MINISTER'S COLUMN, Scott Couper

"Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men [and women] shall dream dreams, and your young men [and women] shall see visions" (Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17)

On June 7, Centre Church and Partners for Sacred Places hosted an Asset-Mapping Event. Stalwart couples of Centre Church (Everetts, Abells, and Millers) led three large tours of important community leaders around our church campus and throughout our building. Amer Latif (Muslim prayer room), Alix Fedoruk (Carry Me Home), Ruth Tilghman (Loaves & Fishes), Nan Mann (Brattleboro Centre for Children), Reverend Hakusho Johan Ostlund (Brattleboro Zen Buddhist community), Rabbi Amita Jarmon (Brattleboro Area Jewish Community), Jim Levinson (Compassionate Brattleboro), and other groups who use our space graciously participated. All shared how special and vital 'this jewel on main street' is to our community. Social service organizations, health care providers, the Town Manager, faith leaders, businesses, and non-profits converged.

Following the tours and some refreshments, Sarah Jones, who facilitated the event on behalf of *Partners for Places*, spoke to the attendees about the degree to which the church is not simply a place of faith and fellowship but also a substantive generator, stimulator, and circulator of the town's economy.

The event sought to educate the community about the positive impact Centre Church has on Brattleboro and envision with it how much more the church can still do. The event was the culmination of four years of long-term planning wherein we received vitality coaching in 'best practices' for one year, consultancy work defining our purpose, vision, and action plan for two years, and asset-mapping with the community in the final year. In cooperation with Centre Church and the Sacred Places team, the community imagined how our church might be more efficient, economically sustainable, relevant, and vital to our town and thus the world. Many ideas were presented that focused on interfaith work, environmental initiatives, youth and intergenerational exchange services, and an arts and culture venue.

One key takeaway from the Asset-Mapping Event is how many showed up! Many people care and are curious about the church. The conversations were dynamic and creative. They helped open the community and congregation's eyes to the enormous potential and significant value that the church has for downtown and wider Brattleboro.

Another key outcome of the event was a better understanding of the valuable contribution that Centre Church is making to the space-sharing partners. Some of those partners volunteered to increase their donation/fee amount to the church and others have begun conversations about how the relationships could be more mutually beneficial. Centre Church now sees more potential for its underutilized spaces and there is energy and excitement around revisiting and refining the church's space-sharing policies and practices.

Partners for Sacred Places will draft a report that summarizes the output, offers an in-depth analysis, and makes specific recommendations. In the meantime, there are some immediate action items the church can take to help to move the process forward:

- 1. Review current agreements with space users and compare with other churches;
- 2.Review and revise the Space Sharing Calendar workbook that serves as a helpful visual as to how much or how little the space is actively utilized;
- 3. Continue conversations with key partners.

Please pray for our church, its leaders, and **Partners for Sacred Spaces** – that they and the community will follow the winds of the Spirit and allow us to implement the dreams we collectively dream.

Be well. In Christ, Scott

CENTRE BELLS - July-August 2023

The newsletter of Centre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Council Chair, LYNN HERZOG

The church had much to celebrate in the past month. First, our Annual Program Meeting, where we civilly discussed a possibly contentious issue – the placement of a porta-potty on our front lawn – with no hard words and even a few laughs. Most of us are pleased with the result – a discreet maroon structure under a tree – but we all should be pleased with the manner of discussion.

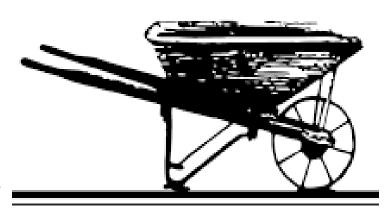
A few days later we had our community Asset-Mapping Event. The church was sparkling clean, thanks to the work of Building & Grounds, Ron and Priscilla Svec, and others. We had over forty community leaders come to the event, and they all enjoyed the tours and were impressed by the many activities going on here. So we achieved one of our goals – to make the church and its activities better known. Special thanks to the tour leaders and to the hospitality crew. We are now awaiting the report from our consultants, Partners **for Sacred Places**, who will summarize the ideas generated. Then we will see if we achieved our other goal – new ideas for using our church space to the benefit of the community. A third goal was to generate more money for the church one way recommended during the meeting was to raise our rents. The report will be presented to the congregation sometime in July.

The Sunday after this event was our annual church picnic. We had beautiful weather, delicious food, and fine company – a good beginning to summer.

