

wierwille words

“... it is in the passing of time that our faith comes alive and finds definition and direction.” -- M. Borg

Often in an attempt to be more efficient and timely we make decisions that push the limits of our schedules and available resources. Hoping for something more to our liking it's as if we end up making things more difficult and time consuming☹ So often we've heard the computer ballyhooed as the quickest, easiest and most efficient modern invention to come-down-the-pike but most of us have had plenty of experiences of glitch and frustration that more than eats up the time we thought we had saved. And paper consumption is awholenother matter!

Deciding to try to be more efficient and cost-conscious by publishing a June/July/August *Steeple* in the hopes that we can save some printing and postage expense is of course like most anything that involves change, we are aware that a 3-month calendar format appears different and may change over the summer. So we ask for your patience and your input that'll enable us all to appreciate the efforts being made in response to the times at hand. As we move thru this summertime of our annual calendar we will try to update any “breaking current news and/or events by sending out an **electronic email steeple** mid July and mid August. So please let us know of anything happening in your current on-going lives and make sure that the Church Office knows your current email address.

A real power of our NT faith is found in finding the Pentecost Spirit in the moment. While having continued appreciation for God's abiding, steadfast Love recorded and announced in OT stories, prophecy and song we're now empowered by acknowledging and embracing a Holy Spirit that breaks forth in new and unexpected ways in-the-moment. In the power of wind and flames of the Spirit we can embrace beyond just the familiar and/or past tradition of what we've been accustomed to or comfortable with and become the Church. Being the expression of our Christian faith alive and vital in our time is the gift and calling that blesses us and challenges us. It might be easier and more comfortable to just do things as we always have before but in the words of Will Rodgers: *“the only thing that's certain is that things will change”*☺ Good communication and keeping in touch is certainly a crucial component of our faith story as a **God is still speaking** United Church of Christ. Celebrating Pentecost Faith!

Summer Calendars

JUNE

- Sundays: 6/7: 10:00 a.m. Church School/Communion/Confirmation Worship
6/14: 10:00 a.m. Music Sunday Worship
6/21, 6/28: 8:30 a.m. Early Sunday Worship and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Mondays: 6/1: 9:00-12:00 Parent Information Center – Early Childhood Support Meeting
- Tuesdays: 6/2, 6/9: 6:00 Bells, 7:00 I/G Choir, 6/2 – 7:00 Diaconate
6/9: 9:15 Travel Together to VINS and Quechee Village
6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30: 5:15 p.m. *Still Spirits* quiet meditation/reflection
- Thursdays: 6/11: 7:00 Trustees, 6/18 - 5:00 Community Dinner
- Saturday 6/13: 9:00 Church Vitality Conference, UCC Office in Pembroke
6/13: 4:00 Recital at WLCC by Elizabeth Montmagny
6/27: 5:00 Chicken Barbecue and Strawberry Social

JULY

- Sundays: 7/5: 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship (under parsonage tree)
7/12: 8:30 a.m. Early Sunday Worship and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
7/19: 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship (under parsonage tree)
7/26 8:30 a.m. Early Sunday Worship and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
7/26-8/1: Senior Youth Group to Camp Horton
- Tuesdays: 7/14: 9:15 a.m. Travel Together to VT Marble Works and Danforth Pewter
- Thursday: 7/16: 5:00 Community Dinner

AUGUST

- Sundays: 8/2, 8/9: 8:30 a.m. Early Sunday Worship and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
8/16: 9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, Juice & Coffee Cake followed by
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Family Worship at Riverside Park, Glen Road
8/23: 8:30 a.m. Early Sunday Worship and 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
8/30: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship / Food Bin / Bob Sanderson, Preaching
- Mondays: 8/24 – 9/5 Rev. Wierwille Away
- Tuesdays: 8/11: 9:15 a.m. Travel Together to St. Gaudens and Cornish Colony
7:00 Diaconate Board Meeting
- Wednesdays: 8/12: 4:00 – 5:30 Bel Canto Auditions
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting
- Thursdays: 8/6: 7:00 Trustees Committee Meeting
8/20: 5:00 Community Dinner

June/July/August 2009

Minister: Rev. Richard Wierwille

Worship Service: Sunday 10 AM

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30

Wednesday 9:00-12:00

Pastor's Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. or by appt.

