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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

New Beginning  
Kwan Kim

How was your Summer? I hope you have enjoyed the Summertime, traveling to desirable places, meeting friends and family, and having some fresh vegetables from your garden. As a new Hampden resident, I so much loved Summer in New England. Many people warned me to watch out for Wintertime. But, for now, I just pretend not to hear anything. I will continue to believe it will be beautiful.

We had a great Summer as a church. Outdoor services were perfect. The bishop's visit and the Community party were fabulous. In the meantime, we met our neighbors with a small gift of Korean sweets, celebrated Mr. Bob Schoolcraft's faithful life, and delivered our appreciation to our Fire and Police officers with food. We praise the Lord for these meaningful ministries.

Now I have great expectations and hope for September. Many things will resume such as Choir, Bell Choir, indoor worship service, Bible study, Healing Touch ministry, and Children's ministry. September 10th will be a special Sunday in which we celebrate congregations coming back from their Summer schedules and the restart of Children's ministry. Our Choir and Bell Choir are preparing special music for the day. And Josh Sterling and I are

practicing a song for the service, too. I would like to see people come back and worship the Lord together.

The Magic Show on Sept. 9th will be a joyful “Kick-Off Eve” event. We are going to have fun with our community. And at the same time, we will invite them to a mission opportunity: Katie’s Closet. It is a non-profit organization that helps teenagers and young children with financial difficulties. Catie’s Closet collects well-used clothes so that under-benefited children may have good or better quality clothes for free. We are going to join their mission. We will collect well-used clothes during the event and deliver them to the organization. What I am happy about is that we are not just doing a mission by ourselves but inviting our community to do it together.

We have several beginnings in a year. People celebrate New Year’s Day. And Asian people celebrate Lunar New Year’s Day, too. Christians start the church calendar with Advent. Schools begin a new school year in September. No matter what the reasons are, a new beginning gives us a fresh mind. Many things resume again. It’s a new beginning. With a fresh mind, let’s go together!

### *Pastor Kwan’s Office Hours*

Pastor Kwan will be in the office on Fridays from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM, and at other times by appointment.

### *From the Deacons’ Bench*

“Going to Church” vs. “Being the Church”

When I first started attending Federated Community Church, for most of us congregants going to church on Sunday was our only contact/experience with “church”- gathering in a room in a building. “Church” didn’t happen between Sundays. And if it did (Bible study, committee or board meetings, etc.) it still took place in a room in the church building. During those 34 years. Mainline Christian churches have intentionally moved closer to how the early church functioned: the

Book of Acts tells us how the early followers of Jesus traveled from community to community, **growing the church through preaching and actively serving within each community.**

From Matt Dabbs, preaching minister of Auburn (Alabama) Church of Christ:

*“The move is from seeing church as a location where we do certain things, to an **identity**. It is less about ritual and more about relationship. Jesus didn’t say “Go into all the world and gather for an hour a week in large rooms apart from everyone else.” Instead, he sent out those on the inside (the disciples) to help those on the outside to understand God’s nature, and develop a sustaining relationship with God. (Matthew 28:16-20)*

“Doing” church says:

- *We get people “to the church” and hope they learn something from someone (Pastor) that will help them learn about God.*

“Being” church says

- *Because we **are** the church we are not inviting people to a location to “**do** church”.*
- *Instead we are inviting them to **be among the church** (that is, the people) in order for them to see an alternative to the world they live in.*
- *The move is from seeing church as a location where we do certain things to an identity.*
- *It is less about ritual and more about **relationship**. It is less about talk and more about **action**.”*

Our ministry program **Connecting in the Spirit**, and our **Mission Statement**, focus on teaching ourselves and our children how to actively live as disciples of Jesus, how to “be the church”, in order to make a life-sustaining difference in our lives, their lives, and in our world. We invite you to share in this transformational journey of faith: come **to** church and join with us as we work together to **be** church.

Blessings, Deacon Linda Hornig



## *September Birthdays*

Birthday Greetings to the following members of our church who celebrate birthdays in September.



Darcey Walulak	09/09
Meara Doyle	09/14
Amy Varney	09/15
Evelyn Schoolcraft	09/15
Beth Algie	09/17
Carrie Wescott	09/18
Kenneth Baillieul	09/18
Leah Howell	09/19
Phyllis Hultstrom	09/20
Dominick Tessier	09/21
Jennifer Howell	09/21
Mark Casey	09/24
Rudy Wilk	09/24
Evelyn Meacham	09/26
Elsie Bradway	09/27
Rollyn Hatch	09/30

Happy Belated Birthday to Sheila Hess who celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 29<sup>th</sup>!!

