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# The Federated Courier

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## From the Pastor's Desk

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven:  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh.”

Ecclesiastes, the Preacher 3:1, 4

Dear Friends,

When you need a good laugh, some people cruise the internet for good jokes. Others turn to one of the many comedy channels on cable TV or, maybe, seek out the friend who always seems to know how to have a good time. It's not often we pull the Bible off the shelf to look for hilarity. But, it's there! Beginning on July 14, I will preach on scriptures that are humorous or portray levity as a part of our spiritual journey. While the Bible is not a joke book, per se, it has much to say about the power of laughter, the potency of having fun. Some of the stories and sentiments that I'm thinking about include: Genesis 21:6: “Sarah said, God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me”

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian Christians 4:10: “We are fools for the sake of Christ”

Psalms 126:2: “Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy”

To get us in the mood the Deacons request that you wear a hat, silly or solemn, to worship on Sunday, July 14. There will be additional requests for each of the following Sundays. These will be included in the bulletin the preceding Sunday as well as by e-mail. If you don't get the word, simply call the church. If your life journey is in a place of trial or darkness, please come anyway. There will be something for you, too. Jesus said, “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.” It is our prayer that our July worship will provide God's comfort and strength to those of us who need it.

For a good time plan to join us in July! We'd love to have you and you don't want to miss out on a good time.

Summertime Blessings, Pastor Jan

### KNOWING OUR NEIGHBORS

The second in a series on Religions of the World: Knowing Our Neighbors will take place at the Monday night study group on Monday, July 8. There is a potluck supper at 5:30pm. The study will begin promptly at 6:30pm. The evening's focus will be on Buddhism. The origins, beliefs and practices of Buddhism will be explored. Teens are welcome to come. Feel free to bring friends. Looking ahead: Monday, July 22, the focus for the study group will be Islam. Later the same week, the evening of Thursday, July 25 you are welcome to join a group of us who will be going to the mosque in West Springfield. The Islamic Society of Western MA (ISWMA) is hosting a public educational event on Ramadan. Ramadan has some of the same practices that Christians observe during Lent. It is a month long time of fasting and reflection with the purpose of becoming closer to God or Allah. The Islamic Society has a long tradition of offering gracious hospitality along with stimulating educational events for non-Muslims. This event will conclude with a meal. There will be folks from our congregation attending along with Rev. Jan Burdewik. You do not need to attend the Monday night study to join the trip to the mosque. If you have any questions about either our series or the evening on Ramadan feel free to speak with Jan.

### **Summer Worship**

**During July and August Worship Begins at 9:30 AM**

After the service, members of the Diaconate will serve refreshments on the back lawn, weather permitting. There is no Sunday School during July and August but families are encouraged to attend worship together.

# ***P**ARISH NOTES*

~With Sympathy~

Sympathy is extended to the family of Steven Safford who passed away on June 1st.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Doreen Harris who passed away on June 9th.

**We need ushers for July & August. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you would like to volunteer.**



Birthday Greetings to the following adult members of our church who celebrate birthdays in July/August:

Joshua Hummel	07/01	Nicole Gray	07/14
David Dobles	07/02	Bruce Libby	07/15
James Brant	07/03	Ashley Stoddard	07/16
Theodore Zebert	07/05	Bryan Joyce	07/18
David Grant	07/07	Jenna Libby	07/18
Nolan Fonda	07/07	Priscilla Kibbe	07/18
Teresa Kennedy	07/08	Judith Schwabe	07/19
Linda Hornig	07/09	Nancy Ryan	07/19
Mary Howell	07/09	Janet Brehaut	07/24
Nancy Zebert	07/11	Christopher Fonda	07/25
Richard DeSanti	07/12	Dagmar Childs	07/25
Virginia Blake	07/12	Dot Dickinson	07/26
Michael Stone	07/13	Allen Schoolcraft	07/27
Paige Fonda	07/13	Kathy Hutchison	07/27
Philip Stoddard	07/13	Yvonne Godek	07/29
Heather Webb	07/14	Elaine Evans	07/31
Frank Watson	08/02	Whitney Burton	08/20
Karen McEwan	08/04	Debra Anderson	08/21
Janet Case	08/05	Kristi Tessier	08/22
Marion Cilley	08/11	Don Smith	08/23
Bob Schoolcraft	08/11	Elva Jenkins	08/23
Shirley Facey	08/11	Janet Libby	08/24
Avery Struthers	08/12	Patricia Baker	08/25
John Spear	08/17	Dana Ramponi	08/26
Jessica Quill	08/18	Debra Doyle	08/26
Nicole Howell	08/18	Laurie Bliss	08/29
Annemarie Sias	08/19	Phyllis Watson	08/30

