

Pastoral Ponderings.....

The Spirit at First July-August 2019

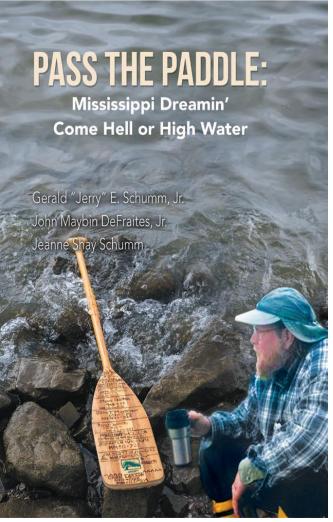
When I first came to 1st Church, things really slowed down for the summer. Attendance was not always great since folks were enjoying the beauty of Vermont. There was little to nothing planned for young families and their children since they rarely or never came to worship. Well, things have changed.....

Last summer we never had fewer than a hundred people! For the first three weeks of June this year, we have had over 160 people every single week! We have a trained and hired day care provider working in our nursery almost every week throughout the summer. We have activities for younger kids downstairs if they would prefer to sit down there and work on a craft and watch the service with their families or friends. The Capital Campaign Projects will be in full swing with active work occurring with the interior of the Vestry, the new parking lot and hopefully the interior of the sanctuary. Plus, Pastor Josh will continue his Musical themed services by focusing on a musical and then connecting it with a scriptural text and having members of the choir and congregation singing and or playing an instrument with numbers presented that pull everything together. Who can forget Alex Dooley's performance last year!!! I hear that we have Abby Evan playing the violin, Munroe Shearer, Josh Simon and others singing and the whole thing tied together with the gospel! And the largest event of the summer is VB Camp where families from the church and community meet every day to explore the love that Jesus brought into the world. With a crew of older and younger volunteers, Laurie has consistently introduced our church to families that end up finding a church home here.

We are no longer a sleepy slumbering church in the summer, but a vibrant, busy and active community of faith that engages in ministry in unique and creative ways. Come and be a part of what has been a cultural shift in church life. Come to our one service at 9:00 a.m. and explore the faith through music and special events. Come and volunteer with Laurie for VB Camp and become a quiet evangelist. Come and see our facility change right in front of your eyes. Looking forward to seeing you in August, I am

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Mark



An Invitation

It is quite a blessing to invite everyone to come and listen to Rev. Dr Jerry Schumm tell his story about paddling down the entire Mississippi River upon his retirement from a life-time of ministry. He had nineteen friends join him on various sections of this sacred journey and he met all sorts of fascinating people. Jerry's interactions draw laughter, tears, joy and sadness to one's mind's as you journey with him down the greatest waterway of our country. And along the way there are plenty lessons for life and deep discussions about meaning, faith and existence in our modern world.

Jerry is touring the country and is stopping by Essex Junction Vermont because he was Rev. Mendes' first youth minister and is more than willing to tell you any and all stories about the young Rev. Mendes!!!

In his ministry, Jerry served in many capacities including Youth Ministry, Associate Minister and New Church Start Ministry. He is a dynamo with an energy that is engaging and fun. He will have you on

the edge of your seat as you imagine yourself floating down the great Mississippi. There will be refreshments and an ample time to ask questions about the his journey [and Rev. Mark]!

Jerry will present one night only on Tuesday July 23rd at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction. The name of the book is *"Pass the Paddle: Mississippi Dreamin' Come Hell or High Water."* There will be books to purchase and have signed if desired by no pressure by the author to do so. This would be a great event to bring a friend.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NEWS

For the last six months, Kate Field has been serving as our first high school intern. She has been coming into church for about three hours a week on Thursdays to help with various projects and on Sunday to help with faith formation. Her projects include creating graphics for our Facebook and Instagram accounts, helping with mailings, and environmental justice. She has been a great help with expanding our ability to communicate who we are as a church to the broader community. Kate is working on environmental justice issues with the church. This summer, she is working on a special project connected to environmental issues that she has chosen.

We are interested in giving more high school students the opportunity to help us at church on weekly projects and to choose a special project they want to work on. Weekly projects might include helping with worship, mailings, painting, faith formation, etc. The special project is of their own choosing in consultation with me and would be something the church needs or what they think the church needs. The special project is worked on while they are here and after the weekly projects are complete. We'll discuss together how much time they want to help and when they want to help. As part of the internship, we focus on skills the intern wants to improve. By the end of the internship, the student and church have mutually benefited. The student leaves with new/improved skills.

