

Wierwille words

an-tici-pa-tion – expectancy, hope, eagerness, keenness

I am awed each year at this time how we swing into another new school year: watching new college students strolling across the Dartmouth green,

- first-graders entering Mt. Leb classrooms with whole bunches of emotions,
- teachers observing incoming students of all ages, sizes and stories. I even imagine that you and I, and all the rest of our neighbors, are touched in special ways by the calendar change following summer and Labor Day and shifting into the fall season. With the beginning of the academic year, somehow the daily pace picks up again and things begin to be more regulated, routine, scheduled. It's that way at Church as well as we welcome everyone back together with Rally Day Worship on the 7th of September. I'm sure we'll be filled with a hopefulness and eagerness of seeing church family friends and hearing lots of summer stories (hiking/fishing tales-:) I believe that our faith serves us well in this regard because we are stretched to see and hear with hope in our hearts. Most of us anticipate and expect that life will be more understandable, maybe even more manageable as we learn more – we engage in life-long learning. As we look into an uncertain future we hear a faith calling for equal learning opportunity for all students no matter size, color, language or economic status – in a safe, healthy learning environment. In difficult economic times it might seem easier to hold back rather than reach out to walk with others but our faith nudges us (just as teachers try to encourage students) to consider all God's children. I look forward with an eager anticipation to the "new season" before us! May God walk with us, fill us with hope, and bless us with Peace. Shalom, DW

A Pledge of Nonviolenc – from the Institute for Peace and Justice in St. Louis, Missouri

- Making Peace starts within ourselves. I commit myself to become with God's help, a nonviolent, peaceable person.
- Respect myself, affirm others, avoid un-caring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks, & self-destructive behavior.
- Share my feelings honestly, look for safe ways to express my anger and to work at solving problems peacefully.
- Listen carefully, esp. to those who disagree, consider others' feelings/needs rather than insist on having my own way.
- Trust the environment and all living things, including our pets, with respect and care.
- Select entertainment & toys that support healthy values, avoid entertainment that makes violence look exciting, funny or acceptable and Challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at school, at work, at church, or in the community and to stand with others who are treated unfairly. This is my pledge. These are my goals.

September 2008

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Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30

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ANNIVERSARIES
September 2008

30 Linda & Frank Maynard

BIRTHDAYS
September 2008

2 Chelsea Potvin
5 Jean Brooks
7 Kimberly Henry
9 Malachy Flynn
11 Erik Rediker
13 Meghan Hicks
17 April Akers
Jeff Bonhag
19 Tom Morgan
20 Mary Bonhag
22 Daniel Adam
26 Marion Chapman
27 Clay Pyer

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Has anyone noticed the “footprints” put on the wall over the sliding doors in the Kilton Room? If not, we think you will find them interesting. You will have to look at both sides. These were put up in early June.

Our next meeting is the last Monday in September.

If you have any information pertaining to the history of the Church we are always happy to hear about it.

Millie for The Historical Committee

PASTORAL RELATIONS

The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet with the Pastor on Monday, September 15th. Any and all comments are welcome to be shared with the committee.

The committee acts as a sounding board between the congregation and the minister. Meeting every 3-4 months with Dick, we welcome comments from the congregation. Returning members are Mark Pageau, John Cooley, Elmer Gattie, & Linda Maynard (chair) who are joined by new members JoAnn Allan & Lorinda Poirier. Please feel free to speak to any of us directly or anonymously.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

I looked up the meaning of stewardship in Wikipedia the other day. Financial stewardship is based on the belief that God is the true owner of each person’s possessions, and that one is accountable to God for the acceptable care and use of those possessions. A more simplistic view is: do we as church members want to support an institution that brings fellowship to all, an outpouring of support to all in need, a reason to praise God for all that He gives us, a place to sing his mercy and many other reasons.

We all have made pledges to support this institution, and we should all continue to do this through the summer months, and into the fall. We need to continue to support this church and all it represents.