## *Wedding Anniversaries*

Keith & Stephanie Lemelin-Bliss	09/03
David & Rita Spencer	09/08
Jodi & David Brodeur	09/08
Ronald & Sandra Richter	09/11
Kevin & Elaine DeGray	09/12
Randall & Kimberley Mercure	09/12
Russell & Marilyn Streeter	09/12
Bruce & Janet Libby	09/18





## *Prayer Corner*



Phyllis  
Evie Meacham  
Gail Banning  
Lois Pixley  
Rollyn Hatch  
Cheryl Joley  
Dennis Connor  
Andrew  
Carl  
Earl  
Rory  
Bobby Schofield & family  
Joanna

For those affected by hurricanes in Florida  
For the people of Hawaii  
For those traveling  
For victims & families of mass shootings  
For those affected by earthquakes in Turkey & Syria  
For the people of Ukraine  
For those affected by floods and fires  
For World Peace  
For those battling cancer  
For those struggling with addiction or mental illness  
For those that grieve the loss of loved ones  
For first responders & health care workers  
For the people Afghanistan, Iran, Haiti, Russia & Middle East  
For the changing climate  
For our country  
For all world leaders  
For shut-ins and those who are isolated  
For the homeless  
For Asian & Black people & all who are persecuted for simply being  
how God created them

## *Bible Study*

We are going to start the Bible Study: Galatians and Philippians from September 17 (Sun) after fellowship for 10 weeks. The duration of the Bible Study will be about 30-45 minutes.

The survey result is as follows;

Sunday after worship (7 people)  
weekday morning (3 people)  
weekday evening (1 person)

## *Sunshine Ministry*



We need one or two persons to fill our “Sunshine” ministry: who will send cards to congregants to mark special occasions (birthday, illness, etc.), on behalf of our church family. Stamps and cards will be provided by the Deacons. Please speak to any deacon (Penny Dibble, Bobby Schofield, or Bruce Libby) if you are interested.

## *Homecoming Sunday-September 10*

Sunday worship typically looks different in the summer, as hot weather and our many activities draw us away from each other. The close of summer calls us back to the pattern of our “regular” spiritual lives, as we draw together to renew our spiritual energy for worship, for study, and for serving. This year, we’ll mark this “homecoming” with special music, worship, and fellowship activities. It’s for everyone, not just kids!

We hope you’ll all come: regular congregants, friends we’ve not seen in a while, and new friends, on September 10, and share this morning of reconnection and renewal!

(Children/Youth Faith Formation Program registration 9:30AM -10:00 AM)

## *Family Game Night*

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



## *Spiritual Healing Touch*

The Spiritual Healing Touch Ministry will resume at FCC on Wednesday, September 13th from 7:00 PM -8:00 PM.

## *DOT Painting Class*



There will be a DOT painting class offered by Rose Sullivan on Saturday 9/30 1:00PM-3:00 PM.

The cost is \$5.00.

Please call the office (566-3711) to sign up. Space is limited.



## *Thank You From the Community Survival Center*

Good Morning,

Thanks to everyone at the Church for donating 119 lbs. of food for our Emergency Pantry this month.

That is really kind of you.

Gratefully,

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Mary Cassidy  
Executive Director  
Community Survival Center




## *Missions*

The Missions Committee is still collecting school supplies such as backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, notebooks etc. during the month of September. We are also still collecting fresh vegetables as well as nonperishable items for the Community Survival Center.

Thank you!



## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA	<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 5:00 PM Cookout & Magician
<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Worship Homecoming	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Finance	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00 PM Game Night 7:30 PM AA	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00 AM Worship Followed by Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA 7:00 PM BOD	<b>20</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Worship Followed by Bible Study	<b>25</b> 10:30 AM Line Dancing	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Line Dancing 6:00 PM AA	<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Spiritual Healing Touch	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>30</b> 1:00 PM Dot Painting Class

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**Update your Contact Information**

*Have you changed your mail address? Using a new phone number?  
Using a new email address? Who should we call if you have an  
emergency event occur at church?*

We need your current contact information to maintain timely communication with our church members and friends. Please complete the form below, and return it to the office, or call the office at 566-3711, to provide updated information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name and phone number  
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**MICHAEL  
WALD COMEDY  
MAGIC SHOW**

FUN FOR ALL  
AGES! BE A PART  
OF THE SHOW!

**6:00 TO 7:00**

**SATURDAY SEPT 9TH**

**5:00-7:00**

BRING YOUR CHAIRS,  
BLANKETS, AND YOUR  
FUNNY BONES!

**CATIE'S CLOSET**

WE'RE COLLECTING NEW  
AND GENTLY USED SCHOOL  
CLOTHES FOR STUDENTS OF  
ALL AGES!  
[CATIESCLOSET.ORG](http://CATIESCLOSET.ORG)

**COOKOUT**

GRILLED BURGERS  
AND DOGS, CHIPS,  
LEMONADE AND  
MAKE YOUR OWN  
SUNDAES!

**5:00 TO 6:00**

**BALL GAME**

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL  
POLICE & FIRE TEAMS  
AT THEIR BALL GAME  
AT THE WILBRAHAM  
SPEC POND AFTER  
THE SHOW

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