

# THE NEW COVENANT



News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

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*Lemonade on the Lawn will be served every Sunday after the weekly worship service.*

*If you are interested in volunteering by bringing jugs of tea, lemonade, or punch there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area or you can contact the church office by emailing ([whitinpres@gmail.com](mailto:whitinpres@gmail.com)) or by calling 508-234-8220*

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*June 12<sup>th</sup> - July 3<sup>rd</sup>*

<b>Ministries</b>	<b>June 12</b>	<b>June 19</b>	<b>June 26</b>	<b>July 3</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	J. Finnegan	J. Tobin	M. Alling	L. Walsh
<b>Greeters</b>	J. Baker	K. Miedema	L. Walsh	T. Morin
<b>Ushers</b>	James D. Baker	J. Baker	W. Colonero	D. Baker
<b>Sound Board</b>	G. Giemza	M. Thomas	G. Giemza	G. Giemza
<b>PowerPoint</b>	K. Mercer	R. Thomas	K. Remilard	M. Mercer
<b>Media</b>	J. Tobin	K. Remilard	J. Tobin	J. Tobin
<b>Lemonade on the Lawn</b>		G. McCrea	R. Thomas	T. Morin

*June Birthdays*

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.

- 6/14 Mallorie Mercer
- 6/15 Mike Sabourin
- 6/16 Bob Platt, Jr.
- 6/23 Kristen Stone
- 6/23 Ronda Thomas
- 6/26 Mary Spalton
- 6/28 Don Mateer

**\*\*Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule\*\***

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

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



June. Just the mention of that month when I was a kid kindled hope and anticipation of “School’s Out!” And along with that came fond memories of past summers filled with fun. Trips, sometimes to the beach – always to visit grandparents; all sorts of projects with neighborhood friends; popsicles; and time to watch the clouds go by and dream.

Truth be told, I *still* look forward to sitting outside and watching the clouds while I dream of what the future – near and far – might hold. There are all sorts of possibilities, some with potential for becoming reality and some just magical wishes. But having the time, peace, and quiet to dream invariably lifts you above current circumstances and makes you aware of possibilities.

Not all the happy dreams come true, but some do. As the song from the movie “South Pacific” says, “you gotta have a dream. If you don’t have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?” Watching the clouds and dreaming about the future gives opportunity to run across a dream that really could become a reality. Those dreams always take work; some take blood, sweat, and tears, but the actualization of the dream is a very satisfying and gratifying experience.

As you sit down or lie back and watch the clouds drift by, what dreams come to you? If you free your mind from all the tedium of daily living and ask yourself “what would be really nice right now?” what comes to mind? Another question to ask is “what change in my life would be energizing and renewing?” “What would I really like my life to look and feel like?”

This kind of dreaming can, in and of itself, be renewing and energizing. It is closely related to hope. Hope for the future springs from many sources, but certainly this kind of dreaming is one place from which it springs. “If you can dream it, you can make it happen” is a thought that applies to many cloud-watching dreams.

You are never too old or too young to dream these sorts of dreams. I once read that Kate Middleton dreamed as a little girl of becoming a princess. You are never too old to find a way to make a dream come true. A long time ago, I read the story of a man who, all his life, had wanted to be a preacher. At the age of 70 he was ordained to the ministry.

Cloud-dreaming is a pastime that is healthy and enjoyable at any age. In the Bible, dreaming is a way that God communicates with people. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century it is *still* a way God communicates with us. The bright dreams for the future that come while we are cloud watching may very well be given to us by God. And to the extent that is so, you can rest assured that God will supply all that is needed to make the dream become a reality.

So “put down knitting, the book, and the broom,” as the song from *Cabaret* goes, and go find a puffy white cloud floating effortlessly in a blue sky. Follow its journey through its short life and dream. Dream about the way you’d like life to be. Dream about what you hope the future holds. Wait for a dream that you could make into a reality, and then go for it!

## Church Family News



Zack and Jason treated their mom to lunch on Mother's Day.

Zack and Olivia dressed fancy for a Kentucky Derby party.



Tanya got crafty decorating this concrete heart as a gift for her boyfriend Chris.

Our previous administrative assistant Alice, has become a grandmother!! Her grandson's name is Sebastian Gerald Clark, and he was born on April 2nd, 2022.



Graduate Mallorie Mercer and Rev. DeHoff after Northbridge High School's Baccalaureate Ceremony.

Congratulations to Mallorie Mercer on graduating from high school and receiving a silver tassel as well as a silver "N".



## *Deacon's Report*

Pastor Susan led the Deacon's in a special "prayer" by reading a Bible passage from Ephesians 4: 31-32.

The meeting went on with the following agenda:

The Treasurer's report is at \$772.09 for the current balance.

Assignments were reviewed for the upcoming Communion Service in church as well as for in-home services

Updates were shared with the concerns and joys among our current in-home caregivers

New Business consisted of:

Setting up another opportunity to have a training session for the offering collections, including the

counting the monies afterwards and delivering it to the bank

Trustee situation:

Presently, we only have Katrina as a designated trustee

Deacon's need to step in and help out due to the structural needs

A plan has been worked out for a rotation among the deacons to be the "counters" for future offerings

A Study of the Worship Directory was shared by Pastor Susan:

Reviewed Chapter 7 on "The Ordinary of Reformed Worship"

Church members are a royal priesthood

Prayerful Participation is interactive

Prayer is central to God

Update of Bob Stains Dialogue Groups:

Next meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on June 17 @ 5:30 p.m.

Eight participants will be invited

Short Discussion of A.C.'s report to Whitinsville Presbyterian Church

Recommendation will be made to COM

Deacons and Elders will co-sign response letter to be sent to congregation

The meeting ended in prayer after sharing joys and concerns of the church and the people ....(and a round of congratulations to Mallorie Mercer who will be preparing for her future studies at the University of Tennessee!)

## Session Report

Session met on May 2 for congregational prayer.

Session met for Stated Business meeting on May 17.

Approved ordering of offering envelopes.

Approved Eileen Straub to work in the office to prepare the worship bulletin, PowerPoint, and worship leader's script for 6 hours per week.

Approved Sunday June 12 as Sunday School recognition day.

Approved Safe child policy.

Worked to prepare the next year's budget.

## Time for Per Capita

Now that we have entered a new fiscal year, it is time to make your per capita contribution. *Per capita* is what the church sends to the Presbytery to help with presbytery expenses. It is called "per capita" because it is made up of \$55 per church member. UPCoW's per capita assessment for 2022 is \$5320, and it is due in full by December 31, 2022.

Presbytery uses the money that comes in from every church in the presbytery to pay staff, including the Stated Clerk and the Treasurer and to pay for other operating expenses. But it is also used to help church's in need of help for capital improvements and other needs. This past year Presbytery sent UPCoW a check to pay for the second half of Bob Stains' program at our church. That part of the program will teach some of our members how to lead dialogue groups, in the church's ongoing commitment to improving communication.

Last year church members were faithful in paying their part of this assessment. Thank you for doing the same this year!

**Katie Matchett** has a prayer of thanks and praise as she became the wife of Mark Dziadyk on April 29 at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

**Judy Salzberg** asks prayers for the owners of the old Victorian Inn on Linwood Ave. that burned and also for the firefighter who was injured while fighting the fire.

**Jason Mercer** also asks prayers for the **Kearnan** Family, as Jason's best friend, the youngest brother in the family who was in his mid-40s and battling ALS, contracted pneumonia went to be with the Lord, this past week.

**Eileen Straub** has a prayer of thanks and praise that her husband came through his hernia surgery very well. She and Michael now ask prayers for an orthopedic surgeon to be found soon to do the hip replacement surgery.

**Tanya Morin** has a prayer of praise that the ER was able to stop a serious allergic reaction that caused hives and breathing difficulties this week.

We keep **Gaye Shannon** and her family in our prayers as Gaye's brother died this week.

**Tanya Morin** asks prayers for the family of the father and son who were killed when a car plunged into Nipmuc Pond.

**Sarah and Tim Wieggers** ask prayers for Luke as he recovers from pneumonia.

**Suzanne Santoro** asks continued prayers for Anthony as he continues to recover from recent surgery.

**Dave Miedema** has a prayer of thanks that his Covid case was short lived and Kathy did not get it.

**Carol Pilibosian** asks prayers for Ava, who broke her collar bone earlier this week and has had to have surgery to repair it. She has been experiencing a good bit of pain.

**Susan Mateer** asks prayers for her Mom, **Beth**, as she is in assisted living now and contracted Covid. Susan says she feels very lonely since Susan cannot be there.

**Harriet Platt** asks prayers for **Bob**, as the hospice nurse tells her Bob has only a few days remaining on earth. Pray for a peaceful transition from this life into the next for Bob and peace and comfort for Harriet.

**Jimmy Tobin** has a joy that his Dad's surgery went well, and that his Dad is recovering well.

Please keep **Mark Thomas** in your prayers as he continues to look for a job as a librarian.

**Mallorie Mercer** has a prayer of joy that she has finished high school and only has a baccalaureate service and the graduation ceremony left.

Please keep **Debbie Baker** in your prayers as she continues to fight covid and feels she may be beginning to win the battle.

**Jim Baker** has a prayer of thanks that he came through covid in good shape.

Please keep **Luke Wieggers** in your prayers that all the fixators, casts, and braces on his legs will help them grow normally.

**Chris Lee** has a prayer of joy that he is back to work full time.

**Jean Finnegan** has a prayer of thanks and praise that she was given the gift of a new a/c.

Please continue to pray for **John Keeler's** Dad as he works to recover from a series of strokes.

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

**Elizabeth Hendrickson** - Atria Draper Place, 25 Hopedale St., Hopedale MA 01747

**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



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	2	3	4
5 10:30 AM Special Pentecost Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	6 7:00 PM Session Prayer Meeting	7	8 5:00 PM Peace of Bread 7:00 PM CGN Meeting	9	10 Deadline for July/August News-letter Submission	11
12 Children's Day 9:30 Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	13	14	15 5:00 PM Our Turn for Peace of Bread	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	20 7:00 Session Meeting	21	22 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	23	24	25
26 ANNUAL MEETING 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 11:45 Annual Meeting	27 6:30 Deacons Meeting	28	29 5:00 PM Peace of Bread	30		



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## Thank You Corner:

Thank you to Jim Baker and Kimberly Mercer for coordinating the work to get the boiler room repairs done and hot water restored to the Fellowship Hall. Well done!! - Pastor Susan

Session thanks Gaye Shannon for continuing as Treasurer while John Keeler helps his Dad with recovery from several strokes.

Thank you to Tanya Morin for taking care of the food for the small dialogue groups. - Kimberly M.

A huge thank you to the Worship and Missions Committees for working together with our missionaries to plan the June 5, Pentecost, Service. And another huge thank you to the Production Crew: Jimmy Tobin, Greg Giemza, and Ken Remillard, for their successful blending of zoom, live, and pre-recorded elements to make the service happen. - Pastor Susan