

Week of July 2, 2023



From Woody: Just a few words about our mission. The Session was working on a statement of mission a couple of weeks ago and agreed on a mission of being a church family where everyone is welcomed....no matter their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or where they are on their journey of faith. At the suggestion of a high school member of our church family it was suggested that we hang a Pride Flag as a symbol of our understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus. With the work of Dan Garrity the flag

was put up in an existing flag holder on the side of the church. After being up for about a week, it was torn down and taken sometime Thursday night into Friday morning. An informal meeting was held yesterday after worship and we will be putting a new pride flag up, hopefully on the front of the church. We will also be asking the Police Chief to make a statement about this as it seems that similar displays of tolerance and kindness have also been either stolen or damaged from homes in town. As Christians and as Americans we must stand together for kindness and compassion, FOR EVERYONE. Thanks to all who came to the meeting and we will have an update at worship next Sunday. And as we approach tomorrow's national birthday celebration, may we all renew our commitment to the Lord who taught nonviolence, love, forgiveness, justice and a special concern for the poor, both in money and in spirit. Happy 4th of July everyone...



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Thank you Dan Garrity.



July 4 Breakfast Tacos : We will be selling breakfast tacos before the parade on July 4th. Thanks to all who helped putting them together and those who will be helping tomorrow. Stop and get one (or more) From 8-9:30 or sell-out.



Strawberry Festival: Unfortunately, the concert on June 27 was cancelled. But the good news is all the strawberry fixings are ready to go for the next concert on July 11. Come and enjoy the band concert and delicious strawberry shortcake or strawberries and ice cream. If you can help, set up is at 5 pm.



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.



JOIN US IN SAVING LIVES Through a special program offered by the State of New Hampshire, we have the opportunity to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at a significantly reduced rate. Having this life saving device in our building will improve the chance of survival for anyone experiencing cardiac arrest. While the purchase of an AED was not included in our budget for this year the Session and Trustees of Expenditures fully support its acquisition. We are asking you, our members and friends, to assist us in purchasing this life saving device. The total cost is \$2,150 which includes the Philips Model FRx AED, an extra set of adult pads, an extra battery, training pads, a Child/Pediatric programming key, and training for 10 people by a certified instructor. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of an AED for the church you can do so in the following ways: A check made out to CCNB with AED donation written on the memo line Through our website communitychurchnewboston.org. Click on the donation button, select one time gift, and write AED donation under Comments If you have any questions. please contact Bruce Tostevin or Lynda French. Thank You!



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 Happy 4th of July! This country of immigrants, religious refugees, outcasts and dreamers has come a long way. Let's keep going.....*Ellen DeGeneres*