But just because it's summer doesn't mean we're on vacation. Council has several new issues we will be discussing in the coming months. First, the By-Laws. We are considering simplifying the committee, team, and board structure of the church – but only after more discussion. Second, it has been suggested that we revisit our Open and Affirming statement (ten years later). Mission & Service has some ideas on where to start. Third, we have had an informal request from Building & Grounds that we increase our sexton's hours to full-time. They feel as they grow older (and wiser, of course) they are no longer able to keep up with all the work. Since this is a financial decision as well as a programmatic one, it will require careful study.

This summer will be different from previous ones, because on July 30 we bid farewell to Scott as he departs for his three-month sabbatical, and we welcome The Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow, who will lead the worship service for those three months. She will not be doing administration, meetings, or pastoral visiting. We, the congregation, will have to take over these duties, particularly visiting. This will be a good opportunity to see how well we can function without a full-time minister, in case we need to reduce the minister's hours out of financial necessity.

Wishing you all a happy summer!



From Music Director, MARY MILKEY-MAY

We have begun our summer special music schedule which will continue through Labor Day Sunday. Greg Sweeney did a wonderful rendition of two spirituals to start us off on Juneteenth Sunday. Looking into July and August, you will enjoy the musical gifts of Sue Rowell, Nan Mann, Eric Strickland, Teddy Martin, Jenifer Ambler, Matt Kennedy, and Lynn Herzog with her recorder group. I still have three Sundays to fill so please let me know if you have interest in filling one of those slots.

On July 30, Centre Church is hosting the Union Service. Peter Amidon will be leading a combined choir and he will welcome singers from our church to join the group. You don't have to be a regular choir member to sing on this Sunday. Please consider it! Your voice will be appreciated and is needed.





LOAVES & FISHES

Memorial Hall Spruced Up

Thanks to our Centre Church Building & Grounds Board (B&G), Memorial Hall has had some welcome cosmetic attention, and it looks better than it has for years. At the April 14 Loaves & Fishes Board meeting, Marion Abell, speaking for B&G, announced plans for a **One Month Cleaning Blitz** from April 14 to May 14. Participation teams were listed and many hands prepared to address the overflowing stuff, worn-out ceiling tiles, tired drapes, accumulations of what not, and presence of grit and grime on the windows and in the bathrooms.

First of all, Memorial Hall has a name to announce its identity; a sign saying just that, "Memorial Hall", graces the door, and a bulletin board features all those signs formerly haphazardly placed in the kitchen area.

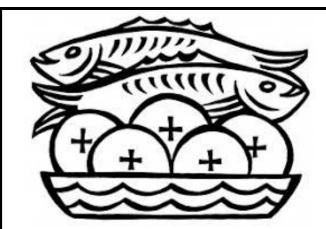
Peter and Marion Abell replaced the florescent bulbs in the ceiling. The light board now has labels. Scott Hoess, Priscilla Svec, Lynn Herzog, Lisa Keller, and Bonnie Girvan committed hours to the projects.

Ron Svec led the crew replacing the dirty and faded ceiling tiles. There were work parties for weeks for the ceiling tile replacement team. Stalwart folk on ladders, and even at 11:30 one night, the tile crew persevered with their mission. Some tiles which were difficult to slide out were painted over.

Peter Abell removed the storm windows and, with his team, cleaned the wire screens over the windows. The windows themselves were cleaned. In the southeast corner of the room there was an assortment of odds and ends that nobody claimed; it all was either thrown away or placed elsewhere. The rolling table was moved out. Brooms and cleaning materials were put where they belonged. Baseboards and window sills were cleaned and valences were freshened up. Priscilla Svec hired Ashley, a cleaning professional, to clean the restrooms and remove the accumulated wax on the floors.

So legions of people helped make the room hospitable for the Sacred Places tours which had been organized for Wednesday, June 7. Memorial Hall glistens. It is ready to continue its important service to the many people who use it.





The hotel/motel housing program is slowly closing, more people are at our door, and the food supply chain is diminishing. We are also continuing our refugee market which is steady and growing. We are out of *Halal* meat and are looking for a new supplier. We are in a food balancing act. We need to be able to supply the usual staples to our people and especially food that doesn't need to be prepared.

What we need is: cereal, peanut butter, boxed milk, drinks and EZ open cans of soups, beans and meals like SpaghettiOs.

We can purchase some of this from the Food Bank. Our ask is for cases of the staples we need and of course financial donations.

For more information, contact Ruth Tilghman: ruthtilghman@gmail.com / 802.258.1765.

Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I was glad to see all of the children who showed up for the church picnic on June 11.

We will not be having Sunday School/Faith In Action during the summer. Someone will be available if any children need nursery care after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. The Rev. Dr. Lise Sparrow will occasionally present the Children's Message during the time Rev. Scott is on sabbatical.

