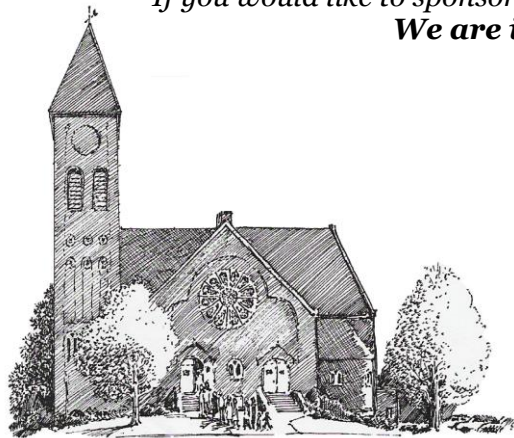


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*Our faith is 2000 years old,
but our thinking is not.*

*Welcome to Center Church where we roll up our sleeves to deepen our faith, extend
God's abundant love and justice, and where laughter and tears are sacred.*

Unlike the Lock Ness Monster, growing pains are real. Apparently as our bodies grow our muscles tighten and are pulled. In my day, anything that a physician could not diagnose was labeled a growing pain.

During the Spring we witness growing pains as buds mysteriously appear and pop out blossoms to then drop and form leaves. This year in particular has been a glorious landscape of growing pains in nature.

Within South Hadley we are encountering growing pains when it comes to recycling. At first some of us resist, but then after effort and intentionality we adjust and become part of the recycling efforts. Two years ago the Trustees had to determine how to recycle and at what level. Thanks to some key recyclers in our midst (Karen Anderson, Kenneth Bozek, and Suzanne Cordes) we no longer suffer from recycling growing pains.

Spiritually and emotionally we experience growing pains. Sometimes we ignore them. Other times we acknowledge the inner pain, but do nothing beyond complaining. Then, when we are hit in the gut or are blindsided by the turmoil, we may lose sleep, friendships/relationships, and direction in life.

So what can we do when our growing pains are related to our spiritual and emotional well being? From 2 Peter 3: 18 (The Message translation) we read, “Grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ. When faced with spiritual chaos, be reminded that God’s Grace ALREADY EXISTS IN EACH ONE OF US. We do not have to insert quarters to pay for a parking space with God. Time, reassurance, comfort, hope, courage from God is FREE.

May we welcome those growing pains for we are not alone.

*Wild Blessings,
Lori*

Thank you to our CE Directors – **Sarah Smith, Helen Gage, and Jen Weeks** and to our Youth Leader **Bethany Gately** for their hands on, vibrant and faith-filled leadership. Our church school and youth are Blessed by their guidance. Although Sunday School and Youth group will end mid-June, our Youth have some exciting retreat experiences planned (check out Bethany’s article in this C@C). We will keep you updated on their adventures.



We would like to offer our Thanks and Appreciation to the Rev. Dr. Peter Well upon his retirement. Peter has served on the MACUCC staff for 11 years and will retire at the end of August. He currently serves churches and ministers in the Hampshire and Central Associations and is coordinator for the Justice and Witness ministries for the Conference. If you would like to write a note of thanks to Peter for his ministry with and for us,

you may send a note to him at the Western Regional Office 51 Center Street PO Box 443 Ludlow, MA 01056.



Coffee, Tea and Theology
June 5, 2012 10:30 am
Thirsty Mind @ Village Commons



Sarah, Jen and I (Helen) want to thank you all for a wonderful year in the Promised Land. We all feel so blessed to have shared so many wonderful, fun-filled and meaningful times, with your amazing children. We are so grateful to all of you who helped us throughout the year; we simply could not do it without you. The children love when church members join us in the Promised Land. Your participation tells them that they are part of a spiritual community that really cares about and enjoys them. That is a powerful message!!!!



We hope that you will join the “All Church Picnic” this year! The picnic will be held at BATTERY Brook Park on June 9, immediately following worship. It will be a potluck event; there will be games and fun for all!



Have a safe, fun and restful summer!



Youth Group



The Youth Group is very excited that the warmer weather is coming in. This means we get to go on our youth retreats! First, we are heading to Becket, MA to attend an overnight at the Berkshire Outdoors Center. There we will do group challenges, high and low ropes courses, go canoeing, play games, build campfires, and much more. The focus of this trip is to test personal limits and find out how capable we really are. Then later in July the youth will be going to Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA for a four night education program. There we will live and breathe the lifestyles of people from other countries. Once assigned our country, we must make food provided with only local crops, feed to the farm animals, and sleep in traditional housing whether it be a yurt or a wooden shack. We will also be providing community service to Heifer Farm by helping tend the land and upkeep the farm community. The focus of this trip is education and service. To help fund these trips, we are selling baked goods at the All Church Picnic on June 9th- please come support us! Also be on the look-out for an after worship luncheon and a car wash. Thank you!