## FROM THE DEACONS' BENCH

There are a lot of us that try to do many different things ourselves. I'm certainly guilty of attempting to be a "do-it-yourselfer" in just about any area possible. But, I've learned to reach out to other "do-it-yourselfers" when trying something I've never attempted or when I'm unsure about something. Asking advice from a trusted friend always helps. The same can be applied to our spirituality. Talking about "religion" with friends is not always a subject that is easy to initiate. So, the easiest place to get that second opinion is usually from one of our church family. Of course, our pastor is always a great source of spiritual advice, but many times another church member will come up with some of the best suggestions for guidance in a specific spiritual area. We are all given different talents by God, and I firmly believe that we should seek out those with different talents than our own when we are having a problem or concern. And, many times it is one of our church family that will be there to supply that answer. If you have any concern, please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Jan, one of the Deacons, or a member of our church family.

During July and August, Sunday service will start at 9:30am, and, weather permitting, the Deacons will serve fellowship on the back lawn. Hope that you all have a nice summer!

God Bless,  
Mark Casey

## *Anniversaries*

We send congratulations to the following members who celebrate wedding anniversaries in July/August:

David & Geraldine Kruger	07/06
Bruce & Cynthia Stewart	07/21
Paul & Nancy Willoughby	07/24
William & Ruth Haley	07/27
Gregory & Heather Webb	07/28
Richard & Pat Ritz	07/30
Donald & Beverly Haraty	08/07
Phyllis & Kenneth Hultstrom	08/15
Frank & Phyllis Watson	08/17
Glenn & Brenda Olesuk	08/18
Virginia & Larry Blake	08/19
Jeffrey & Annemarie Sias	08/19
William & Lynn Cunningham	08/26

# Christian Education

We would like to thank everyone for coming to our year end program and supporting the children. Thank you to all the parents that are dedicated to bringing their children to church every week.

Congratulations to our High School graduates, Erin Lee, Kylie Walulak, Michaela Modlish.

We would like to thank the Board of Deacons for their generous gifts to us. We love what we do but it is always nice to know our efforts are appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Blessings Kristi & Laurie

There is no Sunday School until September but there will be Worship Bags with crayons & activity books in the vestibule for children attending worship with their parents

We thank the **Christian Education Committee.**

Co-Coordinator: *Laurie Schoolcraft & Kristi Tessier*

CE Committee: *Jocelyn Smith, Michelle Gardner, Bonnie Watson, Kristi Tessier, Laurie Schoolcraft, Anne Marie Matzko, Hayden Tibbetts*



## Sunday School Birthdays

Kaylish Martinez	07/09
Garrett Paradis	07/10
Amelia Gardner	07/14
Aiden Gardner	07/14
Isabelle Martinez	07/19
Jessica Brusa	07/30
Logan Paradis	08/06
Nathaniel Wyman	08/15
Michael Lemoine	08/20
Rebecca Varney	08/22

**The Kitchen Committee** needs your help. Please make sure when using the dishwasher that it is cleaned out. Dirty dishwasher left in the machine produces a very foul odor in the kitchen. When outside parties are using the facility it is embarrassing when a strong odor is coming from the kitchen into Libby Hall. Also during the warm weather nothing should be left in the refrigerator that is not going to be consumed within 24 hours from the time of the event.

Thank you from the Kitchen Committee



## Summer Sundays

Once again we are looking for our talented singers and musicians to volunteer to sing or play just one Sunday in July or August. Our terrific choir sings thru June and will be back in September.

