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From the Pastor's Desk

Pentecost 2013

When the day of Pentecost had come, they, the Jesus people, were all together in one place. When suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."

The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-2

SHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!! It's a surprise and..... YOU'RE INVITED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Let's be clear, this Pentecost, described in Acts 2, wasn't a surprise...or was it? These folks - the Jesus people as they were called - had been told by Jesus himself that they were going to be his presence in the world after he was gone in body. Although preposterous, he also told them that they would receive the power of his spirit - the Spirit of the Risen Christ - the Holy Spirit - that would equip and guide them. To top it all off he told them that this promise stretched through eternity! That is, there would always be a group of Jesus people, the Body of Christ, which we call the church. Even after they were gone there would be people after them who would say, "Yes!" to Jesus, who would receive his Spirit. Even though they were told ahead of time it's pretty unbelievable, even preposterous. So, maybe it was a surprise.

To me it still is a surprise, unbelievable even, that God chooses me, you, us to be his hands and feet, eyes and ears, heart and voice here on earth. If that weren't enough we receive his Spirit. Those who say, "Yes!" to this gift are the Church, then, now and always.

On Confirmation Sunday, May19, three of our teenagers will publically say, " Yes! " to being counted among the Jesus people. They will confirm the faith and commitment that their parents made for at their baptism. You're invited. Plan to wear red, the color that symbolizes the Holy Spirit among Christians. There are a few other requests.

Now to the surprise that I was talking about. You're invited to write a note to the confirmands. Specifically, one note which we will duplicate. For this reason please use only one side of piece of paper or a card. Handwritten is fine. In that note share a wish, a blessing, a bit of faith wisdom, a memory, whatever you would like to share. Please give these to me directly or leave them for me at the church office by Sunday, May 12. This is the part that I'd like to keep a secret. If you are not able to be with us in body we'd welcome your notes. We will give these to the confirmands at the Service of Confirmation. We hope that you can join us for this joyous day.

With Excitement,

Rev. Dr. Jan Burdewik

PS If you speak another language, even minimally, kindly let me know.

FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

*P*ARISH NOTES

To our church family,
 The past few months would have been so much harder to deal with if we did not have all of you. The support through prayer, visits, messages, cards, phone calls and of course food, have been such a comfort to us. I kept thinking about those who go through such an ordeal alone. We are fortunate to have the love of our family and friends to support us in this time of our greatest need. We thank you all for the love and support we have received. We all miss Ellen every day. The simplest thing reminds us of her. Prior to her death she had been advising me on what our young adults need from our church. She wanted our church to be a place of social gathering for young people. She told me that she wanted us to plan trips to a museum, camping, and multicultural events through our church. We are going to honor her by doing just that. She was a dynamic, talented young woman, full of ideas. Through the coming months and years, we know that you will be right by our sides, supporting us and helping us through. Thank you all again.
 Love, hugs and kisses to you all,
 Karen, Carl, Roslind, Janet, Susanna, Alex, David and all of Ellen's family XXXXOOOO

On Sunday May 26th we will be having a Celebration of Remembrance during morning worship. You will have an opportunity to bring a flower, memento or picture of a loved one to place on the communion table. Please feel free to join us for this meaningful service.

May God's grace be with you all.
 Deacon Mary Howell

Anniversary

We send congratulations to the following members who celebrate wedding anniversaries in May:

Jeremy & Kristi Tessier	05/03
Patricia & David Baker	05/04
Dennis & Sandra Chaffee	05/05
Jesse & Kathleen Lee	05/15
Barbara & John Bennett	05/17
Robert & Mary Howell	05/18
Thomas & Janet Gentile	05/21
Carl & Karen Gatchell	05/24
Dale & Amy Varney	05/30
Lauren & Keith Hummel	05/31

HAPPY Birthday!

Birthday Greetings to the following adult members of our church who celebrate birthdays in May:

Dorothy Maiwald	05/01	Barbara Bennett	05/14
Anne M Matzko	05/01	Trevor Thompson	05/14
Regina Germain	05/02	Ryan Struthers	05/15
Helen Law	05/02	Joyce Ogonowski	05/17
Barbara Schofield	05/03	Marilyn Jordan	05/18
Jodi Brodeur	05/03	Cheryl Patterson	05/18
Myron Stone	05/03	Scott Olesuk	05/18
Robert Fisher	05/03	James Bliss	05/20
Paul Olesuk	05/05	Lori-Beth Sterling	05/20
Don Ogonowski	05/05	Ryan Doyle	05/23
Sandra Howell	05/05	Joanne Gernux	05/24
James McEwan	05/08	Stephen Libby	05/24
Geraldine Kruger	05/08	Ruth Haley	05/26
Beverly Burnell	05/08	John Balser	05/28
Sandra Dodd	05/09	Kathryn Marino	05/30
Carroll Willey	05/11	Bonnie Howell	05/30
Beatrice Moriarty	05/12	Alan Struthers	05/31
Lois Pixley	05/14		

ATTENTION:

Due to new post office regulations we will no longer be able to mail out our newsletter as "bulk mail". Therefore anyone who has internet access is asked to get the Courier on our website www.hampdenfederatedchurch.org.

If you do not have internet access we will still mail you the Courier using "first class mail." If we have your email address we will assume you are on the internet and have access to the website. If you are not on our already on our email list we would appreciate you advising us of your address or if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter please let us know at hampdenfederated@verizon.net or 413-566-3711. We appreciate your cooperation to keep our mailing cost down.

Thank you.



