

# **Bristoletter**

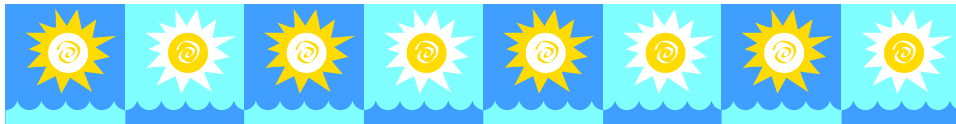
**Newsletter of United Church of Bristol, a member of the United Church  
of Christ**

**TO:**

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**July/August 2012**

**“God is still speaking,”**



**Rev. Thomas (Tim) Hamlin, Pastor    Phone: 585-657-7030  
Sunday worship – 10:00 am    Fellowship Hour – 11:00 am**

<b>Meetings/Event</b>
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- June 24            Congregational Meeting after worship – parking lot proposal
- July 7             Harter/Clark Wedding
- July 8 – 12       Drop off for Church Yard Sale
- July 13 – 14      Church Yard Sale**
- Date:                    July 13th and 14th 2012
- Time:                   Both days 9am-3pm
- Place:                  United Church Of Bristol
- Spaces to rent:       \$15 for small/\$25 for large
- Contact:               Pam Osinski 229 2516
- Members may donate items for the church table ( if possible, pre priced) July 1<sup>st</sup>. No electronics, tires or clothes or large furniture please.
- July 29            Baptism of Logan Sylvia
- Quarterly Meeting immediately following baptism reception
- August 13         Cabinet Meeting
- September 1      Brocklebank/Taylor Wedding
- No Cabinet Meeting in July, unless announced.**
- Pastor Tim will be on vacation July 29 - August 12.**
- NOTE:** Schedule of Choir Rehearsal, Deacons, Trustees , Progressive Dinner and other committees to be announced.

Happy Birthday in **July** to:

Pam O. - 7/3  
Brett F. - 7/6  
Sean F. - 7/11  
Lucille McK. - 7/11  
Richard L. - 7/12  
Emily A. - 7/16  
Jordyn Thomas-DiB. - 7/18  
Ray B. - 7/24  
Kali S. - 7/27  
Emily F. - 7/30  
Shaina B. - 7/31

Happy Birthday in **August** to:

Jon J. - 8/5  
Ellie B. - 8/7  
William S. - 8/7  
Faye B. - 8/10  
Ellie F. - 8/17  
Lance B. - 8/23  
Tom F. - 8/25  
Linda A. - 8/27  
Charles C. - 8/29

## Liturgist, Greeters & Fellowship Hour

Please make arrangements for a substitute if you are unable to serve.

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Fellowship Hour
July 1	Bob Marcellus	Linda Allen & Pat Pestle	Lance & Diane Bassage
July 8	Rena VanScott	Art & Priscilla Cratsley	Ellie Babcock & Annette Fagan
July 15	Moriah Kunes	Greg & Dianne Case	** Sally Ess & Pat Pestle **
July 22	Bob Drayn	Don & Pat Sanford	Elaine Burd & Edie Thomas
July 29	Diane Bassage	Ellie Babcock & Lynn Damaske	John Faulkner & Rena VanScott
Aug. 5	Greg Case	Sally Ess & Pat Pestle	Bob & Dianne Marcellus
Aug. 12	John Faulkner	Sheila Hudson & Ann Ward	Mary Lynne Parmelee Faye Brocklebank
Aug. 19	Shaina Babcock	Helen Fox & Gloria Miles	**Greg & Dianne Case**
Aug. 26	Lynn Damaske	John Faulkner & Rena VanScott	Bob & Stephanie Drayn
Sept. 2	Jan Schrader	Bob & Dianne Marcellus	Bill & Joan Hall

>“**Greeters**”: Please try to remember to have one or both of you be a “fareweller” at the end of the service by the door to those people who may not be staying with us for the fellowship hour. Thank you for adding this new task and making everyone feel welcome all the time at UCB! Your other duties still are to be at the door by 9:20, remember to wear your name tag, have guests sign our guestbook, hand out the Sunday bulletins and any other hand-outs, count all the attendees and enter the total in the book, take up the collection when called by the Pastor. Headsets are on the table or in the drawer if needed by anyone.

>Those who are assigned to “fellowship hour”, you will need to provide juice for children and non-coffee drinkers. Pick up the cake, if it is \*\*cake Sunday\*\*, Pat and Sally order it.  
 +Please find your own substitute if you are unable to fulfill your appointed task. THANKS!  
 +If you would like to be added to this list, please let Pat or Sally know.

### **HAM DINNER**

The UCB Ham Dinner was held on Sat., May 19<sup>th</sup>. We served 131 total dinners, down a little from last year. Live entertainment for the dinner was Bob Green on our church organ. The net profit was over \$700.00 and will go toward church programs. Thank you so much to all who worked tirelessly on this dinner! We could not have done it without YOU!

## Christian Education News

Congratulations to **Shaina Babcock and Moriah Kunes**, who were confirmed at a wonderful service on the lake at Pastor Tim's cottage. Thank you to everyone for supporting them!

If anyone has any ideas for CE classes and/or service to the community please let Karla know.

