

## Week of June 11, 2023



**From Woody:** . . . It was 60 years ago this month that my high school class at Garden City, New York graduated. There was a lot going on in the world at that time. President Kennedy gave a Civil Rights Address to the nation, the first President to do that. It was on the evening of the day when Governor George Wallace blocked the door at the University of Alabama to prevent the entrance of a black student. He got out of the way after his grandstanding action. That night, as JFK gave his national television address, a racist named Byron De La Beckwith was on his way to murder the head of the NAACP in Mississippi, Medgar Evers, as he pulled into his driveway after a late night at the office. De La Beckwith was found not guilty by an all white jury. Years later he finally was sent to prison due to the efforts of Evers' wife. The day before this JFK gave his Peace Speech at the Commencement of the Class of 1963 at American University. That speech resulted in a treaty between the USSR and the USA banning the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere. Later that summer Martin Luther King gave his I HAVE A DREAM speech at the Lincoln Memorial. In the fall JFK instructed Robert McNamara to withdraw 1,000 of our 15,000 military advisors in Viet Nam by Jan. 1, 1964. It was a time of hope and promise which was shattered on Nov. 22 when the President went to Dallas. Leaders like Martin Luther King and John Kennedy inspired us with visions of a world moving toward Jesus' vision of the Kingdom of God. We need that kind of vision again.



**Jay Marden Funeral:** Jay Marden's funeral will be at the church on June 17 at 1 pm. The service will be live-streamed on the church website: [www.communitychurchnewboston.org](http://www.communitychurchnewboston.org)



**Strawberry Festival:** We are again providing refreshments for the Concerts on the Common this summer, starting with the Strawberry Festival on June 27. Help is needed to prepare the strawberries after church on June 25.



**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](http://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** I speak of peace, therefore, as the necessary rational end of rational men. I realize that the pursuit of peace is not as dramatic as the pursuit of war - and frequently the words of the pursuer fall on deaf ears. But we have no more urgent task. *President John F. Kennedy, American University speech, June 10, 1963*