

Week of July 16, 2023



From Woody: It has been an interesting week or two with the issue of our welcoming church banner. We have received great community support, both on line and in person. Despite the dreadful weather yesterday morning we had a great turnout for worship, including some folks we haven't seen for a while and some new faces. We have received a lot of support from kind comments on Facebook. Tonight, I will make a few remarks at the Board of Selectmen meeting. In deciding what to say I have decided to use a United Church of Christ statement about the mission of the church. At our June meeting of Session, it seemed to be quite well received as the Session worked on developing a mission statement for our New Boston congregation. I share it here for your consideration:

Embracing God's gift of Jesus' life as our example, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, our mission is to be a church that attracts, welcomes, serves and supports all ages and all people, ever challenged to live in harmony and joy with greater faith, hope and love....No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Why? Because God is still speaking. Jesus didn't turn people away. Neither do we.

Thanks to all of you for your support, faith and vision as we do our best to be faithful disciples in some very confusing times.



Brownie Sundaes: We will be selling brownie sundaes at the Concert on the Common, Tuesday, July 25. We need volunteers to bake and donate brownies. If you can donate and/or help, contact Lynne Wawrzyniak at lwawrzyniak@comcast.net But do plan to come and enjoy the concert and a delicious brownie!



Sunday, July 30th ~ after service

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Burgers, hotdogs, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Please bring a side-dish to share! Assorted lawn games will be available. A dessert auction will be held at high noon!

Please sign up below to bring a side-dish and/or a dessert to raffle off.

Click on the button to sign up.

Hope you'll be able to join us!

Click here to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADA82EA4F85-ccnb1>



For July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden. No need to sign up. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one. And many thanks in advance to those who can contribute to our worship service.



Church Library: The Church Library up and running in the church parlor. We are just getting started but if anyone wants to borrow a book it will be on the honor system. Borrow whatever book you want to read and return it when you're done. Also, if you have a book that you'd like to donate to the church library just leave it on the shelf. We want only books by Christian authors.



Peace Quote For Jesus peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle but the presence of love. *Frederick Buechner*