

Week of April 30, 2023



From Woody: . Remember about a year ago when the news broke that Russia had invaded the Ukraine? At the wonderful suggestion of Carolyn Ferguson-Wilson, we composed letters that we signed and sent to the Russian embassy and to our Congressional Representatives and Senators. We did what we could in addition to praying for peace. This morning's newspaper contains a real story of hope in the midst of the usual bad news of shootings and the eternal stories of our inhumanity to one

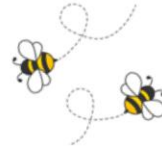
another. The headline of the story is POPE SAYS VATICAN INVOLVED IN SECRET UKRAINE PEACE MISSION. It is a Reuters story by Philip Pullella. I humbly confess that Pope Francis has been my ideal as a person who could become a peacemaker in the midst of this continuing tragedy; and what great news this morning to learn that he is doing just that. The story quotes Pope Francis as saying that he has spoken with both the a representative of the Russian Orthodox Church about this and also the Ukrainian Prime Minister. He expresses, in his remarks made to the press on his plane after a visit to Hungary, that he would like to visit both Kiev and Moscow on a peace mission. What a great Christian leader Pope Francis is and our hopes and prayers are with him in his efforts. The Vicar of Christ, as the Pope is called, is indeed embodying that title. Let us hope that the spirit of peace can touch the heart of President Putin and President Zelensky and that peace can descend on that place of conflict in the world.



Organ Concert: All are invited to a free organ concert on Saturday, May 6 at 3 pm. This is in celebration of 100 years of music from our organ. The organ was purchased and installed in our church in 1923. The concert will be given by David and Permelia Sears. The Sears specialize in playing historic 19th century tracker organs. The concert will be live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and our website www.communitychurchnewboston.org Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Family Sunday

Sunday, May 21
10:00 am



You and your family are invited to join us for a 'playful' Sunday worship service to celebrate the end of the Covenant Kingdom school year.

Bring a picnic lunch, blanket, and chairs

because after service we will have a picnic lunch on the lawn outside of church!

Drinks and dessert will be provided.



Peace Quote: I think that peace is always made by opening channels. You can never achieve peace through closure....This is not easy.....*Pope Francis*