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PASTOR'S PAGE

The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the Universe to do.

~Galileo Galilei

God's Creation is an astonishing and marvelous phenomenon! The crashing of the ocean surf, the silky underbelly of a toadstool, the brilliance of mallard green, and the shimmering light on poplar leaves in the breeze - almost enough to inspire a poem, isn't it?

Summer, like every season, has its own beauty and miracles. The lushness of gardens, (of *all* plants), of ripening fruit, fresh-cut lawns, rippling brooks, and smell of the sun (yes! The sun has a smell!) Falling asleep with open window, listening to the crickets and the far-off lake loons - waking with the morning bird calls and the fresh breeze teasing us awake – all part of God's grand design.

I think of Psalm 8: **LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!** When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is humankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. **LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

In this month of vacations, festivals, and outdoor fun, remember the Creator God who gives ALL GOOD GIFTS to the humans God created and LOVES! Rejoice in the goodness and abundance of the season - that corn on the cob, lemonade, jumping in the lake, ice cream, boating, canoeing, watermelon dripping down your chin, fresh flowers - and remember to thank God for it all - and for the ability to enjoy and take pleasure in the good things God has given. Stay safe and be well!

Pastor Bette



I am alone on the surface of a turning planet.

What to do but, like Michelangelo's Adam,
put my hand out into unknown space,
hoping for the reciprocating touch?
RS Thomas~

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We will be hosting the state meeting of Congregational Churches of Maine on October 1, 2022 here at our church. We need a small *ad hoc* committee to help plan the event. Please see Pastor Bette or Marcia Cifaldo if interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

On Saturday, September 10th, the pastor will be leading a class on "What it means to be a Congregationalist". If you are a new member, considering becoming a member, or just want a refresher in our tradition, THIS IS FOR YOU! See Pastor Bette to SIGN UP - 9 a.m. to noon.



This **Prayer List** is provided to encourage you to keep these special people in your prayers during the week. If you know an individual you would like added to this list, please talk with the person and get their permission before having them added to the prayer list. *(In some instances, we know that this may not be possible).*

GOD'S PRAYERS

Betty & Clayton Collins
Eric Overlock
Jane Waltz
Kathy by Beverly Pacheco
Sherry Ladd
Rev. Wayne Sawyer
Lanphier's son Nathan
Conner Greeman by Patty Ott
Lorraine Strout by Linda Kaler
Bill Cutting
Gay Bogard by Janice Overlock
Pam Pitcher by Becky
Donald Wood by Carole Starr
Chris Cawley by Pastor Bette

Stuart Mank
Susan Flaherty by Gayle
Vella Smith
Jackie Gushee by Tina
Connie Heath
Khyllie Cochran
Carol Hall-Perry by Carole Starr
Dr. Jay Allen by Sterling
Sherry Chadbourne by Gayle
Wayne Quinn by Robin
Dominic by Carolyn R.
Jan Andrews
Angelina by Pastor Bette
Kevin Chubbuck by Pastor Bette



July 5	Linda Kaler
July 5	Ella Hathaway
July 8	Michael Cifaldo
July 8	David White
July 10	Clayton Collins
July 15	Wayne Quinn
July 20	Cindy Bland
July 21	Carolyn Robinson
July 22	Joshua Hagin
July 29	Bob Barrett

July 3	Mark & Jane Waltz
July 11	John & Tammy Hagin

Kathleen Borzelli has happily volunteered to take over our Greeting Card Mission. She is currently in need of Anniversary cards. If you have cards you would like to donate, bring them to the office.

Kathy, Thank you!!!

— If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please contact the office. —

CHILDREN'S DAY in JUNE



On June 12th there were 14 children in attendance for the last day of Sunday School for this school year. The children enjoyed Becky and Niva's lesson, "The Fruit of the Spirit", focusing on kindness. Their craft was card making, and for some their first-time hand making a card. They were all presented with year-end certificates, a beginners Bible, and other goodies in a back pack. Smiles, laughter and joy filled the Upper Room. Many thanks to Becky and Niva for their dedication to the children of Second Congregational Church.

Becky and Niva have something special planned for a summer event with the children, be watching for details.

VBS, Vacation Bible School, will be held at the Warren Baptist Church July 9, July 23, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Focusing on Family....look for upcoming flyers. They are also planning a softball game rematch between WBC and SCCW. Let's get that trophy back!!

Wishing all the students a safe and happy summer vacation.



Our Church History

The town meeting of March 1794 was supposed to be held in the new meeting house but it was too uncomfortable for want of windows, so the meeting was adjourned to a barn.