One of the incentives of being a high school intern is that I will write a letter of recommendation for college or for another job. It can also help add important activities to their college application. Universities and colleges, besides grades and test, are looking for well-rounded students with diverse backgrounds and experience. If you are interested in helping us, let me know.

High School Youth Group: Meetings are *postponed* during the summer. Please, read the September newsletter for details.

Interfaith Pride Service to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn Riots/Liberation. Join me Thursday, June 27, 7pm @ The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul (2 Cherry Street, Burlington). We'll meet at Saint Paul, unless you need a ride, email me.

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN JULY

Your Jamaican Mission Trip Team Members

Nolan Boerger, Sharon Dettenrieder, Christine Dewey, Dave Dewey, Rick Dooley Sam Dooley, Caitlin McGeary, Kaki McGeary, Mark Mendes, Nicholas Mendes Carolyn Rushford, Pete Schmalz, Zach Schmalz, Aliyah Watt

LAURIE'S LENS

Laurie's Lens

Recruitment is underway for our vibrant 2019-20 Faith Formation programs. In our ever-changing landscape of programming, I invite you to get involved and see how our Sunday morning programs have changed over the years. Not sure if you have the skill set? Connect and let's find a time to chat. There are many ways to help our programs, whether it be with our youngest ones in the Nursery or our Junior Youth. High school youth are also encouraged to help with our Faith Formation programs on Sunday mornings. Pastor Josh and I would like to have more of our high school youth helping with our programs. This is a great way to gather community service hours for high school, to add them to your college application and resume. Speak with Pastor Josh or myself so that we can find the right group and age level that best suits you. You'll be helping us build relationships with the children in the program as well as growing your own faith. So, whether you are in high school, college or an adult of any age, please connect with me by email, phone or in person. You will save me a phone call. We'll have openings with our Spiritual Friends on 1st Sundays, our peer groups, our Hands-on Mission Sundays, our 2nd floor greeters or floaters, and my helper on a Sunday morning. Peer group leaders for our classes need to have started attending here at least 6 months ago.

Summer here at FCCEJ is busy with organizing, painting and bringing new life to our rooms. Want to be added to my painting email group of volunteers? Drop me a line.

I look forward to see you all at church!

Blessed to be in ministry with you all,

Laurie Chipman, Christian Education Director

DEACON'S CORNER

(*Story repurposed from our June newsletter*): Change. It's all around us at First Congregational Church. As we continue with Capital Campaign projects, we voted on the new sanctuary paint colors. We see work being done to Our Home in response to the priorities we set together. We also voted seven years ago to become an Open and Affirming Church; and although many of us still get caught off guard, we sing slightly changed lyrics to Go Now in Peace. As much as we find comfort in our traditions, we're proving to be adaptable to measured changes both large and small, theological and cosmetic. That's something to celebrate! Last year, 100-200 churches in the US closed every week. Many cite complacency as a major cause. But we're growing—and that takes some change.

Grace and peace, Lauren Starkey

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Bylaws Being Edited

The Church Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated as needed every 3-5 years. Work is on-going to make some changes that will be submitted to Church Council for approval in the fall and then put before the Annual Meeting in 2020 for the Church to vote on. The committee working on the updates--Mark Mendes, Josh Simon, Mark Chadurjian, Terri Livak, Ann Gray and Carl Wermer--has been established by Council.

Any member can propose an edit to the current bylaws to the committee for consideration. If you have an edit to submit or are interested in the work being done please contact Carl Wermer carlw_essexvt@outlook.com. If you simply want to review a copy of the current document, please contact the Church Office for a copy welcome@fccej.org.

SAVE THE DATE

August 5th-9th ~ Vacation Bible Camp 2019

To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!

September $\delta^{th} \sim$ Welcome Back Sunday

We are back to two services at 8:30am & 10:15am. CE sponsored picnic following our 10:15am service

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MUSIC



Music Director's Corner

Remember: FCCEJ offers one service during the summer, being **9am on Sunday**. This is a great opportunity for folks who aren't able to make a regular music practice to make some music! Get in touch with me if that is something you are interested in. I'll have the full list to put on the website including open Sunday

slots. Our staff here at FCCEJ have been joyful and wonderful to work with and have made me feel welcome. We laugh and pray in equal amounts. I am going to miss Jen Dooley so much; she has been incredible to work with and has made sure everything around here gets done. Summer should be a great time to practice the organ and work on the choral library. I hope everyone has a fantastic graduation season and I'll see you on Sundays!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Faith Formation Calendar (*Pre K* – 8th grade)



June 9th – September 1st @ 9am ~ Intergenerational Worship

Kids may bring a parent to FH and watch the service while you spend time being creative. Colored bin of activities - crafts, puzzle, etc. will be by the Nursery door.

