

Those Whom We Hold in Prayer

Jim Faulkner, Ken Parmelee, Linda Keeney, Sharon Eckler and Mert Toneison, Bill Hall, Julie Gladding Searles, Paula Dorn, the people of Syria, and all who grieve; be the loss recent or long-standing.

Our Heartfelt Gratitude to:

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Music Committee

As the summer comes to an end, our choir will be back to sharing their beautiful voices to the congregation. First choir practice is Sunday, September 22nd at 9:30 am. Please consider joining us, even if it's just for a Sunday here and there.

Any interest in special music or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. If you have a particular song or two that you would like the choir to sing, please let us know and we will be more than happy to sing it for you.

Many thanks to Mary for continuing to be the rock as she provides music every week.

Thank you as always for your support and may your life be filled with the sound of music, laughter and joy.

Blessings to you all.....Rena Faulkner

Joy Jar & Outreach Update

On September 1st our wonderfully generous church gave \$450 to the UCC New and Renewing Church fund. We also received a Joy Jar collection on September 15th in the amount of \$100 to be given to Wildlife Defenders. Our Joy Jar collection helped purchase back-to-school supplies for local children.

On October 6th we will participate in the "Neighbors in Need" offering. Also, the October 27th Joy Jar collection will benefit UNICEF.

Again, thank you all for your great generosity.

Many have been blessed!

Update from the Deacons

Deacons continue to be busy. The new directory is coming along with about 40 pictures taken. We're still accepting submissions of pictures and are hoping to have the directory finished by the holidays. Deacons are also looking into purchasing a new sign for the corner for advertising coming events and special services.

We helped seven octogenarians celebrate their birthdays in July and August with more to come. Along with the missions committee, Deacons have decided to have a hat, scarf, and mitten tree this year for Christmas with the collected items being donated to the needy. Get out your knitting needles, folks, and store bought is ok, too.

Altar Flowers

Plans are being made for the church to be decorated for Fall. The youth; coordinated by Joan Hall; will do the decorating and it will be in the Sanctuary through Thanksgiving. Diane Bassage will coordinate for December and that will include outdoor wreaths; the annual poinsettia order and display. Please contact Diane @ 657/6609 if you wish to place a memorial on the altar on any given Sunday. Wishing you a beautiful holiday season!

Community Opportunities

Ontario Co. Office for the Aging meets at the Bristol Town Hall the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am - 11 am. This is called "Office on the Road" - they are there to help with Health Insurance questions and other services and programs available. For further information call 585-396-4040.

Christian Education

There are so many of us that don't know where each other live so a map will be posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall in October with pins to mark the spot! .

Pastor's Letter

Our church is a unique blend of people with many strengths, including special gifts, talents, experiences and viewpoints. Our church is also a group of people with many struggles - struggles not so different from any other group of people: we contend with physical and mental illness; we grieve our losses; we search for meaning and purpose; we long for companionship; we have moments of doubt alongside moments of deep certainty; we hunger, we hurt and we cry.

In times of both strength and weakness, we are a body of Christ that gathers – for worship and learning and fellowship and joy because our souls require such things in order to thrive.

As your pastor, I continue to try to respond to the deep hungers I discern among us - with a listening ear, perhaps a word of hope, a little patience, some humor, a measure of stillness, a prayer or two, and an occasional bit of music. Through visits, notes, phone calls, e-mails, and quiet moments of prayer, I offer what I can.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to gathering in small groups, to grow in our understanding of our faith, to come to know one another better, to pray, to reach out to others, and to see the face of Christ in our midst. I encourage everyone to keep eyes and hearts open for these opportunities when they present themselves. I believe they will be deeply enriching.

I am profoundly indebted to everyone in this Body who serve in Christ's name so beautifully, so steadfastly, so creatively. And I am thankful to be standing beside you all as we seek and celebrate the risen Christ, both within us and around us. I continue as your grateful partner in ministry.

In Christ,
Tim

Birthdays

October:

Art Babcock	10/1
John Faulkner	10/2
Steve Rath	10/6
Julie Searles	10/7
Norma Lyons	10/10
Ann Ward	10/11
Daisy Fletcher	10/12
Catherine Joseph	10/14
Kali Ensman	10/15
Laura Burgart	10/15
Gerry Damaske	10/16
Laura Kunes	10/18
Warren Lockwood	10/19
Kristen Drayn	10/21
Meredith Fletcher	10/22
Noreen Bailey	10/24
Marian Thomas	10/24
Tom Casey	10/25
Sharon Eckler	10/28
Trevor Drayn	10/28
Sandy Casey	10/29

November:

Tom Miles	11/1
Lexington Angell	11/1
LaRue Fletcher	11/2
Mary Lynne Parmelee	11/2
Tim Fox	11/6
Gloria Miles	11/8
Doug Rath	11/10
Bob Marcellus	11/12
Ken Fletcher	11/15
Mary Jane Stoltz	11/16
Charlie Bassett	11/23