

Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



This summer I have been reflecting on Psalm 139 for devotional and spiritual guidance. The author of the Psalm, a man, woman, or child, lifts praise to God in confidence that God pays attention to us in detail, and that every part of our life is known by God. It begins with the confession, “you know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.”

This is comfort for us as people who place the hope of our life in something more than our own strength and sufficiency. It confesses that to be fully alive is to be fully known. And, to be fully alive is to be aware of the presence of God. The closeness of God’s work in us is further expressed, “my frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.” We are not alone. We are not accidents or mistakes, but rather people with purpose and hope. Our blessing is to share the good news and confidence of God’s nearness through our words and action, the very ambitions of our lives. May we all find blessing and renewal through our worship and service together. As you can see from the church calendar, there is a lot of time planned for activity and education. I encourage you, too, to balance our work and worship with times of personal devotion.

Jason

Join Us for Wonderful Wednesdays

Come Wednesday nights as we examine the book **Mount and Mountain: A Reverend and A Rabbi talk about the Sermon on the Mount**. The book is a result of a conversation between a Baptist Pastor and a Jewish Rabbi. In the first book they discussed the 10 commandments and in the second, The Sermon on the Mount, from Matthew 5-7. We will look at the Sermon on the Mount. The book is very readable and informative. Our first meeting will be on September 10. We will go through December 10, with the exception of third Wednesdays (Executive Council meets then).

Rally Day Cookout

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Sunday
September 7th
12:00pm

And More
GAMES!!!

Or these??

Does anyone know
what we do with these??

**Food Provided will consist
of:**

Hot Dogs
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Veggie Burgers
Drinks
Make Your Own Sundae &
A Very Special Surprise Dessert

Also Provided:

All Condiments
All Paper Supplies

POT LUCK

(provided by you)

Salads/Sides – Potato/Pasta/
3 Bean/Garden/
Baked Beans/Brown Bread
And anything else you can think of!



Location: On the Green – in front of the church
Bring a lawn chair.

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 Rally Day 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Picnic	8	9	10	11 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 Salvation Army Din- ner	13
14 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	15	16 7:00 p.m. A&F Meet- ing	17 7:00 p.m. Exec- utive Council	18 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19	20
21 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	22	23	24	25 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26	27 AB Women
28 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	29	30				

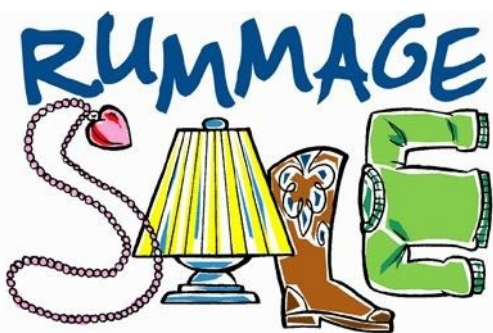
Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
 Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall *All calendar entries are subject to change*

AN OPPORTUNITY

"Consider the lilies of the field..." Matthew 6:28

Consider how lilies or other flowers bring brightness to the sanctuary, and help you to focus for worship. Consider joining the Flower Committee, to bring a bit of nature's brightness to share. We take turns throughout the year, to bring a decoration for Sunday morning. We also coordinate the displays for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. For more details, or to join us, please see Marilyn Medler at church, or call 508 879-4016.

The Flower Committee - Marilyn Medler, Jane Williams, Fran Pond, Ginny Stearns



New Date !!!

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(bag sale starting at 1:00 p.m.)

You can start bringing your items in starting Sunday, September 28. There will be a designated area in Jefferson Hall where you can drop off your items. Remember only clothes and shoes. We need help on Friday, October 3 as we sort, organize and price items. Come to Reilly Hall anytime after 4:00 PM. A light supper will be provided.

Help is also needed on the day of the Rummage Sale: a cashier or two, floor persons and last but not least we need a clean up crew.

This year, all profits will go to the Levin/Chute Scholarship Fund. Please see Kathie Zeman to volunteer to help or call 508-875-2357 or email kczeman@comcast.net.

September Birthdays

3	Jack Bennett	21	Doris Devine
6	Jon Harris	22	Jessica Rose Leblanc
8	Florence Pedersen	25	Evelyn Purdy
13	Kathie Zeman	25	David Lowell
13	Timothy Lowell	28	Luckner Bayas

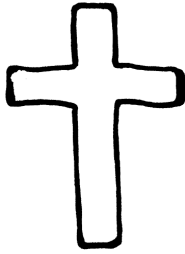


Courage to Search for Freedom and Justice September 13-20, 2014

Pastor Jason, Reverend June, and Reverend Adrienne will be participating in an educational pilgrimage to visit historic Civil Rights memorial sites this month from September 13 to 20. The eight day pilgrimage will begin with a tour of the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN with lodging and hospitality provided by The Second Baptist Church in Memphis. The pilgrimage also includes a visit to Holly Springs, MS with a stop at the childhood home of Ida B. Wells and to Birmingham, AL with a visit to 16th Street Baptist Church. Also a planned stop is scheduled in Montgomery at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church where Dr. King was pastor. The pilgrimage will conclude in Atlanta at The King Center and the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Devotions and times for spiritual reflection will be led by each team participant throughout the trip. In addition to reading articles on race and historic class divisions, the group will also read the book Privilege, Power, and Difference by Alan Johnson.

In addition to Jason and June, participants include American Baptist leaders and Pastors from around the state of Massachusetts. Jason and June look forward to sharing insights and lessons from the trip upon their return in late September.

Church Notes



We mourn the loss of **Ruth Barlow** who passed away on August 11. A celebration of life was held on August 16. A note of thanks from Phyllis Devine (Ruth's sister)

To our friends at First Baptist Church—thank you for your prayers and cards of sympathy. The service was a wonderful tribute to Ruth and the music, as always, was so nice. Thank you to Carolyn and to those who helped you do the collation. God bless you all.

We mourn the loss of **Pat Schneider** who passed away on August 17. A celebration of life was held on August 24.

Congratulations to **Sarah Wilder** (Zeman) who now teaches first grade in Old Orchard Beach, ME.

Happy Birthday Baby recently received the following note:

Thank you for all the gifts, I really needed those things. When my daughter was born on February 2, 2014 I didn't have anything ready for her.



George and Doris Seaman were members of Park Street for decades. Last month they moved to Illinois to be near their son Mark and his family. Their new address: George and Doris Seaman, 898 Dartmouth Dr., Wheaton, IL 60189-6124. Home phone (630)949-8895. Cell (774) 279-1713.

Save the Date: November 1, 2014: Enjoy an evening of fine food and beverages from some of your favorite local restaurants to benefit **Family Promise Metrowest**. While enjoying selections from Blue on Highland, Bertucci's and Nordstrom Café Bistro (to name a few) bid on a fantastic selection of silent auction goodies, including unique themed gift baskets. Wines from around the world will be available. Tickets will go on sale on September 1. Hosted at Energy Fitness in Natick, the evening will definitely be one you do not want to miss full of fine food, great company and exciting prizes to benefit a great cause!

Thank You All: card received from **Inez Villaro** and her daughter upon the death of Arthur.

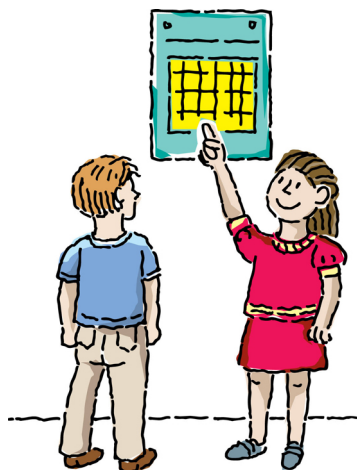
Library 4 Fall Update

This fall we will be starting (on September 7th) with the theme "The B-I-B-L-E" and helping to celebrate Florence Pedersen's 98th birthday celebration! Beside reading library books, we'll also do pencil "fun". We may even try sewing a banner. Any children in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 are welcome to come downstairs to Jefferson Hall, following the Children's Moment in the 10:45 am Sunday morning worship service.

the grandmothers - Mrs. Marilyn Wakeman, Mrs. Shirley Ross and Mrs. Carolyn Reilly

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Sunday School SCHEDULE

New Sunday Schedule

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| 09:45 | Sunday School Opening (we want to bring this back along with singing/offering/birthday cake pennies) |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Sunday School |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Snack Time for children (This gives the children 15 minutes before Worship vs. the almost 1/2 hour they've had.) |
| 10:45 | Worship Service |
| 11:45 | Refreshments/Fellowship for all |