September 8th ~ Welcome Back Sunday: Picnic & Bouncy House on the Lawn

Acolytes

Every Sunday, we carry in the light of Christ and light the worship candles. During our sung benediction, we carry out the light of Christ to remind us all that God and Jesus are with us everywhere we go, not just here at church. Ushers may assist the acolytes by lighting the taper, then walking with them if they are new to acolyting or would like a partner or you can go solo. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board down it the hallway on your way up to worship. If families are ushering or greeting, please feel free to acolyte and ring the church bell

also...however, please check the sign-up sheet to see if anyone has signed up for that morning. *Thank you*.

Ring the Bell ~ 8:45am in the Summer



Do you hear the church bell ring? Volunteers--families, children, youth, anyone!--do this every Sunday morning ~15 minutes before worship begins. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board before you walk up the steps to worship (in the downstairs

hallway). Instructions are at the top of the signup sheet as to which rope to pull and how many times to ring the bell.

Summer Nursery Room ~ 8:45 -10:15 am

Our Nursery staff and volunteers, Jennifer & Manu, will meet you and help you get settled in on Sunday mornings. Feel free to stay with your little one and hear the worship service by way of a speaker, or step out into Fellowship Hall and watch the service on the screen. We want you to feel comfortable here. Children are welcome in worship and throughout our space. We do ask you to help us hold to our *Safe Conduct Guidelines* of our child ratio (2 children to 1 adult) and volunteer to stay in the Nursery if needed. Thank you for your cooperation.





All our First Church Youth Programs are Parent Supported! *1 to 2 parents/volunteers are needed at each youth group gathering!* Junior Youth News Board by Laurie's office

High School Youth News Board by Pastor Josh's office

Junior Youth @ FCCEJ (5th - 8th graders) ** Mark your calendars! **

July TBA ~ Make sandwiches and deliver them to the homeless. Date coming soon. ** We need your feedback on the Doodle poll. ** Watch for an emails and church posts!

August 5-9th ~ Volunteer at Vacation Bible Camp ~ T-shirt, Friday pizza party & gift
 Sign up with Laurie ASAP! Get a t-shirt & a gift along with pizza party on Friday at 12:30pm.
 Arrive at camp at 8:30am and leave around 11:45am.
 Let Laurie know what days of the week work for you. Come join the fun!

****Parents** ~ Parent survey was sent out from Pastor Josh's email on June 13th. <u>PLEASE</u> take 5-15 minutes to fill it out and give your feedback to help Laurie and Pastor Josh plan youth ministry and Faith Formation programs for our 2019-20 program year.

This SUMMER ~ stay active and lend a helping hand!

- Help a neighbor or a friend!
 - If you earn an allowance? Practice dividing your money 3 ways
 - Save (in the bank)
 - Give to the church/offering
 - You (spend/save/give to an organization)
- Bring your Offering with you on Sunday and use the envelopes in the pews
- Find ways and places to connect with your God & have Spiritual Prayer time.
 - (e.g. praying in color, etc.)



2019 Faith Formation Offering Spectrum Youth & Family Services Current Total ... \$239.33

Remember \$1 a week can go a long way! So bring your offering each week for Spectrum! Just think what you spend a \$1 on each week. Are you willing to give that amount to help a youth at Spectrum? PLEASE use the Bible story envelopes

in the pews so your money goes to Spectrum and it will not be confused with the regular offering for the church.

SUMMER CAMPS

Register for OUTDOOR MINISTRY Camps ONLINE

Check out the OM Camp News bulletin board by the Front glass Doorway Camp brochures are posted on the board & on the table in the staff hallway 3 age-level camps offered each week in NH & CT

Horton Center Camp in NH is online at http://www.hortoncenter.org/

Silver Lake Conference Center in CT is online at https://www.silverlakect.org/

VT UCC Outdoor Ministry Camp Program



Help keep OM camping alive and well in VT! Help us get the word out for ... Lifeguards *Contact Laurie for more information.*



@ THE LAKE July $28^{th} \sim \text{August } 2^{nd}$ for Campers going into $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade in the fall of 2019

On the shores of Lake Champlain @ Rock Point Camp

Deans: Pastor Susan McKnight & Pastor Ed Sunday-Winters 2019 ~ Erik Frivoll has signed up to attend again this year!

