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Pastor's Message

In July, I will begin my fifth year as the pastor of John Wesley United Methodist Church. Beginning a New Year causes thoughtful reflection on the past and a scan of the horizon in search of what might be new. Believing that we will find something more dependable in the future than we have known in the past represents the triumph of hope over experience. But as the poet hath said: “Hope springs eternal.”

Legend has it that author, Lloyd C. Douglas, used to visit an old man who gave violin lessons because the teacher had a kind of homey wisdom which refreshed him. One dreary morning Douglas walked in and said: “Well, what’s the good news today?” Without a word the old man put his violin down and walked over to a tuning fork suspended from a chord and struck it a smart blow. And the sound resonated in the room, he said to Douglas: “That, my friend, is the go news for today. It is the musical note “A.” It was “A” all day yesterday. It will still be “A” next week and for 1000 years.

In a world of continuous change, it feels good to find something that is dependable. You do not have to be very old to be able to look back down the road from which you came and find once meaningful relationships which are now broken or gone. We all remember friends from the past who have been lost to all sorts of distance; and we remember some who just disappear slowly and we don’t know why.

The truth is there is nothing permanent, not in this world, except the intangible. . . But there is an encouraging word. Though you cannot see or touch them, these things never change: faith, hope, love, and the musical note of “A.”

There is so much in and about life that forces us to come to terms with temporariness, and yet deep in our souls we have a penchant for something permanent. What can we count on for stability in a world where nothing seems to stay the same? Everything and everybody keeps changing, and we do too.

The truth is there is nothing permanent, not in this world, except the intangible. Everything you can see or touch is subject to the maddening law of change. But there is an encouraging word. Though you cannot see or touch them, these things never change: faith, hope, love, and the musical note of “A.” If you are sick and tired of stress and change, find people who put a premium on these four tangibles. You will be glad you did!

Your minister,

David



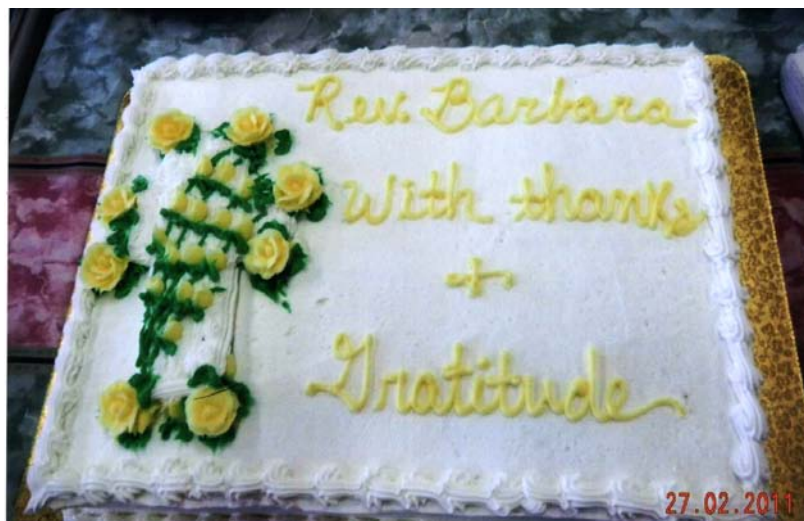
Capital Fund Update

The Capital Fund Drive is scheduled to end on June 30th. As of May 15th there were 44 Capital Fund Drive pledges not yet paid up for a total of \$63,000 outstanding. These funds are urgently needed to pay off the mortgage and repair the Sunday school roof. There are no funds in the budget or otherwise for these must-do liabilities and other church repairs and improvements. Persons who have made commitments to the campaign are urgently requested to check the status of their commitment and plan to fulfill their pledge if at all possible. Church members who did not make a pledge at the start of the campaign are requested to recon-

sider and make a one-time contribution to the Capital Fund Drive. Questions regarding pledge status can be

referred to Bob Dinsmore, Campaign Treasurer, at (508) 540-2183 or rpsinsmore@aol.com.