On the 7th of April 1794, the meeting house was ordered to be painted, and it now remained to provide a minister. Josiah Thaxter came here in June and on the 22nd and 23rd, baptized 89 persons; but remained only short time. Rev. Mr. Whiting, who had previously been employed, was considered but, although he was orthodox in his belief and his public services, his lack of will, his convivial disposition, led him into irregularities inconsistent with the character of a Christian Minister, so the committee invited Rev. Johnathan Huse who had been at Blue Hill to stop here for a time. On September 8 the Town voted to hire him till the last day of October. November 3rd the Town voted to invite him to return the following spring and preach as a candidate. The next April he returned and on June 29th, it was voted to give him a call. In August the Town voted to give him \$100 a year so long as he should be their minister, and in case the town voted by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to request his discontinuance, a further payment for 6 months. The relation between Mr. Huse and the Town continued with the same salary until the contract was dissolved by mutual consent on 1830, 36 years later. An acre of land was given him for a house lot by M. Copeland and 100 acres of woodland by General Knox. The latter property he sold at a good price and with the money plus his annual pay, he supported and educated his family, and even acquired some wealth.

The Presbyterian polity being inconvenient, a Congregational council was called to meet at Warren on October 8, 1795 for the purpose of organizing a church and ordaining a minister. Representatives from Woolwich, Freeport, and Wiscasset formed the council and after organizing the church, proceeded with Mr. Huse's ordination. The church consisted of John Dickey, Moses Copeland, Daniel Peabody, Thomas Starrett, Joseph Copeland and James Mathews. Articles of Faith and Covenant were adopted.

Col. Thomas Starrett, in June 1796, was chosen the first Deacon and held the office for more than 25 years. James Mathews succeeded him as Deacon until his death in 1836. The male members of the church were never very numerous. The congregation came from the whole Town, some were Baptists, some didn't like the location of the church and stayed away, but there was very little dissension in the church during Mr. Huse's ministry.

It seems strange to us who are steeped in the separation of church and state that the matters of providing a church building, organizing a church and hiring a minister should be acted upon and settled by the Town. However, this was the universal practice at the time and Massachusetts' law required every town to maintain a minister of the gospel as well as a public-school teacher. The underlying principle seems to have been that instruction in religion and morality were as essential as that in literature and science.

To be continued.

**Each Month we will be sharing snippets of our history with you.
Please contact Pat Weaver if you have ANYTHING you could add to this project.**

Our talented Chancel Choir and Bell Ringers



Choir Members: Bill Howard, Donna Lewis, Melody Sainio, January Peavey, Karen Carpenter, Robin Quinn, Choir Director; Beverly Pacheco and Jim Pacheco. Not pictured; Aleta Mank, and taking the photo, Rev. Bette Bond.

Bell Ringers: Hope Creighton, Louise Cornforth, Lee Houghton, Kathy Lawrence, Jim Pacheco, Elaine Sprague, and those who played early on; Clint Lanphier, James Lent and Pat Weaver.

We thank you all for the time, work, and heart that you put into singing and playing to the Lord for us each Sunday. All of you have worked diligently throughout the year to provide beautiful hymns and songs adding beauty to our worship service each week. We thank you and look forward to September.



*"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."
Psalm 40:3*

HOW THEY MET



Walter & Linda Kaler, greeters on June 12th.

Walter, a Georges Valley High School graduate and Linda, who graduated from Warren High School, met when Walter was attending Eastern Maine Tech in Bangor and Linda was going to Twin City School of Beauty in Brewer.

The year was 1968. “Our first encounter was when we both caught a ride home with Linda’s boyfriend at the time. We rode home for the weekend several times together the first year.”

Time passed. One night when the three of them met at a social gathering, Linda’s boyfriend, who was leaving for a job in New York, jokingly said to Walter: “Keep an eye on her while I’m out of town”.

Eventually Linda and her boyfriend split up. “We started dating regularly shortly after that. We fell in love and were married on October 23, 1971. We will be celebrating 51 years together this fall.”

-Walter and Linda Kaler

If you would like to be featured in our “HOW THEY MET” series,
please submit your story to the office before the next Newsletter.



Sunday Morning Greeters have returned.

On Sunday June 5th Jan Andrews and Margaret Damewood met you at the door with smiles and bulletins. If you would like to be a Sunday Morning greeter, see Carole Starr or Carolyn.