Past FCCEJ Participants: 2016 Counselors ~ Ethan Benton, Kate Tallman 2017 camper ~ Erik Frivoll 2018 camper ~ Isabelle Owens 2018 daytime volunteers ~ Jonah & Jessica Moos, Pastor Josh Laurie Chipman



Join Laurie @ Horton Center

Her week has changed...she is now counseling for Middler camp on July $21^{st} \sim 27^{th}$ for Campers going into $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade

Horton Center UCC Camp is in Gorham, NH on Pine Mtn with beautiful views of Mt. Washington and Mt. Maddison



Vacation Bible Camp: TO MARS and BEYOND Exploring Where God's Power Can Take You! August 5-9th from 9am to 11:45am

Registration TODAY! All are welcome: You & Me Toddlers (attend with parent/adult) $PreK - 5^{th}$ grade (grade you are entering in the fall) Youth Helpers (6th grade & up) & Adult helpers

We use many of the rooms throughout the church, welcome in and form a community of children, youth and parents who all have a great time learning, growing and celebrating our faith each morning of camp week. Any questions about our

program or volunteering, please connect with Laurie.

FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING



Wednesday Night Searchers

** Summer hiatus. Check back in early September **

JOY (Just Older Youth), Summer Hiatus

JOY will not meet during July and August. A group of us have been busy planning next year's programs. Our plan is to meet again in August to finalize the calendar. We have a new mailing list of all 55+ members so be on the lookout for an informational email in August. September's meeting is on Thursday, September 5. We will explore the history of FCCEJ with historian Ann Gray and longest standing member,

Bob Vincent. More details in the September newsletter. Have a fun summer.



Essex Eats Out Community Dinners Continue...

1st Friday of Every Month ~ July 5th & August 2nd Come - Help – Eat www.essexeatsout.org

<u>3rd Thursday Potluck Series</u>

Join us for 3rd Thursday meal **July 18th & August 15th**! All ages welcome! 5:45-7pm. Look for info on our speaker/s in the weekly bulletin.





The Community of Bridge

** On Summer hiatus. Check back in early September **

Yoga @ First!

Jonah Moos is offering class on **Tuesdays** at 5:30-6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. All levels from beginner to experienced are absolutely welcome. You can bring your own mat or borrow one of Jonah's. Classes are free but Jonah collects donations on behalf of FCCEJ.

Women's Spirituality Group – Summer Hiatus

Women's Spirituality will not meet in July and August. We would like to reach out to all women of the church at a Coffee and Conversation gathering at our first fall meeting on Saturday, September 21. More details in August. Have a wonderful summer, enjoying time with family and friends.



Coffee Clatter @ Martone's

This may seem like a foolish question, but if you like to talk and drink coffee, then come down to Martone's every Friday morning from 8-9 for an open conversation. Rev. Mark and/or Josh are there every week and we talk about everything from camping to politics, from deep theological questions to silly jokes, from village life to great vacation spots, from business deals to the best restaurants in town. We laugh, get serious and support each other.

Everyone is invited to come to Martone's in the Village center at 8:00 a.m. every week.





Wednesday Noontime Book Group

The noontime book group will not meet in July. But, we will meet on *Wednesday, August* 21 @ Noon, Marvin Lounge, for a "brown bag" lunch and good conversation. We are reading *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler. It's the story of Willa Drake, a young woman whose

milestones in life hasd mostly been determined by others. Her mother disappeared when she was ill. She was proposed to at 21; her husband died in an accident when she was 41. Then, she heard that her son's ex-girlfriend had been shot in California. She decided to uproot her life and go to California, to care for her. She finds unexpected adventures and meets interesting people as she chooses her own path. It's never too late to change one's direction in life!



<u>Crafty Time Out</u> ** Summer Hiatus. Check back in early September. **

Tuesday Morning Summer Sermon Talkback, 8:30 – 10am

We will continue to celebrate each other's company and have fun parsing the words and content of the sermon throughout the summer every Tuesday from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Now is your chance to find out what the longest running adult education program in the church is all about!!! We usually have goodies so if you like to bake, bring some along!!!



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Jamaica Mission Trip

Safe travels to the Jamaica Mission Team! FCCEJ will be with you in spirit!