Thank You Rev. Barbara Brand-James For All Your Hard Work



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WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

June 2011

Sunday, June 5, 2011 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68: 1-10; 32-35, I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Liturgist: Eileen Burt

Altar Guild: Pat Dinsmore and Betty Bailey

Acolytes: Ian Opaluch and Josh Barber

Greeter: Bonnie and Thomas Cribben

Ushers: Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley & Carlton Hack

**Sunday, June 12, 2011 – PENTECOST
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

Readings: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34; 35b, I Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 7: 37-39

Liturgist: Eileen Burt

Altar Guild: Eileen Rice

Acolytes: Ian Opaluch and Serinah Kingsley

Greeter: Jane Souza and Shirley Towne

Ushers: Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs & Greg Brown

**Sunday, June 19, 2011 – TRINITY SUNDAY
Father's Day**

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Ginny Wass

Acolytes: Ian Opaluch and Clayton Calhoun

Greeters: Bonnie and Tim Valade

Ushers: Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, & Barbara Swenson

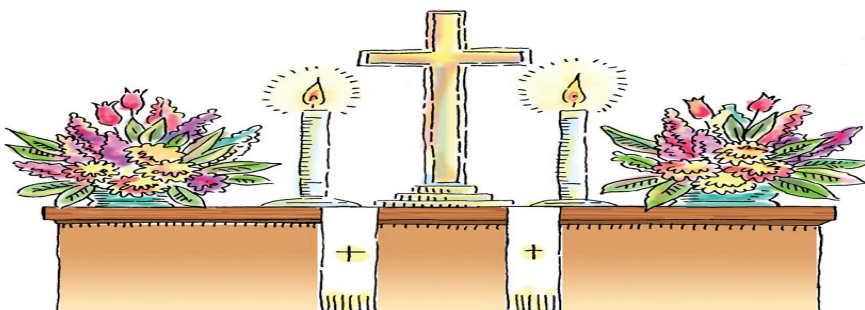
Sunday, June 26, 2011 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Altar Guild: Linda Duane and Barbara Swenson

Greeters: Donald and Lois Atkinson

Ushers: Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman, Karen Dean, & Lorraine Hunt



THIS MONTH'S USHERS

If anyone has to cancel please find a replacement for your spot or call Marilyn Mugno, 508-564-5283. Please team - do not forget to help straighten up the pews after the service so it looks nice for the next service or function. Thank you.

June 2011

- 5th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 12th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 19th **Father's Day**
Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 26th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt

July 2011

- 3rd Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 10th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 17th Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 24th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt
- 29th Russell Brown, Dick MacKenzie, Suzanne Shermer, Marilyn Mugno

August 2011

- 7th Mel Trott, Betty Bailey, Sandra Berkley, Carlton Hack
- 14th Sharon Mulcahy, Karyn & Larry Briggs, Greg Brown
- 21st Ken Whitcomb, Linda Duane, Jackie Johnson, Barbara Swenson
- 28th Eric Tinglof, Dick Sherman
Karen Dean, Lorraine Hunt



Grateful?

By Susan MacKenzie

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts." 1 Chron. 16:8-9

"You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:28-29

In case you think that "that was for them back then"- in Old Testament times:

Here's the (sometimes) hard one from the New Testament - "Be joyful always; pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes. 5:16

And the ultimate - 1 Cor. 15:57 - "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Can we not conclude from these and other admonitions in our Bible that we are to say "thank you" and probably say it often? Even when we pray, I believe that we are to praise (and thank) God first. Think of our prototype - the prayer we call "The Lord's Prayer". The praise comes first - it's what God wants us to do before we present our list of requests. Notice also how the list of requests in The Lord's Prayer is the filling in the sandwich! The prayer (as we say it) ends with more praise - "for Thine is the kingdom . . .!!"

I think that those two words, "Thank You" are very important ones and further, I think that God does too. So what might all this mean for us - as we are the parts of the body of Falmouth believers called "worshippers at John Wesley United Methodist Church"? As Christians, we are asked to serve and to give and here at this church we certainly do a lot of serving and giving. But I think there's a follow-up to all the serving and giving - it's the thanking (when you're the recipient and maybe even when your an ob-

server). I know that we sometimes need to be reminded of this and that's the meat of my "offering" here this month. I think that God isn't the only one who is needing to be thanked.

Have you ever received a gift or perhaps a service and thought later "did I say 'thank you'"? Perhaps best to thank too much rather than too little. We all need to be appreciated - even the most self-deprecating of us need to be told that we are appreciated! (And some of us need to learn how to graciously accept thanks.)

Anyway, I propose that June (2011) be John Wesley Church's Appreciation Month. Our Church Conference will be held this month and some of our Church Leadership positions will change hands. New and different people will bring new and fresh ideas to the areas in which they serve and that's a good thing, of course. But let us not for a minute forget to say "Thank You" to those who have served and to those who continue to serve. You know, taking on a Church Leadership "job" is often a quiet ministry. I've heard some of the "jobs" referred to as "thankless tasks". This should not be! No "job" or service, paid or volunteer, should go thankless here in this place.