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

- 12 Forrest & Judy Alger
22 Mike & Marge Farnsworth
26 Richard & Pauline Gage

JULY

- 2 Phil & Evelyn Pillsbury
9 Bob & Laura Morgan
12 Kris and Heather Hansen
18 Russell & Ann Collins
22 Walt & Nancy Pyer
31 Michael & Diane Adam

AUGUST

- 2 Evan Premo & Mary Bonhag
5 Tom & Vicki Morgan
22 Dominick & Ethel Montuori
23 Jerry & Beverly Damren

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 3 Cynthia Maynard
4 Linda Maynard
6 Dorothy Gattie
6 Rosemary DalPra
7 Sarah Montuori
8 Bethany Adam
8 Jacob Koehler
10 Heather Hansen
11 Andrew Schwarz
15 Kay Wright
15 Jack Whitaker
16 Diane Adam
20 Kurt Akers
20 Forrest Alger
25 Nicholas Acker
25 Hannah Morgan
26 Andrea Burnham
26 Sandy Tisdale
29 Dominick Montuori
29 Racheal Loseby
29 Katie Whitaker
29 Kristoffer Hansen
30 Jaz Greiss

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 1 Cindy Foster
1 Kathryn Wheeler
3 Meg Moody
4 Vicki Morgan
4 Madelyn Johnson
4 Michael Landry
4 Frank Sanders
6 Beau Dykstra
10 Ben Montmagny
10 Doris Smith
11 Georgia Flynn
12 Connor Torrey
14 Jim Burnham
15 Stephanie Strong
20 Pat Trottier
26 Devin Gilbert
27 Greg Mellinger
27 Kenneth Alger
28 Kate Foster
28 Kristie Morgan
28 Henry Ryder Henken
30 Evelyn Pillsbury

AUGUST

- 3 Jim Johnson
4 Peter Elder
4 Laura Cooley
5 Nathan Gilbert
5 Pauline Gage
5 Robert Sanderson
7 Gaye Stone
8 Haley Torrey
10 Elaine Morgan
17 Sarah Simpson
19 Peter Simpson
23 Erma Mellinger
28 Jonathan Evans
30 Neil Henderson

Liz sez,

As June roses scent the air and summer invites us to a host of celebrations ranging from Father's Day, Flag Day, Children's Day etc., we all enjoy the magic of June weddings.



WEDDING WISHES

May each day of your life be one you recall from all of your days as the best of them all.

May your life be sprinkled with just enough tears to cement your love for the upcoming years.

May smiles light your faces with joyous delight. May the wind at your back push you homeward each night to a building you call home, not just an old house.

May God's Hands mold you each into a faithful spouse. May the years you share together never tire, wear or fray.

May your love grow more precious day after day. May the multitude that loves you remain at your call. May peace, health and happiness be yours once and for all.

Our hearts and wishes go out to the new couples as they piece together their young lives. May their marriages be lasting, happy and fruitful. May God bless them all with joy, peace and love.

Sez Liz

PASTORAL RELATIONS

Pastoral Relations met with Rev. Wierwille in early May at which time several concerns were put forth and discussed at great length. We continue to invite members of the church family to share with us both concerns or delights. We love to hear positive things, too, about our church and how it's meaningful to each of you. We plan to meet again with Dick in September.

TSECOND TUESDAYS TRAVELING TOGETHER

Join the wonderful opportunities to spend second Tuesday each Summer Month on day trips to some not-too-distant places of interest and fun.

There's room for anyone to ride along and join us. We leave from WLCC at 9:15 a.m. and return by mid-afternoon.

Costs are covered by each one personally for any admission fee or purchases and lunch at a local restaurant.

Sign up on TPoster on bulletin board or let R. Wierwille know of your interest or inquiry.

JUNE 9th → VINS NATURE CENTER and QUECHEE VILLAGE

JULY 14th → VT. MARBLE WORKS and DANFORTH PEWTER, Rutland

AUG. 11^h → ST. GAUDENS HISTORIC SITE and CORNISH COLONY

NOTES FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has the following openings on WLCC Committees:

Christian Education	2
Stewardship	1
Church Growth	1
Delegates	2
Music	2

Please contact any of the following committee Members if interested in serving on one of these Committees.

Dick Poirier, Bev Damren, Karen Aldrich, Tom Zuttermeister, or Linda Maynard.

SPECIAL THANKS

The family of **Ed Mitchell** would like to extend a warm word of thanks to all of our church family for their support and cards that were received during our time of loss. We also want to thank Rev. Wierwille for his support and leadership in helping us to put together such a nice Memorial Service. Also we wish to thank Lorinda Poirier and Women's Fellowship for such a wonderful reception, to Averill for the lovely music, and to Mark for helping to get the Sanctuary ready for our service. We know it was a busy weekend for the Church as Easter Sunday was the very next day, but we are grateful and feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

**CHICKEN BBQ & STRAWBERRY
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

June 27th - 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

If you are willing and able to pick some strawberries for this delicious meal, we need help on Thursday morning to pick the berries. Then we need volunteers to clean and hull the berries so they are ready for the dinner.