Dismas House ~ Meal Volunteers

On the fourth Wednesday of every month for several years now, members and friends of our Church have been taking a dinner to Dismas House in Winooski, which is one of four Dismas Houses in Vermont where folks who have finished a prison term live while transitioning from life in prison to life on the outside. Typically, one of us prepares an entrée, another a salad, and a third a dessert. We enjoy eating the dinner with the 10 residents and the paid staff (a Director and Associate Director who work at Dismas House during week). If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet just before the entrance to the Social Hall



below the Sanctuary. Ed Steele, the member of our church who facilitates the program, would be happy to talk to you about the program. He can be reached at (802) 871-5897 or <u>edwardmsteele@msn.com</u>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Calling All Bakers!

Looking To Show Off Your Baker's Hat? Hospitality is looking for some help in showing off your mad baking skills! If you would like to help provide a goodie for any Sunday Fellowship Time, contact Jim Glatz 802-503-5076 <u>glatzjim@gmail.com</u>

Heavenly Food Pantry

Summer hours: Monday, July 8th @ 5:30pm-7:30pm; Thursday, July 25th @ 2pm-6pm; Monday, August 12th @ 5:30pm-7:30pm; and Thursday, August 22nd @ 2pm-6pm.

We are in need of egg cartons, in addition to fruit juice, tomato soup, spaghetti sauce and sample size toothpaste tubes (which are perfect companions to a toothbrush.) Please, ask your dentist the next time you have your teeth cleaned if they would donate a case!

Usher/Greeter Volunteers Needed

Summer dates are available through *Sign Up Genius*. Please, volunteer! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4facae2daafe3-ushergreeter

Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop News

Regular Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-3pm; Thursday, 4-8pm; 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm. SAVE THESE DATES: July 6th, July 20th CLOSED Thursday, July 4th (Independence Day)

Come and check out the new Spring and Summer Fashions. Check out our new renovated bathroom, it's beautiful! Looking for jewelry, dishes, towels, spring and summer clothes, especially men's. Drop off anytime in the donation bucket.





Ministry

Greeters

Ushers





Recruitment has begun for 2019-20 Faith Formation Volunteers

Many opportunities to volunteer and support First Church children & youth:

- *Nursery* join our staff person and be a friendly face to the parents and the littlest ones among us during first service or second. We strive to follow our Safe Conduct guidelines for a two to one ratio in the Nursery.
- *Spiritual Friends* –on the First Sundays of the month on the 2nd floor read a story, pass out snack and have great conversations with the Pre-K & Kindergarten children. Follow this up with Godly playdough mats and with play dough. Everyone returns to worship for communion.
- *Faith Formation Peer Group Leaders & Helpers* our peer group classes of preschool up through eighth grade meet twice a month during second service. Laurie sends out a weekly email with the lesson and helps you pick an activity. All items are gathered for you. You don't need to feel like you have all the answers. Leader and helpers learn right alongside the children and youth. It's ok for all to feel comfortable and ask questions.
- *Hands-On Mission Sunday Leaders & Helpers* Pre-K up through eighth grade are together for a time of fellowship and build community while doing an mission activity...t-shirt baskets for our Easter breakfast tables, Church World Service Hygiene Kits, sorting donations for JUMP, Thrift Store tour, Vacation Bible Camp decorations, planting seeds for Earth Day...just to name a few.
- *Youth Group Helpers* Pastor Josh and Laurie are looking for adults who enjoy time being in conversation with youth. High School youth (9th-12th) and Junior youth (5th 8th).



Volunteer to stay in the Nursery with Jennifer or Manu. Nursery hours are 8:15am to 10:15am

Nursery Volunteers

Some Sundays we are looking for a second person to help us hold to our Safe Conduct Guidelines. Laurie will add you on to an email group to help with coverage. We know you'll have a fun time playing with the youngest among us. Interested? Stop by the Nursery and talk with the staff or connect with Laurie.



Be a Camp Counselor! Camp Needs You!

Share your love of God & the Outdoors NEED 1 male counselor for @ *THE LAKE*, on the shores of Lake Champlain at Rock Point Camp July $28^{th} \sim August 2^{nd}$ for Campers going into $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade. Bring your high energy and your love of kids to this demanding, but SO rewarding role. Parents get a discount for counseling if their child/youth is also attending a camp this summer. See Laurie for more details and for information on scholarships!



Volunteers for Vacation Bible Camp: TO MARS and BEYOND:

Exploring Where God's Power Can Take You! August 5-9th from 9am to 11:45am

Our leadership team is shaping up!