## Newsy Notes from "The Church on the Hill"

### BRISTOLITE LUNCHEON

On Wed., June 6<sup>th</sup>, 45 "boys and girls" gathered for lunch at UCB. They talked about memories of their days in the one room school houses around the Bristol Hills. They had a great time reminiscing about their classmates, teachers and activities they did back in the "good old days."

### THOSE WHOM WE HOLD IN PRAYER

- ~ **Jim and Mary Dunne**, as they face health issues;
- ~ **Catherine Joseph**, at the recent death of her sister;
- ~ **Doris Lochte**, for patience and strength in her continued recovery;
- ~ **Mary Hawkins**, after a fall that resulted in a broken ankle;
- ~ **LaRue Fletcher**; recovering from knee replacement surgery;
- ~ **Paula Dorn**, as she continues treatment [Room 6-3400 Strong Memorial Hospital 601 Elmwood Ave. Rochester, New York 14642

### THANK YOU

- ~ To **Bob Marcellus and Bob Drayn** for attending to various repairs and upgrades around the church;
- ~ To **Joan Hall and Mary Ann Strasser** for serving as confirmation mentors;
- ~ To **Pat Pestle and Sally Ess** for leadership through a host of recent meals and receptions;
- ~ To **Richard Gilbert** for sharing the message on June 3<sup>rd</sup>;
- ~ To **Mary Dunne, Mary Jane Stoltz and Bob Green** for offering music during our 150th celebration;
- ~ To **Effie Rogers** for chairing our 150th committee
- ~ A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped make our **150 year celebration** so meaningful. Whether it was providing food, flowers, music, lending your talents to our programs or attending the activities, it was appreciated.

### ALTAR FLOWER COORDINATION [June & July – Diane Bassage]

Gloria and Diane are looking for two new people to add to the Flower Committee. Each person would be responsible for the altar/narthex flowers on Sundays for three months. A rotating schedule is worked out in advance to accommodate vacations/ holidays/etc. If you are interested in serving contact Diane. A huge **THANK YOU** to **Dianne Case** for all the beautiful arrangements she has done for us over the past years!

### 2012 GRADUATES

Congratulations to: Sean Fagan, Connor Jugle, Kristen Drayn, Elizabeth Strasser, Sandra Casey and Seth Baker!

### EVERGREEN CEMETERY HIGHLIGHTS

At the recent Annual Meeting, the Cemetery Board discussed the necessity of possible increases in our going rates. Presently, we charge \$500 for a lot, \$500 for a burial, and \$300 for an Ash burial. These prices will be in effect until our Fall meeting when we will be comparing other local cemeteries' rates, and undoubtedly be raising ours. Just a heads up to anyone wishing to make a real estate investment for future use! Lyle Jenks continues as Caretaker with Bob Drayn, our President, as assistant, and they have taken back responsibility for all mowing and trimming with use of a new, donated mower from the Tietgen Foundation. Lyle can be called for any further information. Other Board members include Dorothy Erb, Lynn Damaske, Pat Pestle, Terry Goodman, Bill Wheeler, K.C. Tietgen, Sheila Moranda Hudson, and Dianne Marcellus. Also, our Web site is up and going: [www.evergreencemeterybristolny.com](http://www.evergreencemeterybristolny.com). Check it out!

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

These updates have come in since our last printing. Please add to your copy of the Spring 2012 list:

**Ray Barend e-mail:** See paper copy Bristol Letter

**Lyle Jenks phone:** See paper copy of Bristol Letter

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## Pastor's Letter

It's not easy for me to sit for any length of time in silence. I usually turn on the radio or the T.V. or some other noise-maker of modern life, reflexively filling the quiet with some sort of chatter. But the other day, I was led into silence by...a bird. A fly-catcher by the name of Phoebe was flitting about the fringes of the porch, obviously incensed that I had rudely placed myself just beneath her nest. She was fed up with her forced eviction and wanted to get back home. She had serious work to do on the nest. There were eggs to warm, feathers to fluff, and life to coax.

Being the obtuse sort, it took me a while to get the message, but eventually I caught on. And I removed myself to the far end of the porch, a safe distance away, but still able to watch Phoebe's activities. As I watched my tail-flicking friend settle into her routine, I found myself settling in, too – slowly, obliviously, sinking into a delicious stillness and calm. That's no small thing for me. Such gifts do not come easily. As the minutes passed, it began to dawn on me that I had been led into an experience of the Presence of God by a fly-catcher. Grasped by the Holy, through the wiles of a little gray bird.

That's just like God. Such a God-ish thing to do. The Eternal One seems to be forever side-stepping all my best efforts to try to track down God, pin down God, locate God in some box or creed or cause...even contain God in the word "God"! Instead, the Holy One cagily lures me into a moment of Encounter when...and where...I don't expect it. In a dirty nest tucked into the joists of an old barn. But then again, I guess God knows about showing up in old barns. Did it once...can do it again!

Over the past few weeks, we've been worshipping in a variety of settings and styles. We've gathered in the valley, by the lake, and on the hill. We've celebrated our Universalist and Methodist roots. We've listened and learned, affirmed and confirmed. And even with all that, we've hardly scratched the surface of holy encounter.

As we move into the sultry days of summer, keep one languid eye on the glass of iced-tea and the other peeled for the flitting grace of God that is ever so nearby.

Blessings to you all...  
Tim