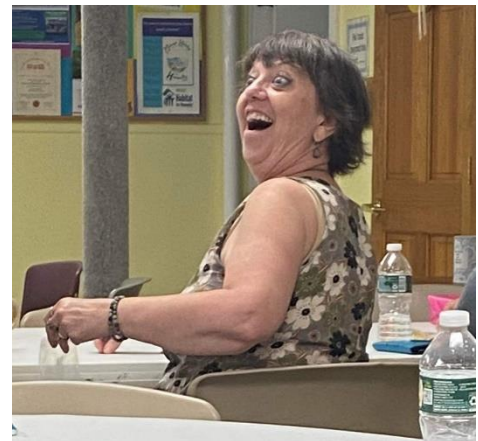
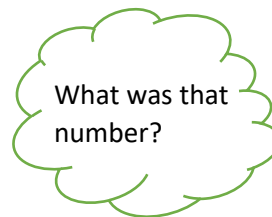




On Sunday June 12 we honored two of our graduates, Emily Knutson and Gregory Cifaldo. Rev. Bette offered a prayer wishing them both success in all their future endeavors. Thank you to the church for their support of these students.

BINGO LUNCHEON

After service on Sunday June 12th the Caring and Sharing Sisters hosted a bingo luncheon. Nearly 50 in attendance enjoyed good food, fun games and fun prizes.



Rev. Bette's winning reaction!

***THANK YOU from the Caring & Sharing Sisters
to all who helped put this together and to all who attended.***

NACCC Meeting

Attending the NACCC Annual meeting and conference on June 25-28 were Marcia Cifaldo, Sharon Landry and their driver, Joe Cifaldo. As delegates, they drove across the country to represent SCCW at the convention in Wichita, Kansas.



Plymouth Congregational Church.
Site of the 68th Annual Meeting and
Conference of the National Association of
Christian Congregational Churches.

*At the time of publication the trio were still
traveling home. We will share their stories
at a later time. Photos Courtesy: Sharon Landry*

Warren Days 2022

Our Church members were very involved in Warren Days 2022.

The deacons staffed the Hot Dog Hut, the Ladies Circle sold yummy cookies and lemonade, Niva Poland painted cute little faces, Cindy Gardner and Amanda Field worked the Pen Bay Ministries table and Robin Quinn handed out information at the Crisis Prevention table and craft table.



Addy Ruggieri worked the Spear Spring Farm Ice Cream cart. Irene Maxcy organized the Strawberry/Rhubarb pie baking contest and January Peavey (above) was in the Parade. As co-organizer of this event I would like to personally thank everyone who invested their time and energy helping to make this a fun filled event. Let us not forget, Rev. Bette, who made a splash in the dunk tank!!!
With sincere appreciation ~~ Carolyn & Morgan



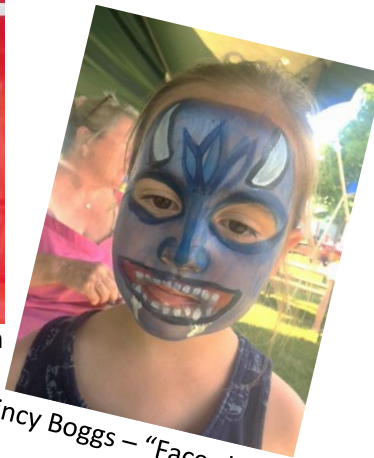
Rev. Bette gets dunked



Pie Baking Contest Organizer Irene Maxcy with Judges Argy Nestor, Paula Sutton and Mary Blenk
 Congrats to the winner Fred Strout



Addy and Bailey Scooping Ice Cream



Quincy Boggs – "Faces by Niva"



Deacons in the Hot Dog Hut

Photos Courtesy: Warren Days Committee

Worship Service in the Park...



On Sunday June 27th we worshipped together with the Warren Baptist Church.

Rev. Bette delivered a very thought-provoking message and Pastor Pat Anders, friend of the Warren Baptist Church, offered prayer and song while Delia Lufkin played.

It was a beautiful service enjoyed by nearly 70 people sitting together on a beautiful morning under the massive white tent that was so graciously left in place after the Warren Days community event.



A big shout out to Brent and Gwen Richardson and the Warren Day committee for the use of the tent. It made the summer morning more comfortable.

And a special thank you to the Scout Troop #254 led by Bruce Bassow. They were on hand to 'walk' the heavy metal chairs down the hill to the park. After Service, coming back up the hill was no easy task, but they persevered. Thank you, gentlemen!



Photos Courtesy: Hope Creighton & Carolyn R.

Our old Oak Tree...what do you see?



C. Robinson 6/26/22

Something fun to do: Call the office and let us know what you see and we'll post your interpretations in the August newsletter.

A tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray ... Kilmer (1886-1918)

CONGRATULATIONS TO VELLA!!!

The Town of Warren Board of Selectmen Chair Jan Macdonald presented the Boston Post Cane to the town's oldest, and one of the most cherished residents, Marion "Vella" Smith Friday, June 24, 2022.