Please see Barbara and offer to take one of the Summer Sundays. 566-3615.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday Morning Bible Class **will not** be meeting during the Summer but will start up in September. All are welcome – snacks and fellowship start at 9:00am with bible study starting at 9:30am.

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Men’s Breakfast **does not** meet during the Summer months but will commence in September. They meet every second and fourth Saturday morning at 8:00am.

## MONDAY NIGHT POTLUCK/STUDY

The Monday Night Potluck and Study group **will** be meeting through the Summer. They start at 5:30 pm and again – all are welcome to come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**The Scholarship Committee** is pleased to announce that eight members of our church were granted scholarships totaling \$3,380. from the following funds:

*Thresher Trust (\$758), YOLA Trust (\$455), Lombard Fund (\$150), Helen & Carl Larson Fund (\$1517), and Memorial Gifts (\$500).*

*Kylie Walulak (Fr), Erin Lee (Fr), Mason Kennedy, (Soph.), Jarrod Smith, (Soph.), Nathan Varney, (Soph.), Cameron Walulak, (Soph.), Anne Collins (Soph.), Jennifer Fisher (Junior), Jennifer Howell (Junior), Nicholas Hummel (Junior).*

*We congratulate these young people and thank them for their participation in our church, as we wish them well in their academic pursuits in the year ahead.*

### **Attention All Committee Chairs**

Please submit your Committee’s **annual report** and **budget** for next year by August 15<sup>th</sup> so that we may get them processed before the Annual Meeting.

## Search Committee

Our church profile has been submitted. We are looking forward to meeting again with Rev. Heidi Chamberland UMC and Rev. Jill Graham from UCC.

## Missions Committee

Our newest church members and Missions Committee would like to thank all who participated in the Hunger Banquet. We had a fun and informative evening. Jake, Joshua and Alex took the floor as master of ceremonies. We had speakers from the Open Pantry, Springfield Rescue Mission and Indian Orchard Survival Center. There are brochures on the missions table in Libby Hall from the speakers and also from the Western Mass Food Bank. Please feel free to take home any material that you find interesting and share with your friends and neighbors. Don't forget that we will continue to collect food items throughout the summer to be delivered to the Survival Center.

Our summer project is for the Springfield Rescue Mission. We will be collecting school supplies over the summer and these will be delivered before school starts in late August. Continuing to look forward, we will be participating in the CROP walk on October 20, 2013. Get ready to help stamp out hunger and walk with our neighboring churches.

## School Supplies

Crayons	Pencils
Pens	Scissors
School glue	3 ring binder
Back packs	Pocket Folders
Magic Markers	Erasers
Colored pencils	Lined Paper
Construction paper	Notebooks
Sharpener	Ruler



**Save the Date!**  
**October 20, 2013**

## Notice

If you are the last one to leave the church please be sure to lock all doors, and turn off all lights and fans.

## Thankyou

Dear Federated Community Church,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship I recently received from the church. I will be attending the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY and this scholarship will help me to achieve my goal of becoming a Speech Language Pathologist. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sincerely, Erin Lee

Dear Friends,

Jim, Carolos and I want to thank all of Aunt Polly's church family for all the love and caring you all showed her and us. We shall never forget you. May God Bless each one of you.

Love, Jimmie & Jo Brammer and Carlos Martin

## Worship Schedule

Worship: 9:30 am – NO Sunday School

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Amos 7:7-17

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

**Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Hosanna 1:2-10

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-1

## Worship Schedule

Worship: 9:30 am – NO Sunday School

**Sunday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Hosanna 11:1-11

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

**Sunday, Aug 11<sup>th</sup>** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

**Sunday, Aug 18<sup>th</sup>** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-7

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

**Sunday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17



# July 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Worship, Communion	8 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	9 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 Worship	15 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	16 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship	22 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	23 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship	29 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	30 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	31			



# August 2013



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18 9:30 Worship	19 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	20 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	21	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship	26 5:30 Pot Luck/Study	27 6:30 AA Step 7:30 AA	28	29	30	31

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Church Staff

<u>Pastor</u>	Rev. Dr. Jan Burdewik
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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.