, Whitinsville, M A

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 AM Special Pentecost Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	4	5	6 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	7	8	9
10 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	11 7:00 PM Session Prayer Meeting	12 7:00 PM CGN and Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Trustees' Meeting	13 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	14	15	16
17 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	18 7:00 PM Session Meeting	19	20 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	21	22	23
24 9:30 Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 5:00 PM Sing Along	25 6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	26	27 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	28	29	30
31 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						

August 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	4	5	6
7 10:30 AM Worship Service-- Rev. Greg Keosian 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	8 7:00 PM Session Prayer Meeting	9 10 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	11	12	13 Deadline for September Newsletter Submission
14 10:30 AM Worship Service Rev. Christiane Dutton 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	15 16	17 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	18	19	20
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