Please get in touch with Dick Wierwille or Scott Allan for more information and to indicate what you are interested in helping with.

Many thanks to all!

PLAN AHEAD

Ethel Montuori says **“Thank You!”** to all who have helped with pies, casseroles and salads for our church suppers.

We now need assistance in preparation for the church supper series for 2009-2010. If you are able to call a list of folks to bake pies, please let her know.

Also, if you are not presently on a list to bake pies, and could do that, please let her know.

ETHEL MONTUORI: 802-295-5562

SHAW’S REWARDS PROGRAM

It is necessary to register your Shaw’s Rewards Card in order for the 1% of your purchases (when you shop on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) to be donated to the NH Food Bank.

The instructions for setting up your card are as follows:

**Shaw's Reward Card / NH
FOODBANK Program**

Instructions to set up your Shaw's card to have 1 percent of purchases go to NH FOODBANK

- 1). **Go to www.shaws.com/neighborhoodrewards**
- 2). **Click on the Shoppers: Login or Enroll Here Link**
- 3). **Fill in the required info with your card (card number & your phone number)**
- 4). **If you get a message to call customer service, please do so...they probably need to put your phone number in the system again (happened to me)**
- 5). **Choose NH Foodbank by putting in their ID number for Shaws 49001018472**
- 6). **If you have any questions, please call customer service at 1-877-932-7948**

Thanks for supporting this missions project. I did set up my card with Shaw's and this works.

Casey Family Services needs Your Help

We have been asked to include abused and neglected children on our prayer list and also to provide the following information in our newsletter.

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Would you consider opening your home to a child in need? Casey Family Services is in need of adoptive and foster families for children. We have 4 children ages 8-16 who each need an adoptive home, and 7 children ages 8-15 who each need a foster family. An Open House will be held from 5:30 - 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 for individuals, couples, and families interested in learning more. Our next Pre-Service Training begins July 10, 2009. Contact Gay at gpalazzo@caseyfamilyservices.org or 1-802-649-1400 to register or for more information.

Women's Brunch Gathering

On Saturday, May 9, 17 women of the church family gathered at a brunch to celebrate women and



mothers. As usual at these the food was delicious. Along with the food there was fun to be had by all.

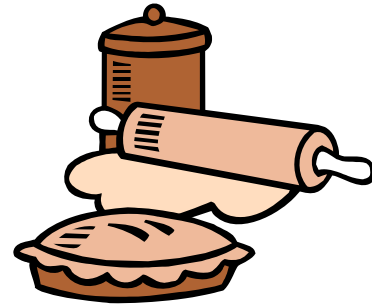
We had several mother and daughters there. Evelyn Pillsbury was there along with her daughter, Lyn. Linda Oidtmann was also there with her daughter, Margaret. In addition we had one three generation family, Jean Gove, her daughter, Tina and Tina's daughter, Emily.

We shared memories about our mothers. Some of these were about moms always seeming to say NO, never going out in public when they were pregnant. One mother would walk funny when she was mad and then all the kids knew they were in for it. Some moms would always put things away right immediately after they were finished with them, thus nothing was left out of place. There were mothers who had the habit of always doing dishes right after supper and setting the table for breakfast before going to bed. A number of us remembered going home from church to Sunday dinners ready to come out of the oven. Some remembered spankings as well as having their clothes made by their mothers. There are those little unique gestures our mothers would do without even realizing they were doing them, such as playing, absentmindedly, with their fingers. We talked about some of the favorite dishes moms would cook; prune whip, hash, biscuits, tuna wiggle, spaghetti pie, macaroni and cheese, liver onions and bacon. We came to the realization that as we get older and wiser we discover ourselves doing many of the same things our mothers have done.

We thought about the first names of our mothers. There were two Helen's, two Jean's, two Gertrude's, and one each of the following, Gladys, Linda, Elsie, Blanche, Tina, Emily, Evelyn, Ellie, Jane, Winifred, Agnes, Cora. It was interesting to see which names are popular today and which we do not hear very often.

I think it would be safe to say that all there are looking forward to the next Women's Brunch and invite the other women who are in our church family to join us. The next brunch will be in the fall. Please keep your eyes open for the date, to mark it on your calendar and to come and join us.