Sunday School Birthdays

Kylie Walulak 05/29

You're Invited

The Brimfield Area Master Singers (BAMS), directed by Steven Carlson, will present their spring concert TREASURES in several locales during the upcoming season. The concert will feature a variety of musical numbers including "You Light Up My Life, Order My Steps, Smile, and I Knew I Loved You." The first performance will be at St. Patrick's Church, 22 Green Street, Monson, on May 7. On May 14, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main Street in Sturbridge will host the group. On May 21st, the chorus will perform in Palmer at the 2nd Congregational Church 1080 Pleasant Street. The final concert will be on May 28th at the First Congregational Church on Main Street in Brimfield. The singers will be accompanied by Gay Paluch on keyboard, Amy Foerster on violin, and Jamie Staflien on trumpet. All concerts are on Tuesdays at 7 P.M. and are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will follow each performance.

Missions

We are announcing that the CIRCLE OF FAITH of which Federated Community Church is a member is now accepting applications for assisting with small home projects for Senior Citizens which they may not be able to accomplish on their own. The homeowner would be responsible for the materials and obtaining any and all necessary permits and the Circle would provide FREE LABOR. The projects which the Circle would be willing to undertake would be such as: Interior and exterior Step Repair; Interior Painting; Shed Construction; Tornado & Storm Clean-up; Porch Repair and Construction; Wheelchair ramp construction.

Confidential application forms are available in the Rotunda of St. Cecilia Church in Wilbraham and when completed should be mailed to Wayne Thresher, 135 Chilson Road in Wilbraham. Questions can be directed to Donna Fountain at 413-204-5905. There will be a review process before any projects are able to be accepted by the Circle of Faith.

Search Committee:

The search committee would like to thank everyone for their responses to the questionnaire. We had 80 people contribute which will be a great help in completing the church profile which in turn will be submitted to the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.

Confirmation class

The confirmation class and missions committee cordially invite our church family and friends to a Hunger Banquet on June 1st at 6PM. Price of admission is a nonperishable food item. Come along and bring a friend! (see attached poster)

Missions Committee:

Thank you to everyone who came along to Krazy Jakes for our fundraising meal. Fun was had by all!

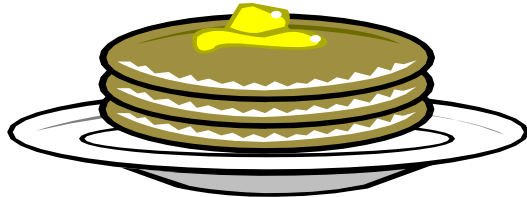
HUNGER BANQUET
SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2013
6PM
FEDERATED COMMUNITY
CHURCH

Price of Admission
Nonperishable Food Item!
Sponsored by
The Confirmation Class
and Mission Committee

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MEMORIAL DAY
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PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
AT
FEDERATED COMMUNITY CHURCH
590 MAIN STREET
Hampden, MA

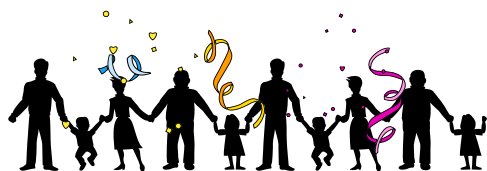
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013
7-10 AM



ADULTS \$4.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10 \$3.00

COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST WITH US
AND STAY AND ENJOY THE PARADE!



Craft Fair

The event will be held on our
beautiful grounds

on the banks of the Scantic River.

Come join us for a day of fun and shopping!

Crafters; including handmade items, candy,
jewelry and a bounce-house for kids,
and much more.

And this year for the first time there will be a
truck from "Heartsprings"

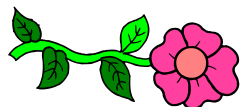
(Big Brothers, Big Sisters) available for drop
offs of clothing & household items.

Hours: 8am - 2pm

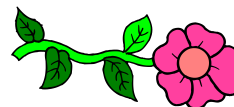
Soda & water will
be available for purchase.


Questions about Booth Space and Table Rental
Please contact

Laurie at 364-8322 or Kristi 374-8742
e-mail: fairsatfcc@gmail.com



May 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 Prayer Group	2 7:00 Senior Choir	3	4
5 10:00 Worship, Communion, Sunday School, Nursery, 11:30 Missions Mtg	6 5:30 Potluck/study	7 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	8 11:00 Prayer Group	9 10:00 Ladies Aid Work Bus. Meeting 7:00 Senior Choir	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
12 MOTHER'S DAY 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	13 5:30 Potluck/study	14 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	15 11:00 Prayer Group	16 7:00 Senior Choir	17	18
19 10:00 Worship, Confirmation Sunday School, Nursery	20 5:30 Potluck/study 7:00 BOD Meeting	21 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	22 11:00 Prayer Group	23 10:00 Ladies Aid Work 7:00 Senior Choir	24	25 8:00 Men's Breakfast
26 10:00 Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	27 Pancake Breakfast Craft Fair 	28 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	29 11:00 Prayer Group	30 7:00 Senior Choir	31	

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Church Staff

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<u>Organist/Choir Director</u>	Barbara Bennett
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Joyce Ogonowski

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Federated Community Church of Hampden is to unite as one body the followers of Jesus Christ in the worship of God and to make God's will dominant in the lives of all people. This will be done by following our church covenant, and through this mission build a firm foundation that will morally support not only this generation but generations yet to come.

Worship Schedule

Worship: 10 am - Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday, May 5th 6th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15
Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 12th 7th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34
Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 19th Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

Sunday, May 26th First Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

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