

PASTOR'S LETTER

JUNE 2017



Greetings as we enter the season of Pentecost.

Pentecost is informally known as the season of the Spirit. It is formally the day that the Holy Spirit was given unto the Disciples and followers of Jesus. It occurs each year 50 days after Easter. Historians note that the Disciples and followers were gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish Feast. The celebration services include a focus on the telling of how the Old Testament scriptures are fulfilled in the coming of the Spirit. In modern time, we often hold Confirmation services on this day. We celebrate the soul of the confirmation students and bless them by asking the Holy Spirit to continue with them on their journey.

In our Church this year, we will celebrate Pentecost and Children's Sunday together. The energy and abundant love shining through our children and youth will serve as a model of the story come to life. Disciples spent time with Jesus. Our children have spent time learning of Jesus. The Disciples were given the call to go forth and share the good news. Our children will come forth and share the good news with us.

Pastor Cheryl A. Caronna

Summer Vacation

Summer Travel Plans... when visiting places near or afar, if you do not use the little soap and lotion bottles offered to you please bring them back to the Church. We will collect these items and share them with the local shelters. Items can be placed in the collection basket near Pastor's office.

Welcoming NEW MEMBERS

During worship on Sunday June 11th we will be celebrating those who have chosen to join our Church. Everyone is invited to a special coffee hour.

The next opportunity will take place in the fall.



BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday morning for the next few months Bible Study will be held at 10am. Our first round of topics will be **Bad Girls of the Bible**. This is a weekly discussion on a different woman in the Bible.

Scripture references for each week will be given ahead of time. Bible study is open to anyone wishing to be in conversation with others.

June 6 th	Delilah: Enemy or Entrepreneur	Judges 13-16
June 13 th	Jezebel: Devious or Diva	1Kings 18 & 21
June 20 th	Job's Wife: Foe or Foil	Job 1 & 2
June 27 th	Gomer: Vixen or Victim	Hosea 1-3

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Hour Coordinator: This person(s) would help organize our coffee hour (checking in and reminding those that have signed up to serve, keeping track of needed supplies)

Pie Sale Organizer: Ole Home Day is Saturday October 14, held right on our front lawn. It is a tradition for our Church to sell pies during this event. We are in need of one or two people to organize the pie sale (get the information out to the congregation, set up delivery and clean up, etc.) For more details on what organizing this activity entails, please speak with Emily Savoie.



Social Media, Our Church & Our Pastor

Even though you may not know what all of the above icons stand for, your life is currently affected by them. We live in a world of cameras, photos and facebook. Our Church lives in this world too. Our Church has a website and a Facebook page. We work to keep information updated on both of these accounts. These resources are a wonderful way to share the message of open doors, open hearts, open minds with the community outside our sanctuary.

As Pastor I have access to our Church face book page. On this page we keep to all things Church. I also have a personal face book page. It has been my practice that parishioners are welcome to view my personal page. The friend request needs to be initiated by the parishioner. Please keep in mind that my personal page has photos of my family, my latest cake creation and at times my beliefs on issues happening in our world.



YOUTH EVENTS

June 4th Children's Sunday. The youth of our Church will lead us in worship. **God's Big Top** is this year's theme. Animals, clowns and a ring master will lead our worship.

Church Family Picnic will follow worship. Trustees will grill hot dogs. Pastor will scoop ice cream. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Sunday July 30th **Covenant Soup Kitchen:** youth will be going to the soup kitchen to help prepare sandwiches for the clients.

Vacation Bible Camp will be held August 14-17th.

Events and activities in June

BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday Mornings 10 am June 6,13,20,27.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY: Children will be leading worship on Sunday June 4th.
CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC following worship.

NEW MEMBERS JOINING: On Sunday June 11th several friends of our Church will become members of our Church. A reception will follow.

Windham Association Annual Meeting will be held at Westfield Congregational Church on June 22nd. A pot luck dinner is planned.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1st Deacons Meeting

Music Committee Meeting -no meeting

8th Trustees Meeting

15th Council Meeting

Christian Education Meeting

Missions Meeting

Pastoral Relations Committee TBD

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

Children's Church School is held during the 10am worship time.

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