Youth Poems

All day in the fresh air
I was running in the grass
Wind blowing in my hair
On my way to gardening class.
Along the road I saw a berry
He was cute and squishy,
So I named him Larry.
And together we had fun
Frolicking in the shining sun!



In the Spring, all the flowers are in bloom.
The birds come out and sing,
And I clean out my room.
As I lay in the grass,
I count the clouds in the sky.
Then a bird goes past;
I wish I could fly!

Kids were swimming in the lake
And everyone was wet,
When a kid began to make
A fancy fishing net.
And as he finished, swam by a fish.
So he caught it! But then released it with a "splish."

On a wonderful Spring day Emmie was walking through the park
When she saw her friend Torri walking her dog.
Her dog's name was Tristan and when he began to bark,
They realized he must have eaten Grace's pet frog.
So they left the park to meet up with the rest of the youth group.
They saw Nehemiah, Nicolette, Livy, and Liv, but not Bethany, who is often left out of the loop.
Together they spent the Spring
Doing lots of community service, ah, what joy they bring. :)

Spring is a beautiful season,
With lots of budding trees.
Which give many people reason
To scrunch up their face and sneeze.
And even when Spring is over and done
We can reminisce together about all the fun!



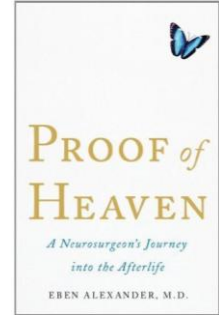
On May 19th, through the **Sacrament of Baptism**, we welcomed Nehemiah James Guild Wilson to the Center Church family.

And through the **Rite of Confirmation**, we welcomed Olivia Phuong Cordes, Tristan Edward Guzik, Grace Elaine Lonergan, Torri Rose Lonergan and Nehemiah James Guild Wilson into the membership of Center Church.

Christian Adult Education Group

Have you ever wondered:

1. Is there was life after death?
2. Is there is an afterlife, is there a heaven and/or hell?
3. If so, what are they like?
4. What is it like to experience the presence of God?
5. What are some of the explanations for near-death experiences?
6. What did Jesus mean when he spoke of “the Kingdom of God” or when he promised “eternal life” for his followers?



If you have thought about any of these questions, we urge you to read the book Proof of Heaven: A Neurologist’s Journey into the Afterlife by Dr. Eben Alexander, MD. The book is an easy read and is full of intriguing thoughts and questions and conclusions. Copies of the book can be purchased by the Church Office at the discounted rate of just \$9.

We will hold a **pot-luck supper on June 17th at 6 pm** to begin to discuss this book and some of the issues it raises. We will also meet for **discussion at Loomis on June 19th from 10:30 to noon.**

We will follow the format here:

1. Dinner: 6:00 -- 7:00
2. Introduction: (Richard) - a brief bio of Dr Alexander and a brief summary of the book (5-10 minutes)
3. Form small groups of 6-8 people --e.g. those sitting at each table will be a group
4. Provide each table a list of about 4-6 key issues or questions raised by the book and suggest that each group choose i question to discuss for 20 minutes, then take another questions for another 20 minutes, and then a final 20 session to discuss some aspect of the book that most intrigued attendees. (1 Hour)
5. Conclusion and thank you (Richard) 8:00

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or if you would like to participate in this program, perhaps to relate your own near death experience, please contact Richard Howe at 533-4437 or at rmhhowe@hotmail.com.



NOTES FROM May’s CHURCH COUNCIL

In May we joined with the Strategic Vision Team for the first part of the meeting. The focus was on finalizing the statement of purpose.

The council heard and further developed plans for the all-church picnic to be held on June 9th. It is hoped that all generations will gather for a potluck and fellowship at Buttery Brook Park.

Council members brought back team comments relative to the topic of improving hospitality. Some of the suggestions included: to make a continued effort to have people wear name tags; to have more signage leading to Fellowship Hall/coffee hour; and to have the pastor alternate Sunday after service greeting between the narthex door and the crossway door.

The new website is going well. A reminder that “Church at the Center” will now be available through the website. There will also be “hard copies” available at the church. Copies will be distributed to Loomis Village residents and there will be some mailings; but not the usual bulk mailing.

Church in Transition:

Baptism: May 19th- Nehemiah James Guild Wilson Parents: Martha Guild and Lucas Wilson

We welcome the following members of the **Confirmation** Class who joined the church on May 19th: Olivia Phuong Cordes, Tristan Edward Guzik, Grace Elaine Lonergan, Torri Rose Lonergan and Nehemiah James Guild Wilson



RECYCLED PAPER

News from the Trustees for June 2013

At our May meeting, we heard that income and expenses are well within our ball park “markers” for the end April. Both are running about 39% when the projected figures should stand at about 33%. Obviously we would like to have income greater than expenses but these % still are quite good. So we thank everyone who is continuing to keep pledges current. As we head into the summer months, that is always important. We heard that the church office had received a very positive note about the chimes which sound three times each day. There was a funeral at the Evergreen Cemetery recently and although it was not planned, the chimes rang just as the service there began and ended as it was drawing to a close. The family was very pleased (see email below).