COMING THIS FALL, 2009

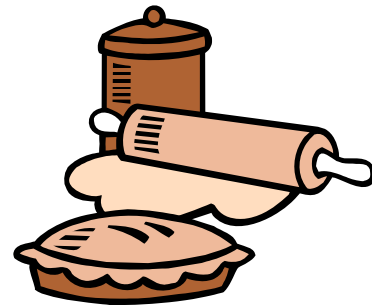


What is happening this fall? We will be offering an instructional class for pie making/baking. This class will be for novice bakers to learn the 'how-to' as well as for experienced bakers to learn 'tips' about making and baking pies. There are no age restrictions and is open to men and women, boys and girls. Come, one and all.

The class will be taught by an experienced teacher from King Arthur Flour

Look for more info in the fall Steeple.

If you are interested please leave your name in the church office or with Grace Dickerson.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

There is a house planned for Lebanon this summer. Volunteers are needed to assist with this project. There are opportunities for help during the week as well as on weekends.

There is also a need for food for the folks who are working at the job site.

If you would like to participate in any way with this project, Dick Wierwille can provide you with more information.

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL ACTION

A very big THANK YOU!!! to all who helped to make **THE H2O PROJECT** such a great success. Donations are still coming in, but as of Sunday, May 24, we received \$760.00. The Missions Committee is going to make up the difference (after all donations are in) to bring the total to \$1,000. We are in contact with Living Water International (www.water.cc) and expect to receive information about the project to which we are contributing. We will, of course, share this with you. **The H2O PROJECT** was sponsored by the Missions and Christian Education Committees, and received support from many, many WLCC members of all ages. Wayne Bonhag copied all the materials we used – Bulletin inserts, tally sheets and posters. Many thanks, Wayne! Our young people seemed genuinely engaged with the mission of doing something to help solve a problem many children in the world face – lack of access to fresh drinking water. And we were thrilled with the support of so many adults who responded to our call to **GIVE IT UP TO GIVE IT AWAY**. It feels good!

On June 7th, we will be taking up the *Stengthen the Church* offering. This is one of four special mission offering within the United Church of Christ. This offering grows the UCC's future by:

- Funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations
- Nurturing lay and pastoral leadership
- Building youth and young adult ministries
- Supporting the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ.

All gifts received through the offering are directed to activities and programs of the NH UCC Conference as well as the UCC's national ministries.

Over the summer, while we may be away on vacation, those who regularly benefit from our ongoing commitments will continue to need our

Missions and Social Action (continued)

support. We will still receive donations of food or money on the last Sunday of each month, which will be delivered to either The Listen Center or The Haven. Shaw's Rewards Card/NH FOODBANK Program is ongoing. Lori Lounsbury did some research and provided the directions for participating in this program, which you can find as you read through the Steeple.

The Missions Committee will not meet again until August 12th. If you have missions projects you would like to suggest, please contact any one of us on the committee.

The Missions Committee

Linda Oidtmann (2009 Chair), Lori Lounsbury (Secretary), Averill Tinker (Treasurer) , Sandy Tisdale, Jean Brooks, Bill Mitchell, Grace Dickerson.

**New Hampshire Conference UCC
Annual Meeting
Waterville Valley, New Hampshire
Saturday, May 16, 2009**



Representatives: John and Laurie Tostenson, Dick and Lin Wierwille, Judy Macnab and myself.

Along with over 300 other United Church of Christ members, we were joined by 12 people from Zimbabwe. It was a wonderful experience having them there to be with us. After being introduced the men and women from Zimbabwe burst into song and dance. This was truly a very moving time for everyone.

Conference Minister, Gary Schulte, gave the opening remarks. He talked of the meaning of being members of the United Church of Christ as well as about the direction the United Church of Christ might see in the future. One change might be to see the bridging of association and state lines. As members in the Grafton Orange Association we are already doing this as Grafton being in New Hampshire and Orange being in Vermont. We are the only association in the country which bridges two states.

The keynote speaker was Felix Carrion, Coordinator, Still Speaking Initiative. Felix is a very dynamic speaker from an Evangelical background. He had the entire gathering singing praises of, 'AMEN'S!' His message was a very very simple one, to strive in being more like Jesus, to look inward at ourselves, to be more inclusive, to develop a personal

Annual Meeting (continued)

relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. He suggested as we think about the United Church of Christ to remember it is not only the United but a Uniting Church of Christ.

There were four Resolutions submitted. Three passed as submitted.

Resolution A: This resolution calls upon the Gathered Conference to expand and affirm Resolution C adopted at the 201st (this year was the 208th) Annual Meeting to ensure that guidelines and instructional resources such as appropriate sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Equal Access Guide for Meetings, Conferences, Large Assemblies and Worship be provided by the Accessibility Committee.