Bible Drama ~ Allison VanSteensburg; **Crafts** ~ Jenny Bourn; **Snacks** ~ Judy Allen & Ginny Coe; **Music Leader** ~ Jessica Moos; **AV/Photographer** ~ Doug Olufsen

Recruiting for: Decorators, Game Leader, Group Leaders, Youth Helpers (6th grade and older).

Help volunteer behind the scenes and put decorations together or be a part of the team that decorators before camp week. Contact Laurie for more information and to sign up!

VB Camp Wish List

<u>Bible Drama:</u> 5 battery operated Craft LED String Lights (clear or white); 1 Tan Paper Grass Table Cloth <u>Discover/Science:</u> 12 empty 35mm Film Canisters; 4 Children's size Safety Goggles or Glasses



<u>Snacks:</u> 8 cans of pineapple chunks; 4 ~ 16oz bags of large marshmallows; 2 bags of mini marshmallows; 3 boxes of Cheese It crackers; 2~ 12oz bags of mini chocolate chips; 1~ 12oz bag of vanilla chips; 1~ 12oz bag of strawberry chips; 1~ 12oz bag of caramel chips; 2 tubes of frosting <u>Decoration</u>: 10 rolls of black light weight landscape fabric

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Salutations from the Church Office



My name is Douglas Abraham Ovitt—call me Doug!—and I am your new church administrator. I have included my photo and a short biography to help you become better acquainted with me:

"Doug and his wife, Amanda, made Essex Junction their home soon after marrying to be closer to college, work, and friends. Doug graduated as a Master of Education from the University of Vermont with an interdisciplinary focus in Humanities. Teaching is his labor love, but he makes a living as an administrative assistant. Doug's spiritual leanings are closest to Unitarianism,

that "we need not think alike to love alike." He enjoys interfaith dialogue because of his pluralistic family: Catholics, Protestants, Secular Humanists and First Nations spirituality. Thus, Doug is elated to work where peace, justice, fun, and most importantly, **Love** are valued."

Bottle/Can Drive



The Boy Scouts have made a bin for can collection. Right now, the bin is located near the door by the kitchen. Please, drop your cans/bottle there. Thank you for all your donations! <u>Please</u> make sure that you only put in the cans & bottles that are redeemable, not just recyclable



Dear First Church Family, Thank you so much for the lovely yellow birthday rose! The yellow is always so cheerful as spring tries to emerge! Cheers and happy spring to all! Nancy Hayes

July & August Birthdays

Your Stewardship Committee will be taking a brief hiatus for the month of July, but will be hard at work in August on the fall 2019 Stewardship Campaign entitled, "*Everything Old is New Again*!" We will be celebrating our hugely successful Capital Campaign, and stressing the importance of our annual pledges.

We are so lucky to be members of this vibrant community. Thank you for the myriad ways in which you are stewards of the church. Making an annual pledge is yet another way that we serve our family of God and is one that enables the planning necessary to keep our church 'going and growing'!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the committee members: Jessica Moos, Bill Keithcart, Beth Volker, Shannon McCullen, Ann Gray (ex-officio), or Pat Seaver (ex-officio). Have a fun and relaxing summer!"

2019 Special Offerings: September (*Seminary Sunday*), October (*Neighbors In Need*), November (*Food Pantry*), December (*Christmas Fund*)

SUMMER 2019 - PREACHING SCHEDULE

June 16, 2019: Rev Mark Mendes June 23, 2019: Rev Josh Simon June 30, 2019: Josh Sharp [last before seminary] July 7, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon July 14, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon W/ Owen baptism July 21, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon w/ Owen baptism July 28, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon w/ Lincoln Bartlett [Barnes] baptism August 4, 2019: Rev. Mark Mendes August 11, 2019: Rev. Mark Mendes August 18, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon August 25, 2019: Rev. Josh Simon September 1, 2019: Rev. Mark Mendes

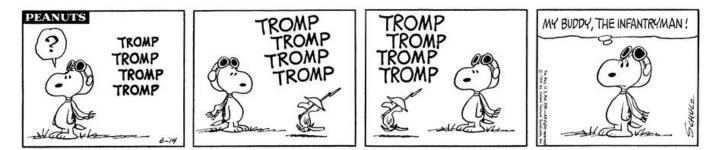
When Josh Simon goes in for surgery and Rev. Mark is in Jamaica, then Rev. Ron Faux will be on call for emergencies. Ron's number is 909 856-4823.
If you do not reach him, then try our new administrator: Doug Ovitt at 878-5745 from 8:30 – 2:30, weekdays.



Garfield without Garfield



Peanuts



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