Nancy and I will do this, and I hope and pray that you will too.

Peter Simpson
Stewardship Committee.

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting in the Fall. At that time we will choose our theme and begin another exciting stewardship campaign. We look forward to working with the membership to support and grow our mission.

Gary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 7th!

Christian Education is excited about this year's start to Sunday School! We are planning on using The People of God curriculum again this year, as we have had much success with it last year. The teachers have met and are excited to greet their new classes. We are so thrilled to have Vicki Clay, Ethel Montouri, and Kurt and April Akers volunteer. Anyone still interested in volunteering on a regular or occasional basis to help with Sunday School please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee. Children will be participating in the worship on September 7th, and we will all partake in a cookout celebration after service on that day! Plan for hot dogs, snacks, and some games! See you there!!

WLCC Adopts Katerin!!

Katerin is an eighteen month old from Bolivia. She is from Caranavi, Bolivia. She likes to play with dolls, and has one little sister. We have the opportunity to raise money to benefit Katerin's family. The cost is \$30.00 a month. We are looking to the congregation to help us sponsor this child. If we all gave two quarters monthly, we could easily sponsor this child. Keep this in mind when you hear about the special collections!

Peace in Christ,
Christian Education

Liz sez,

**Love and understanding is
the total price of a friend.**

LIFE'S LADDER

Some may climb life's ladder

and never reach the top.

Some may slip on weak rungs.

Some may even stop.

Some struggle to climb half-way

and discover complete content

knowing not all can conquer

or become president.

If I stop to pull up others

in their challenge on the way

and encourage them to climb

higher on their ladder, day by day,

if I steady their ladder

so they are not left behind,

I will surmount my ladder

with joy and with peace of mind.

We reach lofty heights by pulling

others along with us.

Says Liz

Provide liberally, thus giving some of the bounty with which the Lord your God has blessed you.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Fall is coming, and with it the annual CROP Walk. October 5 is the date of the 31st walk. Last year, all records were broken when \$19,777 was raised! Organizers customarily set a goal 10% higher than the previous year and are hoping to top \$22,000 this year. Are you ready to help? We will be giving you more information during Sunday services and there will be many ways to participate. Of course, you can participate in the walk itself, sponsor other walkers, provide support on the day of the event or bake cookies to refuel those completing the walk. This is one of the nicest ways I know to spend a beautiful fall afternoon!

Now an update on the Habitat challenge. In June, Averill Tinker spoke to the congregation about a challenge to match the \$500 donation given by the

Missions Committee to Habitat for Humanity. We are appreciative of the \$100 we have received and hope that we will move closer to our goal in September. Work began on the house in May and is progressing.

Our first Missions Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. If there are missions projects you would like to suggest or support, please contact a committee member: Sandy Tisdale, Lori Lounsbury, Averill Tinker, Bill Mitchell, Jean Brooks or me.

Linda Oidtmann for the Missions Committee

ADULT BIBLE STUDY starts Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 1:30 p.m.

CHURCH SUPPER PLANNING MEETING on Tuesday, September 9th @ 6:30 pm.

We are still in need of more **pie makers, salad and casserole makers**. If interested please contact Ethel Montuori .. 1-802-295-5562.

CABINET MEETING at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23rd. All Committees should be represented. All are welcome.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Music Committee is happy to report that Donna Butler and Averill Tinker have agreed to share organist responsibilities on a per diem basis for the coming year.

Averill Tinker will also continue as the Jubilant Bells Choir Director.

The vocal choir program is still under review by the committee. Any suggestions from the congregation about this subject can be shared with Traci Ladue, Norm Wolfe, Hilary Ryder, Nancy Simpson or Judy Macnab.

DAVID EARL MUNN

January 26, 1924 – July 24, 2008

The family of David Earl Munn would like to express our deep and sincere Thank You for all the concerns, prayers, and cards we received during his long illness and death.