Because the stock market has been doing quite well, our endowment figures also mirror that positive trend. It gained about \$70,000 between March and April. Even though the church season is moving into “summer mode”, there are still a number of things planned. DO REMEMBER that we will be at Center Church for all of June and July, before moving to the Granby UCC church for the month of August. We continue to hold the Falls UCC congregation in our prayers as they come to an end of their time together and celebrate all that they have accomplished. Thanks to Al Duffy and his crew for their vigilance on May 19 in “protecting” the parking spaces allotted to the church for Sunday services, while the MHC Commencement was getting ready to take place.

The parsonage upgrading items which we had agreed to do before putting the house on the market are complete. It will be going on the market shortly, if it hasn't already. We are working to retrieve the Woodbridge “stone” which was placed in the downstairs parsonage fireplace hearth when the building was built. It has significance to Center Church because Rev. Woodbridge was one of our early pastors. In our continuing effort to make the church staff offices the best they can be, we authorized Al Duffy to replace the storm windows and the screens which are in dire need of help. We will also be putting in a window for Lori over the summer. You can see where one once was on the outside of the building. And we are moving forward with the renovations for the two upstairs former offices. That will be completed sometime this summer.

We will have one more meeting before taking a vacation for the month of July and will return in August to begin working again for the upcoming church year gearing up in September. Do remember that if you have any concerns about the church/education building or our finances during the summer, you can always leave a message with Thia in the office and she will get in touch with one of us. You are also welcome to see any of us in church.

Cynthia J. Morrell, Secretary

RE: Center Church Chimes Below is an email received through our website contact page. We wanted to share it so that we may rejoice in the gifts we unknowingly give:

Hello,

I was at a funeral on May 9th at Evergreen Cemetery at 1pm and there were bells that started at about 1:05 and ended at about 1:25. They coincided with the burial service and we are wondering if it was your church and why they were ringing at that time.

Thank You, Mike Boisvere

Hi Michael

Yes it was the chimes playing at Center Church. They are on a timer to play at 11:15, 1pm and 5pm.

I would be happy to pass along your comments to our Board of Trustees as to how you felt it affected your service at the cemetery. Were they a benefit or a distraction? or any other thoughts?

Thank you for contacting us.

Blessings Thia Jubinville Church Admin.

Hi, this is Deanna. Michael sent the email, but I'll respond because it was my mother's service Thursday at the cemetery. The chimes started exactly at the time the service started. They were beautiful, and the timing couldn't have been better. Started the minute the service started, and ended about 15 minutes later when the service was wrapping up. The funeral home had encouraged us to have music at the service, but I am so glad now that we chose not to, since we may have missed the chimes. They were the perfect volume, and the perfect background music for the service. I wish everyone having a service at that cemetery could be blessed with your chimes. Thank you so much!!



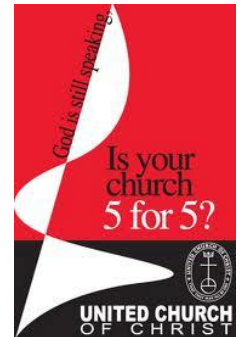
Mission Partners of the Month

“Hearts to Hands to Hope”

United Church of Christ encourages our Churches to become 5 for 5 Churches in supporting local, national, and global missions.

The 5 mission offerings are:

- Our Churches Wider Mission: supporting UCC conferences, National and Global Missions
- One Great Hour of Sharing: providing support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives
- Strengthening the Church: grows the future by funding new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries
- Neighbors in Need: supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US
- The Christmas Fund: provides pensions and health premium supplements to low-income retired church workers and emergency assistance to clergy families in need



June is designated for Strengthen The Church

This special mission of the United Church of Christ supports programs

- Funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations
- Nurturing lay and pastoral leadership
- Building youth and young adult ministries



Outreach Partner for July – Nothing But Nets

Our July Outreach Partner is “Nothing but Nets”. Nothing but Nets is a global, grassroots campaign to raise awareness and funding to fight malaria, a leading cause of death among children in Africa. Over 200 million people contract malaria each year and, tragically, a child dies every 60 seconds for this preventable disease. A simple bed net can protect children and families for this deadly infection.



Nothing but Nets is a program within the United Nations Foundation and was created following a Rick Reilly column about malaria in Sports Illustrated. In the six years since its creation, Nothing but Nets has engaged hundreds of thousands of individuals to help the UN goal of ending malaria deaths by 2015. It works UN partners such as UNICEF, the UN Refugee Agency, and the World Health Organization to purchase nets, transport them to Africa, and distribute them to families. Net distributions are typically part of a wider public health effort within a country coordinated by the Ministry of Health, the UN and other local and international organizations. Our church supports Nothing but Nets as a Outreach Partner via our Outreach budget.