This article is, therefore, a reminder! Remember to thank each other for the big things and the small things. We have a role model in our Pastor, David. I think that he rarely fails to thank people for the good things that they do here. David is an edifier and sets a good example for us all.

What if everyone who reads this committed him or her self to thank someone for something at least once each day - not necessarily John Wesleyans but anyone who does a "good turn"?

Some of us might begin with our Pastor and his supportive family. Can any one of us (except for those who've "been there" and "done that") really understand what it's like to be the immediate family of a man or woman who

gives himself or herself freely and daily to God's service, often needing to put his or her family "on hold"? 'Nuf said - think about it.

We often say to each other what a caring and friendly church body we are. This is true and God has been truly good in His faithfulness to us. But let's not forget to say a simple "Thank You". We may never know how much those two words mean to the recipient (as I said, some of us have trouble accepting thanks!) but be assured, everyone needs to have their good works acknowledged.

So, how about keeping a list of people you've thanked during this month? I bet it'll be longer than you (right now) think it might be. Even if it's one-a-day (remember the vitamin ad?) that's a lot of good will, edification and smiles spread around!

Maybe God will say "Thank You" to you!!

Auditions for Coro Ragazzi

Auditions for the Coro Ragazzi Children's Chorus 2011-2012 season will be held June 4 and 7. Under the direction of John Yankee, the Coro Ragazzi Children's Chorus is for motivated singers, ages 10 through 14, looking to perform a diverse and exciting repertoire while developing proper vocal technique and musical literacy. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 4-5:15 p.m. and will begin on September 13. The Coro Ragazzi Children's Chorus will have opportunities to perform with the Falmouth Chorale & Orchestra and will give its own concerts including a staged version of Hansel and Gretel. For more information, please visit, www.falmouthchorale.org/ragazzi.asp or call (774)392-2383.



John Wesley's Gardeners' Breakfast

Sunday, June 5
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

HELP US HELP OTHERS!!!

Serving French Toast
Suggested Donation \$5.00
a la carte items \$1.00

Proceeds will help buy:
More fencing and posts, fertilizer and sprays,
tools, seeds and onion sets

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for your support





Caring for the Soul

We hear about care for the body,
But what about one's soul?
When both parts are blended together
They make a person whole.

We nourish ourselves with food and drink,
To stay well is the goal,
Just as important to realize
Is the care of the soul.

The outside is seen, but not the soul,
It is there, that we know,
To mirror ourselves to everyone,
As the body, to grow.

To read the Bible and learn God's laws,
Adhere to them each day,
To show compassion to everyone,
Trust in the Lord and pray.

To love one another as one's self,
Give praise to fellow man,
Think positively and do not judge,
Do whatever you can

To nourish the soul, thinking good thoughts,
Give thanks to God above,
He is the source of wisdom and power,
Creator of all love.

The body's years are numbered on earth,
Forever lives the soul,
Better spend time with one's inner self,
Make that a lifetime goal.

Joy Stosz
April 6, 2011

Thank You JWUMC

Jack and Marge Berube would like to thank all those who visited, called, sent cards and prayed for Jack's recovery from recent cancer surgery. All the warm concerns were reassuring and very helpful in assuring Jack's on-going successful recovery.

Dear Members of
John Wesley United Methodist Church,
There are not enough words in the dictionary for me to express my and my family's deep appreciation for your cards, thoughts, prayers, and kindness during this time of our great loss. You are truly the vessels of Christ's love. Thank you.

Demaris Kooker



JOHN WESLEY CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TREASURER

If you are interested (or even if you just think you might be!!!,) please pray about it and then talk with Rev. Calhoun.

I Peter 4:10 reminds us:

"Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others faithfully, administering God's grace in its various forms."



Taize Services At John Wesley UMC

The next Taste of Taize will be on Saturday, June 11th, from 7 - 8:30, followed by a Taize Service at 6 pm on Sunday, June 12th. We'll learn new songs and probably revisit a song or two from a past service. All musical abilities are welcome, and you can also come and just listen if you prefer.

For those of you hearing about this for the first time, Taize singing is a type of sacred music developed at, and named after, the Taize spiritual community in France. These chant-like songs are usually sung in three- and four-part harmony and, while some-

times sung in different languages, are simple to learn. By learning and singing in the Taize tradition, we aim to create a joyful evening of song that helps to strengthen the stillness within as well as the community between us.