Thank you to Reverend Dick Wierwille and Reverend Malcolm Grobe for the lovely service. It gave us a sense of peace to our grieving. Also thanks to Rev. Wierwille for his many visits to David-at the Hospital, nursing home and at his home.

A big Thank You to the Womens Fellowship for the luncheon following the service. It was truly wonderful.

We feel blessed to belong to such a loving and caring Church Family.

God Bless all of You
Mary Munn and family

CHURCH SUPPERS

We are still in need of more **pie makers, salad and casserole makers**. If interested please contact Ethel Montuori .. 1-802-295-5562.

A **Church Supper Planning Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30 p.m. We need a lot of folks in attendance to help set up the schedule for the 2008-2009 Supper Series. We will also need to have people who will be responsible for getting volunteers for Dishwashing Staff, Wait Staff, Setup, Advertising, and Cashiers. Each Committee should be represented so there is a Committee responsible for each of the Suppers. Let's work together for a successful and profitable Supper Series! We need your help!

CABINET MEETING

A Cabinet Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23rd. All Committees should be represented by one or more members. Other members of the Church are also welcome to attend and participate in planning and sharing of views and ideas for the future of the Church. A quorum of 15 is required to transact and vote on business matters. Please plan to attend.

WLCC DIRECTORY UPDATES

The WLCC Directory changes as members move, change their telephone numbers, emails, etc. It would be very helpful if the Church Office could be notified of any changes in the information affecting your household. So...please let us know if your email or other information changes so we can correct it. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Bill Macnab, Ellen Patterson & family, Katie Chaffee, Dean & Sandra Hutchinson, Paul Audette, Jerry Damren, Hillarie St. Pierre, Mike Foote, Darrell Turner, Sue Moretti, Linda Rogers Nash, Randy Perkins, Rosemarie Wick, Tiah Luciana Elanos, Donna Hoyt, Hope Dauphinais, Marian Carr, Dick Abbott, Mary Ann Hambleton, Tom McGonis, Bev Newell, Brianni Beland, Ellen Burke, Ethan & Ada Warren, Cole Timlake, Bruce Johnson, and Jim Gove.

September Worship

Sunday, Sept. 7th 10 a.m. Holy Communion Worship/ C.S. Rally Day/ Diaconate envelope **Scripture** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 14
Matthew 18:15-2

Message *RALLY: Remember, Restore, Renew*

Hymns PH 1, NCH 396, Hymn Sing

Sunday, Sept. 14th 8:30 (eSmBrief Worship) & 10 a.m. Worship

Scripture Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Message *DEFINING MOMENTS: Celebrating God's Mighty Deeds*

Hymns NCH 593, NCH 457, NCH 18

Sunday, Sept. 21st 8:30 (eSmBrief Worship) & 10 a.m. Worship

Scripture Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Matthew 20:1-16

Message *CLOSER: Staying Within Reach*

Hymns NCH 547, NCH 23, PH 335

Sunday, Sept. 28th 8:30 (eSmBrief Worship) & 10 a.m. Worship/ Food Bin Sunday

Scripture Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78; Matthew 21:23-32

Message *Calculatus Eliminatus: The Wonders of a New Heaven and a New Earth*

Hymns PH 581, NCH 223, PH 223

Sunday, Oct. 5th 10 a.m. Worldwide Communion/ Neighbors-In-Need/ CROP Walk p.m.

Sunday, Oct 12th 10 a.m. Peaceful Kingdom: Finding God's Peace led by Rev. Greg Marshall

Early Sunday Morning Brief Worship will continue to gather 8:30 – 9 a.m. most Sundays.

Please note (eSmBrief Worship) listed in above schedule and also note that we will not have the (eSmBrief Worship) service on the first Sunday (Holy Communion) of each month or whenever a special service is planned for the entire congregation, eg. Oct 12th, Stewardship & Advent Sundays.