Because I will be away most of the month of July, our next board meeting will be **Monday**, **August 7**, when we will plan the Ice Cream Social to be held in September. Everyone have a great summer!

-Laura Slate, Chair

MISSION & SERVICE

Thank you for your generous support of our Second Sunday dOffering missions. This month's recipient will be the Brattleboro Centre for Children. Though this center was once fully supported by Centre Church in its early days, it has grown and sustained it's own budget over the years. This year, however, has been a more difficult year, as remaining fully staffed with each staff member fully accredited has been more of a challenge. We hope that our Second Sunday offering this July can be helpful, as this day care and many like it statewide struggle to continue to provide quality care.

In August, the Second Sunday Offering recipient will be Brattleboro Senior Meals. Brattleboro Senior Meals is a private non-profit agency designed to provide a nutritious daily meal to people over 60 living in the Brattleboro area, serving meals out of the Gibson Aiken center.

Totals donated in the past few months are:

March: One Great Hour of Sharing \$517 sent to the VT UCC Conference

April: (Easter Morning) Brattleboro Summer Lunch Program \$400.63, PINS \$325.63

May: CASP \$190 (M&S increased this to \$300 total donation)

June: Not totaled as of this date

It was decided at our last M&S meeting in June, that it is important for Centre Church to continue to support Groundworks and its clients throughout the summer. Many summers we have taken a hiatus for July and August from the dinner program. However this year feels different. As the state rolls back it's support of the motel program, more people are finding themselves homeless. In addition to our support of this population, we are also showing our support for Groundworks itself. It has been a very hard winter to spring for the Groundworks staff, and we want to support this vital organization. Please sign up for these meals on line at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/

go/10c0f4dada82da6ffce9-groundworks#/

or on the Church Life bulletin board by the parlor. The upcoming dates are **Sunday**, **July 16** and **Sunday**, **August 20**. Food can dropped off **before 4:30pm each day**. This is a change in time from previous months. If you need an alternative arrangement please call Groundworks to see what they can do to help.

We are looking forward to Friday, September 22 and a wonderful concert to support the Luz del Mundo Scholarship Fund. Each year we send \$1,500 to this fund to support the students from Cabanitas, our sister parish. The students range from kindergarten to university age, and our support ranges from local school tuition to books for college. This September, Jesse Lepkof and members of Amphion Baroque will be performing a benefit concert. We have secured three underwriters for this concert, so we have full funding for the concert. In so doing, all the funds raised at the concert will go directly to the Luz del Mundo Scholarship Fund. There are ways that you can help:

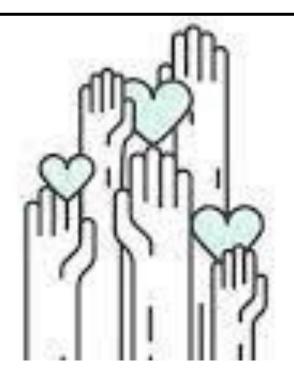
- 1. Contact Priscilla Svec if you can put up a poster for this concert.
- 2. Attend the concert in September supporting Luz del Mundo.
- 3. Invite a friend or two to the concert.
- 4. Help on the day of the concert.

We are blessed to have such fine musicians in Brattleboro who are willing to perform at Centre Church. Please mark **Friday**, **September 22** on your calendars.

A second fund raiser for Luz del Mundo is a cocktail party being held at Saxtons Distillery on **Friday**, **July 21**. Our own Drew Kacik will be mixologist, and Christian Stromberg, owner of the distillery, has donated the space for this event. Both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks will be made. We hope to provide light appetizers and music with a Latin American flare. Stay tuned for more updates on this event.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Our Church is reaching out for your help.
We are again holding the

Welcome Center Non-Event Fundraiser

Instead of baking for days on end, and making enough sandwiches to feed the world, (and spend hours doing so), we are asking everyone to contribute money directly to the church. We have done this in the past and have always received the money to reach our goal.

NOW is the time to reach into our pockets and help. Please make payments to this event to *Centre Church* with a memo that your contribution is earmarked for the *Welcome Centre Non-Event*.

As in the past, we are hoping to reach our goal of \$3,000 before the end of summer.

We thank you for your effort on behalf of our wonderful Congregation.

Sincerely, The Fundraising Committee

MEMBER CARE

Fourth of July

It's been years since I discarded my notes taken in USA History. Dr Gage, chairman of the History Department at Montclair State Teacher's College in New Jersey (now Montclair University) was my professor. He lectured, not from notes at a podium, but by walking back and forth and talking from memory in front of the lecture hall. I scribbled notes and later, back in my dorm room, copied them over in legible handwriting.

Those notes recorded that the delegates attending the first Constitutional Convention worked in one of the hottest summers ever in Philadelphia. That didn't help the wrangling and contentious debate among the delegates. Tempers flared and got to the point there might not be a union!

Dr Gage didn't include this in his lecture, but I later read that what saved the day and this body of delegates was Benjamin Franklin's proposal that they turn for divine help.

I therefore move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed with our business.

Franklin's resolution was adopted.

Compromises were worked on. The Constitution of the USA came into being.

Happy Fourth of July!

Member Care

Member Care will have its annual luncheon meeting at the home of Marion Daley in Putney. The date is **Thursday**, **July 6**.

It is special as a day when all six of us might be in the USA! We do all of our business by phone or email. This is the one time of the year that we meet in person.

Thanks to Karen Rydant, who was Member Care contact person for two months in a row.

This summer, there will be lemonade and ice tea time after Sunday worship. There will also be a need for extra help on Sunday, July 30, when we host the other three congregations that will meet here at Centre for Union worship..





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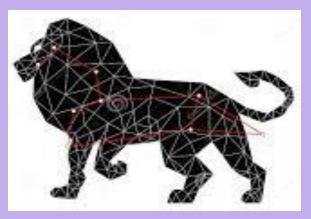
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- 5 Darlene LaPlante April Harkness
- **9** Jeffrey Meyer
- **15** Scott Hoese
- **16** Dennis Newman
- **19** William Pearson
- 26 Bob Pu
- **29** Seth Marcil



August

- 3 Patricia Reardon
- 4 Lynn Herzog
- 8 Carlene McCarty
- **10** Laura Slate
- **12** Margo Neale
- 13 Lisa Keller Carol Edmonds
- 14 Wendy Randall
- 15 Victoria Svec
- **16** J. Clyde Johnson
- 17 Verne Bristol
- **20** Sue Rowell
- 31 Mary Bristol Peter Abell



ANNIVERSARIES

<u>July</u>

- 11 Jack & Mary Ellen Bixby
- 30 Bill & Carlene McCarty

August

- 12 Al & Karen Rydant
- 27 Ron & Priscilla Svec





A word of good cheer would be warmly received by members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers, or are housebound as of June 26.

Karen Getty Peter—Pine Rock Manor 3 Denny Hill Rd., Warner, NH 03278

Alice Stockwell — Vernon Hall 13 Greenway Dr., Vernon, VT 05354 802.254.8091

Please let the Administrator know if we've missed someone.

JULY-AUGUST LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, July 2, 5th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 22:1-14 and Ps 13 **or** Jer 28:5-9 and Ps 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom 6:12-23: **Matt 10:40-42**

Sunday, July 9, 6th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Ps 45:10-17 *or Song of Sol 2:8-13* **or** Zech 9:9-12 and Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; **Matt 11:16-19, 25-30**

Sunday, July 16, 7th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 25:19-34 and Ps 119:105-112 **or** Isa 55:10-13 and Ps 65:(1-8), 9-13; Rom 8:1-11; **Matt 13:1-9, 18-23**

Sunday, July 23, 8th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 28:10-19a and Ps 139:1-12, 23-24 **or** Wisd of Sol 12:13, 16-19 *or Isa* 44:6-8 and Ps 86:11-17; Rom 8:12-25; **Matt 13:24-30, 36-43**

Sunday, July 30, 9th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 29:15-28 and Ps 105:1-11, 45b *or* Ps 128 **or** 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Ps 119:129-136; Rom 8:26-39; **Matt 13:31-33, 44-52**

Sunday, August 6, 10th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 32:22-31 and Ps 17:1-7, 15 **or** Isa 55:1-5 and Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom 9:1-5; **Matt 14:13-21**

Sunday, August 13, 11th Sunday after Pentecost **Gen 37:1-4, 12-28** and Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b **or** 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Ps 85:8-13; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, 12th Sunday after Pentecost **Gen 45:1-15** and Ps 133 **or** Isa 56:1, 6-8 and Ps 67; Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

Sunday, August 27, 13th Sunday after Pentecost **Ex 1:8-2:10** and Ps 124 **or** Isa 51:1-6 and Ps 138; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20



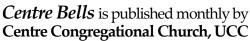


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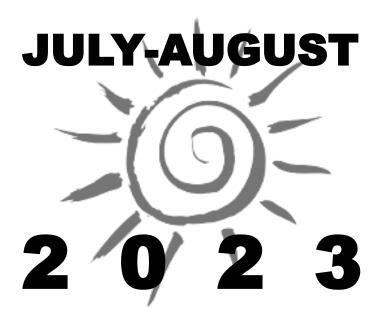
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