For more information about the program please see their website: www.nothingbutnets.net



COLUMBUS DAY FAIR TAG SALE

Please don't forget us!! This major fundraiser depends on you! Of course we need your help in October for a myriad of tasks during the sale itself....and we need your support in the purchase of the many emporium items....HOWEVER, we also need your help now to supply those items you no longer want; but that someone else will think is a "find"! Items can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall anytime that the church office is open. Most Tuesday mornings there will be folks there to help you bring the items in from your car. If you would like to drop items off at a time when the church is not open, please just call the office or Bobbie at 533-3833 and we will arrange a time convenient for you.

Thanks...

SPRING HOUSECLEANING....

remember the Columbus Day Fair Emporium....

Bring your items to Fellowship; Hall....
Please have them clean and in working order....

WHAT DOES SELL....

We look forward to receiving, marking (pricing) an



Dishes Glassware Knick knacks Jewelry Lamps

Artificial flowers Linens Decorative pillows Vases



Small appliances in good condition

Pots and pans Hardware items

Pictures Frames Purses & bags

Baskets Hard cover books



Decorations (indoor or outdoor) for any holiday Paperback books

Toys Games Puzzles Stuffed animals outside children's toys



This is not an all inclusive list. If any questions, give us a call!

Please remember we are NOT accepting.... Electronics, most sporting good items, records, reference books, old magazines and large household replacement items such as chandeliers, kitchen fixtures, etc.



RECYCLED PAPER



Tell Me the Stories – June 2012



This month, I'm doing something a little different. If you have a hymnbook at home, check this out! On this and the next page, you will see two hymns that you will need to look at as you read this article.

A few Sundays ago, Larry Schipull came out from behind the choir rail and the organ and talked a bit about hymn structure and all the information which you will find around each hymn in our two books. So Thia has kindly scanned one hymn (278) from the New Century Hymnal (NCH) first and one (1) from The Pilgrim Hymnal (PH) second. You will find the same information I am going to talk about in either hymnal, it just might be in a different place. So when you look at a specific hymn, what do you notice first? Do you look and then wonder what it all is? Well, most of the time you see the title which also tends to be the first few words of the first stanza (verse). The text writer and the composer are listed separately unless of course, the same person both wrote and composed the hymn. The text writer is on the top usually on the left, and the date when the text was written is listed too as a single date (NCH). The PH lists the birth and death dates of the writer instead. The composer and the tune name (in caps) are listed at the bottom right in the NCH and the top right for the PH.

Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5

1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
 2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
 3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
 4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.

Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.
 Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
 Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
 Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708

So what else do you see around the hymn? Well, if you look closely you should see a scriptural reference, if there is one, on which the hymn is based. And you might also see some numbers next to the hymn tune name. Those list the “phrase syllables” in each line. Why would you want to know that? Well, as Larry illustrated, sometimes hymn texts can be interchanged with other hymn tunes. Here are two examples of that. If you take the words to *O God, Our Help* and the C.M. notation (8.6.8.6) that goes along with that hymn tune (ST. ANNE), those same words could be put to the tune AZMON (*O For a Thousand Tongues*) or CORONATION (*All Hail The Power*) or a number of other tunes. All of these



combinations of syllable set-ups can be found in the back as well under “metrical index.” While the PH usually lists all of the metrical numbers for the hymn, the NCH sometimes just lists initials, such as C.M. or C.M.D. However again in the back, it does define what any of the initial pairings mean and gives their metrical #s. Sometimes it might be that a particular hymn tune is an unfamiliar one BUT you could find another tune with the same metrical numbers, with which the congregation is familiar, for the words you really want to use. This is why there is usually one or two emails each week between the staff before the actual Sunday program gets set. So you might be singing words to a hymn tune which you are not actually looking at (that does not happen very often!)

Can you see that any hymnbook has more than just specific hymns in it? Occasionally I will note in these hymn “stories” that a hymn was originally paired with another hymn tune than the one it is currently placed with. And some hymn tunes have been placed with multiple texts as the example we’ve used here. All of this information is listed by various categories at the back of the hymnal. In alphabetical within each, there is a list of the metrical index (tune name by # of syllables/line), topical index (subject matter), first lines of each hymn, list of tune names, and a list of authors/composers or authors and composers separately. The NCH also has a list of scriptural references categorized by the Bible books as well as the lectionary index.

Have I thoroughly confused you yet? Check out a hymnbook (any one will do) and see for yourself. So next time you are singing hymns in church, take a moment to see all the amazing information which can be found right there on the page. The NCH also gives you a little additional information about the hymn at the bottom, which is synthesized from the NCH Companion.

**Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

Psalm 100:2

Cindy Morrell,
Associate in Music

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Based on Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. A - men.

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| <p>5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.</p> | <p>6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.</p> |
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EARLY UCC MISSIONARY OUTREACH

On Confirmation Sunday, Lori listed a number of UCC “firsts” that she and the confirmands discovered in their many discussions. While I was researching for a topic for this month, I came across some early “American” missionaries connected to the UCC.

Many of the Pilgrims who first emigrated to America, desired to convert the natives (Indians) to Christianity. The task was not an easy one, mainly due to the wide differences in the culture/language of the settlers and the natives. In 1646, the General Court of Massachusetts directed the religious leaders of the colony to select two among them to serve as missionaries to the natives. So great was the interest aroused by this venture that a society was formed in England also to support the missionaries. Unfortunately a massive conflict broke out, called King Philip’s War (1675-76), which resulted in many deaths of both the settlers and the natives. However, three prominent names appear. They are: John Eliot (known as the Apostle to the Indians); Thomas Mayhew (who was already ministering to the natives); and Eleazar Wheelock, who established “Doctor Wheelock’s Academy for the promotion of Christianity and civility among the savage Indians of this continent” (now known as Dartmouth College).

John Eliot, 1604-1690, born and educated in England, was assistant to Thomas Hooker at a private school in England. Eliot eventually moved to Boston in 1631. He became the minister at the First Church of Roxbury, MA. He is credited with being one of the editors of the *Bay Psalm Book*, the first book published in British North America. Through his missionary work with the Massachusetts Indians, he translated the Bible and had it published in 1663. In 1666 he published his *The Indian Grammar Begun*. He was also the author of *The Christian Commonwealth or the Civil Policy of the Rising Kingdom of Jesus Christ*. It is considered the first book on politics written by an American. It proposed a new model of civil government - it was banned! Eliot was known as a cross-cultural missionary. He placed Native Americans in planned towns in hopes that they would assimilate. As many as 14 towns sprung up. They were called “Praying Indians” and the best-known town became Natick, MA. Others were: Littleton, Lowell, Chelmsford, Grafton, Marlborough, Hopkinton, Canton, Mendon and Uxbridge. In 1689, he purchased 75 acres in Roxbury to support the Eliot School which was required “to accept both Negroes and Indians without prejudice.” John Eliot is considered the “grandfather of modern missions.”

Thomas Mayhew, 1593-1682, born in England, he came to America and created the first English settlement on Martha’s Vineyard after purchasing the island from the Earl of Sterling in 1642. He was a ship builder by trade and established a farming and whaling community on the island. Mayhew had great success regarding Indian policy. Because of its island situation, the colony escaped the bloodshed and disruption of the King Philip’s War. There were over 3,000 natives living in permanent villages on the island. Under Mayhew’s policy, respect and fair dealings was accorded the Wampanoag. No land was to be taken from the native islanders. The colonial settlers and the Indians lived in peace and no bloodshed. Mayhew worked to preserve the original political life of the natives. By 1660 there were 85 settlers living among the Indians. Mayhew was taught the native language. He then would walk 20 miles through uncut forests to preach the Gospel to the natives. Mayhew was named “Governour and Chiefe Magistrate” for life! The Mayhews’ missionary work is considered the “longest most persistent missionary endeavor” in the annals of Christendom!

Eleazar Wheelock, 1711-1779, was born in Windham, CT. He graduated from Yale in 1733 (the year of Center Church’s founding). He became the pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Lebanon, CT in 1735 and served there for 34 years. He also served as an itinerant preacher during the “Great Awakening” which swept the Connecticut River Valley. He too was concerned about the Indians in New England. Wheelock took in a Mohegan who knew English as a student in 1743 and taught Samson Occom for four years. Occom learned Hebrew and studied theology and became a Presbyterian minister preaching to the Mohegans. He organized Christian natives as the “Brothertown Tribe”. Through Wheelock’s success with Occom, he founded a school in Lebanon, CT for Native Americans. It was called The Moors Charity School and was erected on Lebanon’s town green. He published *Narrative of the Indian School at Lebanon*. Few of those students became missionaries. Realizing that he needed to expand the school and include college level classes, he sought help and obtained a charter from King George III of England in 1769. Wheelock then searched for a suitable location and decided upon a large parcel in Hanover, NH. Because Lord Dartmouth was chair of Wheelock’s trustees, Wheelock named the new school Dartmouth College. It educated both Native Americans and settlers. Eleazar Wheelock became its first president from 1769-1779. Four students graduated in 1771 including Wheelock’s son, John.

We Congregationalists have a proud heritage of “doing good works.” I’m so glad that Lori imparted some of our historical “firsts” to Center Church’s newest confirmands.