Most of the songs taught in the Saturday Taste of Taize sessions will be part of the Taize Service held the Sunday immediately following. Learning the songs ahead of time will allow for the spirit of the music to resonate at a deeper level during the service, but all are welcome to a Taste of Taize or the Sunday Taize Service, whether or not they participate in both events.

Songs are taught and led by Elizabeth Rogers. Elizabeth has been singing professionally for over 30 years, and recently moved back to New England after spending most of the last decade living in the Findhorn Community in Scotland. There she became a leader of Taize singing in addition to holding other roles such as choir director, musical director for workshops and conferences, theatre manager, and performer. For more information please see www.taize.fr, and www.elizabethrogers.com.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Put This On Your Calendar Now The First Dinner/ Dance Meeting

Thursday, July 21 At 7:00

Our 14th Fundraiser Dinner/Dance

Will Be On Friday, November 4, 2011

At The Coonamessett Inn

We want to inform you before you start entertaining at your Cape Cod summer resort!! Naturally, we hope that all of our dedicated committee from the past years will once again provide their skills. HOWEVER, we are also looking for NEW PEOPLE to join us, with NEW IDEAS and NEW CONTACTS so that we may have a bigger and better event! There will be a July 21st meeting, at 7:00 PM at the church, but the next one will not take place until September 15th. Please spread the word while you are enjoying our beautiful summer.

You are probably saying "Not another meeting" but there is so much that can be done without attending every meeting. If you could attend one meeting and just hear what is involved so that you would feel comfortable spreading the word to people and letting them know what an enjoyable evening this is. We have a Save the Date card that we send out - should you know of someone that you think would be interested - sending out a short personal note on our post card has improved our attendance a great deal. Distributing our flyers is very helpful. Please consider it.

If you wish more information feel free to call Sharon Mulcahy or Marilyn Mugno. Hope to see you at the July 21st meeting or get a phone call from you. To everyone that reads this Newsletter remember - nearly half of the price of your ticket is profit to this fundraiser - and you are getting hors d'oeuvres (fruit & cheese) - three course dinner and a chance at winning a door prize, plus dancing to a live Band! This event is for everyone of all ages (singles - couples - dancers and non-dancers) and not just our own church family. You can enjoy a lovely evening out and be raising money for our church at the same time!

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Marilyn Mugno - 508-564-5283 - mamugno@comcast.net



PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

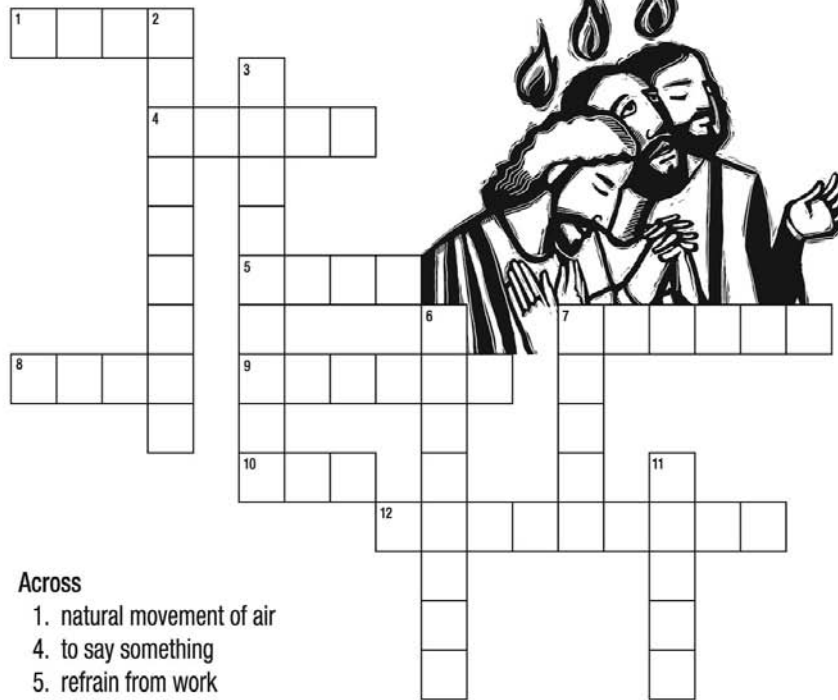
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound