



Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



Sunday, May 1, is set aside as a time of rededication of our sanctuary following the new paint and repairs over the winter. This is a proud moment for me as Pastor of First Baptist Church as we share together in celebration of the rededication of the sanctuary of God. This building was originally dedicated in the spring of 1826, and has been a sacred space for worship and spiritual renewal for 190 years.

As people of Christian faith and tradition, we want to balance our spiritual lives; a balance between worship and service. I believe confidently that all the good in our lives as Christians begins with the worship of Holy God. Our service to the community and world, our ministry to one another in times of need and flourishing, and our welcoming together as family and friends flows from a sincere worship of God.

This is why we take care of this space; give to the preservation of this space; and celebrate its restoration. The renovation of this space is a confession of hope in the future; a future where people will continue to worship and seek inspiration to Christian faith and service. Our pledge to preserve this space is a pledge in our belief that people will continue to seek God.

I want to sincerely express gratitude to the whole congregation for the pledging of 61K to complete the work. It wouldn't happen if we did not make a promise to pay for the work. And, the A&F committee, for your willingness to organize and set this work in motion. Finally, to GB restoration for finishing in a timely manner and doing a good job, we appreciate your professional work.

May the Spirit of God continue to give flight to our spirits as we seek to minister and change the world, beginning with the worship of God, and continuing with service to our community and world.

Jason



Please join us in worship on Sundays May 8, 15, and 22 for a Campership Moment. We have several folk attending camp (Grotonwood or Oceanwood) this year. This will be an offering only (there will be no lunch or representative from the camps) with envelopes in the morning bulletin on May 22, but all donations welcome at any time.

Church Notes

From HOPE Worldwide Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations! We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. In 2016 in lieu of food we particularly need :

Bars of soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shampoo and Conditioner

Our limited budget can rarely afford these items.

Congratulations **Rev. June R. Cooper:** Recognized by the Mayor of Boston

So grateful for the ministry of Rev. June Cooper through City Mission Society. Rev. Cooper is extraordinary because she advocates for all residents through her ministry and homeless prevention programs at City Mission.



Scholarships Available

Anyone attending college this fall is encouraged to fill out the Millie Levin/Kathie Chute Scholarship Fund. The form is available from anyone on the Scholarship Committee: Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman or Ray Zeman. We need it back on or before June 12th.

Library 4 Update

On Sunday, April 20th, we listened to a CD tell the story of "The Lump of Clay", about a famous potter who wanted to make something wonderful for a King. As we listened we made clay pinch pots. The story told about the chalice the potter made that Jesus, the King, used at the Last Supper. Another week we heard parables of Jesus - the sower. Another week - the fishers of men - and we played a magnetic fishing game. For May we'll hear "feeding the 5,000" and make May baskets for some of our seniors. In preparation for Children's Day we'll also be learning about the Christian flag.

Mrs. Wakeman/ Mrs Ross

Middle/High School Sunday School Class News

On October 15, 2015 a fire at Grotonwood Camp destroyed Memorial Lodge. There were no injuries, praise God. There is much sadness about the loss of this building, which held so many precious memories for so many people. Memorial Lodge was a 200+ year old building, which contained bedrooms, bathrooms, a meeting room and dorm-style housing upstairs. During the month of May, the Middle/High School Sunday School class will be designing and making pillows. In June they will offer these pillows for sale to raise money for the "Memorial Lodge Building Fund." which has been established by TABCOM.



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Pot Luck Lunch	2	3	4	5 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship Lunch Talent Show	16	17 7:00 pm A&F Meeting	18 7:00 pm Executive Council	19 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 Campership Sunday 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	23	24	25	26 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	30	31				

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



1 Christine Brown
1 Judith Richardson
3 Catherine Lewis
4 Anne Cerutti
4 John Moore
4 Evan Harris
6 Joan Reilly
6 Chris Monaco
8 Francesca Cerutti-Harris
10 Lorna Donovan-Mailhoit
11 Brian Halbert

12 Sandra Nelson
13 Xavier Allen
13 Gabriel Erguiza
14 Jim Wakeman, Jr.
15 Vinton Allen
18 Frances Carr
20 Kim Philipp
24 Chris Carr
25 Adele Williams
28 Janie Harris
31 Bob Travis

May Birthdays



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Annual Talent Show

Our Annual Talent Show will be held after lunch on Sunday, May 15, 2016. This event is always a lot of fun but more importantly is one of the major fundraisers for the Levin/Chute Scholarship Fund. Please think about sharing your talents (whatever they may be) or just being part of the audience. Desserts will be on sale at intermission and we will take a free-will offering for the Scholarship Fund.

Bob (Bobby) Levin and his wife will be our guests.
Bobby is Millie Levin's youngest son.