Getting to Know You– June 2013

Theresa and Tom Waller



Theresa Ann Egan was born and raised in Springfield. She has four brothers and two sisters and she is “third in line.” She attended Catholic grade school in Springfield and graduated from Notre Dame High School. She grew up at St. Anne’s in Chicopee, but moved away from it as she grew older. Terry has worked ever since graduation. She was previously married and divorced. She is currently, and has been for 20 years, both a crossing guard as well as a cafeteria worker at the Fairview Veterans Memorial School in Chicopee.

Thomas Waller was born in Holyoke and grew up in South Hadley, very close to Center Church on Leahey Avenue. He has twin older brothers, another brother and sister, and two younger brothers. All attended Center Church growing up and became members at the usual time (back then it was at the end of 8th grade). His dad was very active in our church and one older brother even served as treasurer in the early 70s. He graduated from South Hadley High School with the largest graduating class ever in 1970. He attended UMass-Amherst for a year, was married and then divorced with two sons Jason and Scott. He says his work career has all been in the delivery, distribution and sales business at a variety of food companies. He is currently with Specialized Carriers in Chicopee.

Tom and Terry met at a hockey game and were married in 1987. They have two children: Tiffany (27) and Kevin (25). Tiffany has a Master’s Degree from Worcester State in speech pathology, works at the Evergreen School, and lives in Canton, MA. Kevin graduated from UMass-Amherst with a major in marketing and sports management, lives in South Hadley, and works at Fastenal Co. in Chicopee.

They came to Center Church because Tom’s older sister Dianne’s Memorial Service was held here in our chapel. They began coming after that, felt very welcome, and truly enjoyed Lori’s sermons and our service as a whole. They joined/rejoined the church with the recent “class”. Tom is very happy to be back in his “home” church.

In their spare time, they like to go out for dinner, take long walks, shop, and vacation in New England and the Lake George NY area. They are huge Bruins and Red Sox fans. They also enjoy visiting their children.

Cindy Morrell



Coffee Hour- Thanks go to the Stewardship Team for hosting our May coffee hours. In June, the Adult Education team and Human Resource team will be our hosts. The Adult Education team sponsors programs of Christian education for adults, including the maintenance of the lending library. This team is sponsoring a potluck supper and book discussion on Monday, June 17th.

The Human Resource team oversees and coordinates terms and conditions of engagement and termination for all paid positions at the church, with the exception of the senior pastor and the associate pastor, including hiring processes, job descriptions, periodic performance evaluations, and termination procedures. (as taken from the revised Constitution, section 4, paragraph 10).

During July, we will be hosting the united UCC services. We would like to have rather “special” coffee hours. If you would be able to help to make it special, please let Bobbie, A., Gayle K. or the church office know.....and thank you!



Sunday June 9, 2013
Buttery Brook Park
Route 33 South Hadley

Pot-Luck Picnic

Everyone is invited to attend our all-church pot luck picnic on Sunday June 9th! The picnic will be held right after worship at Buttery Brook Park beginning at 11:30. Just for us, Pavilion #2 has been reserved, which is conveniently located near the parking lot. Please bring a main dish or a salad to share, and paper products and beverages will be provided by Children’s CE. There will be lots of great food and fun games for all ages! For dessert, the Youth Group will offer a spectacular bake sale, which will benefit their upcoming trip to the Heifer Farm. Please be sure to wear comfortable clothes to church, and enjoy the fellowship of our church family before summer sets in. We hope to see you there, rain or shine!



THANK YOU! - We offer our **grateful thanks to Grace Hooton** for her donation of the beautiful red Altar cloth used on Pentecost. It is one of several that Grace handcrafted and is donating to Center Church.



June BIRTHDAYS
AT CENTER CHURCH



- 01 Marjorie Buschner
Cory Rundle
Pam Thornton
- 04 Laura Jubinville
- 05 Brian Irish
Tim Pietras
- 07 Emily Pietras
Chad Irish
- 09 Kristina Constant
John Pietras
- 10 Chelsea Narey
- 12 David Morrell
- 14 Joyce Roberts
- 18 Gregg Rundle
- 22 John Hoffman
- 23 MiKayla Kenneson
- 27 Estelle Anderson

Joint Summer Services

July 7, 14 and 21
and 28

Center Church

August 4, 11, 18
and 25

**Church of Christ
Granby**
235 State Street



Church Picnic at Buttery Brook – Pot Luck
June 9, 2013 11:30 am

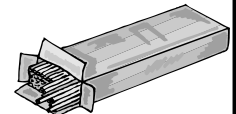


On the first Sunday of each month, please bring any of the following items to worship:

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|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-------|-------------|
| Canned vegetables | Canned fruits | Cereals | Soups | | |
| Dried Pastas | Rice | Canned beans | Dried beans | | |
| Peanut Butter | Tuna Fish | Tea | Coffee | Sugar | Drink mixes |
| Tomato sauce/paste | Spaghetti sauce | Baby food | Meals in a can | | |



The monthly offering is used for direct appeals to Center Church and for donation to local food pantries.



Our gifts are extended to the hungry and the poor - those who need them most!
Food offerings may be left inside the Church Street entrance at other times.

Thank you for your compassionate response!



RECYCLED PAPER



2013



01 Saturday JLS 9am – noon Noyes-DeFremery wedding 2pm
 02 Sunday **Worship with Communion 10 am**
 03 Monday **OsteoExercise 6pm Adult CE Team meeting 7pm**
 04 Tuesday **Coffee Tea and Theology 10am at Thirsty Mind Church Council 7 pm**
 05 Wednesday **Rev. Souder off** Chorale Board Meeting 7pm
 06 Thursday **Bible Study 10 am AA 1 pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Youth Group 7pm**
 07 Friday Girl Scouts 4pm NA 7:30 pm
 08 Saturday JLS 9am – noon **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. JOHN P. WEBSTER 11AM**



09 Sunday **Worship 10 am ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT BUTTERY BROOK PARK**
 10 Monday **OsteoExercise Class 6 pm Outreach Team 7 pm**
 11 Tuesday **Trustees 7 pm**
 12 Wednesday **SoulJourners 10am** Girl Scouts 4pm
 13 Thursday AA 1 pm **Choir Rehearsal 7pm Youth Group 7pm**
 14 Friday Girl Scouts 4pm NA 7:30 pm **MACUCC ANNUAL MTG.**
 15 Saturday **Food for Friends 8am JLS 9am – 4pm @ STURBRIDGE**
Lori will be away at Annual Meeting Friday and Saturday



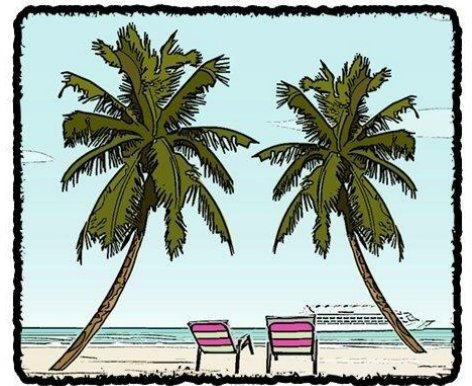
16 Sunday **Worship 10 am**
Summer Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday 9am

Happy Father's Day



17 Monday **OsteoExercise Class 6 pm Adult Ed Potluck and Discussion 6pm**
 18 Tuesday **CHILI DUE! C@C articles DUE! Deacons 7 pm**
 19 Wednesday Wingate Service 2 pm
 20 Thursday AA 1 pm
 21 Friday Girl Scouts 4pm NA 7:30 pm
 22 Saturday JLS 9am – noon

Lori will be off June 20 - 25



23 Sunday **Worship 10 am**
 24 Monday **OsteoExercise Class 6 pm**
 26 Wednesday **SoulJourners 10am**
 27 Thursday AA 1 pm
 28 Friday NA 7:30pm

30 Sunday **Worship 10 am**



RECYCLED PAPER

Please remember to keep your pledges up to date over the summer months. Although we are not always worshipping in our building, the bills continue to arrive daily. Be assured that if you put your envelope or check in the collection plate at one of the other churches, it will be picked up and delivered to Center Church. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your check directly to the church at One Church Street. Pledge statements will be sent out the beginning of July. **Thanks and have a great summer!**

Summer Office Hours



Tuesday - Thursday
9am - 4pm

Rev. Souder Vacation time
June 20-25

Thia Vacation time
July 9-11 and July 30-Aug 1

If you would like to provide flowers for worship in June please call J Karen Sabbs (552-3975). Cut flowers from your garden are most welcome!!



Congratulations!

from Center Church to these 2013 Graduates:

Center Nursery School:
South Hadley High:
MHC:

Ari Alatalo (Sandy Calkins grandson)
 Holly Huebner
 Chelsea Nave
 Han-Bee Kim

Worcester Polytechnic Institute:
Antioch College:
Holyoke Community:
Simmons College:

Aaron Sabbs (with distinction)
 Eliza Daniels (Masters)
 Melissa Thornton
 Rebecca Markarian (MBA)

Let us know if we have missed anyone! Thanks!



Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ
214th Annual Meeting

Risking Vision

June 14 - 15, 2013

Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center

The theme for this year's meeting is taken from Habakkuk 2:2-3

2 Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. NRSV





Wine, Cheese, & Chocolate

Friday, June 7, 2013

5:30-7:30pm

Sample fine wines, nibble cheeses and chocolate, and mingle with friends. Support the Gaylord Memorial Library!

Tickets are \$20 each or two for \$35 in advance at the Library or Odyssey Bookshop. Tickets are \$25 each at the door.

Gaylord Memorial Library
47 College Street,
South Hadley, MA, 01075
(413) 538-5047



**You may also purchase tickets from
Ken Bozek.**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR
THE REV.
JOHN P. WEBSTER
SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2013
11AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Reminder:

The next edition of Church at the Center will come out June 27th and **will include information for July *and* August.** There is no summer edition until the end of August. Please think ahead to any team/group summer activity that will need to be "advertised" and plan to submit it to Thia by June 17th. Thanks! And have a wonderful summer!!

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers:
Senior Minister:
Minister Emeritus:

All Church Members
Rev. Lori J. Souder
Rev. Charles P. Blakney

Christian Education Program

Children: Helen Gage, Sarah Smith,
and Jennifer Weeks
Youth: Bethany Gately
Adult: Richard Howe, Team Chair

Music Program

Organist: Larry Schipull
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Manager: Cynthia H. Jubinville
Sexton: Gayle S. Kenneson



Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2013 (Year C)

Sat., June 1

Psalm 96
1 Kings 18:1-19
Luke 4:31-37

Sun., June 2

1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

Mon., June 3

Psalm 135
Ezekiel 8:1-18
Acts 8:26-40

Tues., June 4

Psalm 135
Ezekiel 14:1-11
Acts 3:1-10

Wed., June 5

Psalm 135
Ezekiel 14:12-23
Mark 7:24-30

Thurs., June 6

Psalm 146
Exodus 29:1-9
Acts 22:6-21

Fri., June 7

Psalm 146
Numbers 15:17-26
Acts 26:1-11

Sat., June 8

Psalm 146
Joshua 9:1-27
Matthew 9:2-8

Sun., June 9

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

Mon., June 10

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 22:1-20
Galatians 2:1-10

Tues., June 11

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 24:9-25
Galatians 2:11-14

Wed., June 12

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 31:16-23
Luke 8:40-56

Thurs., June 13

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:1-22
James 4:1-7

Fri., June 14

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:23-34
Romans 11:1-10

Sat., June 15

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:35-43
Luke 5:17-26

Sun., June 16

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Mon., June 17

Psalm 83
Genesis 31:17-35
Galatians 3:1-9

Tues., June 18

Psalm 83
2 Samuel 19:31-43
Galatians 3:10-14

Wed., June 19

Psalm 83
Malachi 3:5-12
Mark 2:1-12

Thurs., June 20

Psalm 42 and 43
Genesis 24:1-21
Romans 2:17-29

Fri., June 21

Psalm 42 and 43
Job 6:14-30
Galatians 3:15-22

Sat., June 22

Psalm 42 and 43
Proverbs 11:3-13
Matthew 9:27-34

Sun., June 23

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Mon., June 24

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tues., June 25

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:14-26
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed., June 26

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:30-37
Luke 9:37-43a

Thurs., June 27

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Fri., June 28

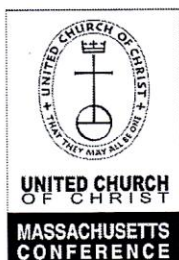
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:1-12
Galatians 4:8-20

Sat., June 29

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5
Luke 9:21-27

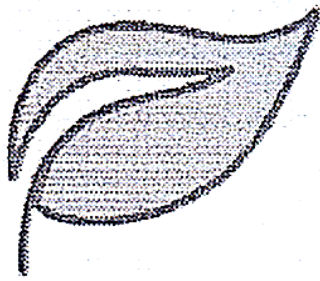
Sun., June 30

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

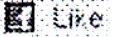


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SOUTH HADLEY FARMERS' MARKET



Dear friends,

The South Hadley Farmers' Market begins its fifth season on Thursday, June 6, 1:00 - 6:00 pm on the Town Common!

We have new vendors, along with many of your favorites. Come fill your grocery bags with locally-grown vegetables and fruits, fresh bread baked with local grains, grass-fed beef, pork, and eggs, maple syrup, artisan marinades, sauces, and preserves, locally-brewed mead, honey wine, and kombucha, and one-of-a-kind cookies, muffins, and cupcakes, all provided by Massachusetts vendors. At the market you will also find plant starts and flowers for your home garden, and locally-made jewelry, beads, and wooden kitchenware.

June & the Bee, a brother-sister folk duet from Amherst, will provide music for vendors and shoppers during the market.

Mark your calendar -- we're looking forward to seeing you there!

***WIC and senior coupons accepted by
Farmacy Gardens and Dave's Natural Garden.
SNAP, EBT, and credit cards accepted throughout the Market.***

While you're waiting for June 6th to arrive, please visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SouthHadleyFarmersMarket>. Post your favorite recipe, or share a farmers' market story...

**Visit the South Hadley Farmers' Market
on the Town Common
Every Thursday, June 6 through October 10, 1:00-6:00 PM**