The Boston Post Cane movement was started in 1909 by the Boston Post newspaper, and quickly took off in those municipalities lucky enough to receive the canes. The tradition continues in 700 municipalities throughout New England, honoring the oldest resident with a gold-tipped cane.

Story and Photo courtesy: Village Soup



LIBRARY NEWS

Hello all, Summer is here and that means finding ways to beat the heat and at the same time getting very busy. Soon I hope to have the fellowship room annex open as soon as possible. Summer the time of lemonade, smores, and camping. Here's hoping you all have a nice summer.

~ James the Wild Rover in the Library



BOTTLE DRIVE

Hello and thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for the month of June. For July and August, the money from the box will go towards the Eagle project of James Lent. The project is a diorama sign for the Vulcan steam locomotive that sits by Rockport harbor. For more information on the project contact James at nevermore112397@gmail.com. If you need your bottles picked up please call us at 236-4585. Once again a big thank you to everyone who brought in bottles for June.

*Sincerely ~ Ken and Linda Lent ~
The Bottle Box Committee.*

FLOWER REMINDER:

If anyone would be interested in bringing in their own planter or bouquet to Church to be placed in the Chancel in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, please contact the office before Thursdays so the information can be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Whoever brings flowers in will be responsible for removing them after service. Thank you.

JULY MEETINGS

- **Missions**
Wed., July 6, 12:noon
- **Diaconate**
Wed., July 6, 6:30pm
- **Ladies Circle**
Mon., July 11, 10:00am
- **Caring & Sharing Sisters**
Mon., July 11, 6:30 pm
- **Trustee Meeting**
Thurs., July 14, 6:30pm

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2 – C&S Lawn Sale
July 4 – Independence Day
TAIZE Worship
will resume in the Fall

MEMBERSHIP

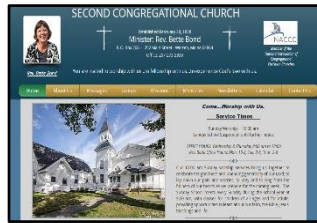
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Class time: 9 a.m. to noon.

MID-WEEK Morsel

For a copy each week email Rev. Bette at revbette.sccw@tds.net

From the office...

- Current office hours are Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Newsletters are mailed and emailed once a month on or near the first of the month.
- Information to be put in the newsletter is due ON or BEFORE the 28th of each month.
- If you need a newsletter mailed to you, please contact the office. Each month there will be printed copies available as well.



Visited our website recently?

Everything you could possibly want to know is within its pages. We encourage you to visit often.

If you have information you would like to add please don't hesitate to contact the office.

www.SECONDCONGREGATIONAL.org

We are also on Facebook



<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
06/05/22	58	\$2949.00
06/12/22	86	1331.00
06/19/22	58	969.70
06/26/22	62	1419.00
Park Service		

MUSIC MINISTRY

If anyone is interested in joining either the Hand Bell Choir and/or the Chancel Choir please contact Beverly Pacheco. She is planning ahead for her fall schedule and would like to include YOU!!

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9-11a CCE
3 10am Service	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 9-11a Coffee Chat	6 12n Missions 6:30p Deacon Mtg.	7 9-11a CCE	8	9 Caring/Sharing Lawn Sale (Robinsons Farm)
10 10am Service	11 10a Ladies Circle 6:30p Caring/Sharing	12 9-11a Coffee Chat	13	14 9-11a CCE 6:30p Trustees	15	16
17 10am Service	18	19 9-11a Coffee Chat	20	21 9-11a CCE	22	23
24 10am Service	25	26 9-11a Coffee Chat	27 6p TAIZE worship	28 9-11a CCE	29	30
31 10am Service	1 AUGUST	2 9-11a Coffee Chat	3 12n Missions 6:30p Deacon Mtg.	4 9-11a CCE	5	6 9-11a CCE
LITURGIST	DEACONS	TRUSTEES	GREETERS			
07/03 Hope Creighton	07/03 Gayle & Debbie – CP: Robin & Clint	07/03 Sandra Overlock	07/03 Cindy Bland & Jeremy White			
07/10 Weston Ames	07/10 January & Cindy	07/10 Marcia Cifaldo	07/10 Aleta Mank & Melody Sainio			
07/17 Donna Lewis	07/17 Karen & Robin	07/17 Jeff Creighton	07/17 Freda Hill & Nola Mank			
07/24 Robin Quinn	07/24 Gayle & January	07/24 Irene Maxcy	07/24 Sandy Gammon & John Black			
07/31 January Peavey	07/31 Cindy & Clint	07/31 Sandra Overlock	07/31 Tina Bryant & Weston Ames			