Resolution B: A resolution of Christian Witness in Support of U. S. Ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Resolution D: Prudential instruction to establish a requirement for boundaries awareness training for those serving and seeking to serve in the NH Conference in authorized ministries on behalf of the United Church of Christ.

Resolution C: A resolution of Christian Witness renouncing the "Global War on Terror" was passed after some rewording. The basic intent was maintained.

If you would like to learn more about these resolutions please contact the church office. We will be glad to supply you with more detail.

I was only able to attend the Saturday session of the Annual Meeting which means I am unable to report on Sunday's activities.

We were sent to: *'Go forth to live, to love, and to serve in the name of Christ.'*

Grace Dickerson, Delegate

Trustees Report

As we begin summer, we will continue to aggressively work on various projects around the church and parsonage. The carpets in the Kilton room will be cleaned in August and we're looking into fixing the balcony ceiling and getting it repainted which was damaged from the steeple leaking water. The basement is due for another cleaning; bulbs need to be replaced in the sanctuary and numerous other small projects.

We are still working on fundraising ideas, we had two potential rental possibilities that didn't work out, one was to rent the downstairs to a dance studio, the other was to rent parking spaces for construction workers from the Kilton project. The dance studio chose another location and the Kilton project found closer parking.

We are setting up a meeting with the financial advisor from the NH Conference to discuss our financial issues in hopes that they can offer some guidance.

The steeple newsletter is still a work in progress to be distributed electronically though it will still be mailed to people without internet access, and it will also be at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to get a hard copy. We're also working on getting the WLCC website up to date, the site can be found at www.westlebcc.org.

The Edith Chapman/Royal Whitney scholarship will be presented on Children's Sunday June 7th.

The Trustees will be hosting a BBQ Chicken/Strawberry Biscuit Dinner on Saturday June 27th.

We are meeting in June and then again in August to begin working on the 2010 budget.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Respectfully submitted
Trustees

Email Distribution List

If we are to going to be able to do the monthly STEEPLE Newsletter by email to all who wish to receive it that way we will need a lot of help getting that "address book" set up.

If you wish to receive your Steeple by email, or wish to read it on our web site, please either send me an email requesting this, to Madelyn at wlcc@valley.net, or send a note with your email address so we can add you to our file.

The church-wide "address book" will also be used at any time there is an important notice of any kind that we need to share with you, so we need email addresses even if you wish to continue to receive your newsletter by regular mail.

The newsletter is now posted on our web site, www.westlebcc.org very soon after the hard copies have been mailed. You might want to go to the web site and check this out.

BLOOD DRIVE

The America Red Cross is having a Blood Drive at the Lebanon Armory on the Heater Road in Lebanon.

Friday, June 12th
Noon – 5:30 pm

This drive is being sponsored by the Mascoma Bank. They will be hosting an all-day BBQ!

2009 UCC Calendar of Prayer

You will find a page following from the UCC Calendar of Prayer. Dick has a copy of the Weekly Calendar of Prayer in his office. You may ask him for a daily devotional from it or you may find it at www.ucc.org/worship/calendar.

JUNE WORSHIP

Sun.	7	10:00 a.m.	Communion/Church School/Confirmation/Diaconate Envelopes
Tues.	9	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	14	10:00 a.m.	Music Sunday Worship Celebration
Tues.	16	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	21	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship / Father's Day <i>In The Boat Together</i>
Tues.	23	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	28	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship / Food Bin Sunday <i>Healing Powers</i>
Tues.	30	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection

JULY WORSHIP

Sun.	5	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Communion Worship (under parsonage tree) <i>Sent With Power</i>
Tues.	7	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	12	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship <i>Inspired Joy</i>
Tues.	14	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	19	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship (under parsonage tree)
Tues.	21	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	26	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship/Food Bin <i>God's Abundant Presence</i>

AUGUST WORSHIP

Sun.	2	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Communion/Worship/Diaconate Envelopes <i>Bread of Life</i>
Sun.	9	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship <i>Shaping Community</i>
Tues.	11	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	16	9:00 a.m.	Coffee, Donuts, Juice and Coffee Cake
		10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Family Worship at Riverside Park, Glen Road
Tues.	18	5:15 p.m.	<i>Still Spirits</i> quiet meditation/reflection
Sun.	23	8:30 a.m.	Early Sunday a.m. brief worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship <i>At Home With God</i>
Sun.	30	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship / Food Bin / Guest Minister

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Sun.	6	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Communion/Worship/Diaconate Envelopes Guest Minister
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