

Week of June 18, 2023



From Woody: Today is the new national holiday of Juneteenth. It is called by many the Second Independence Day. After the Emancipation Proclamation was issued in 1863 by President Lincoln, all slaves in the Confederacy were declared free. It was after the Civil War concluded that the word finally reached the state of Texas, so that is the day we now celebrate as a National Holiday. It was in December of 1865 that the 13th Amendment was passed by Congress that outlawed slavery in all states. It is a day worth celebrating

and to remember as well that we are still working on the problem that brought about slavery in the first place.....racism. The 13th Amendment ended slavery but over 158 years later we are still trying to cure the cancer that teaches that the white race is superior. The history of this struggle against prejudice and hatred goes on today. At the heart of Jesus' life and teaching is that we love God by loving our neighbors, which means to love one another no matter what our skin color, religion, nationality of whatever else is a part of who we are.



After worship yesterday, several of us were honored to listen as our wonderful Judy Gill shared her life experiences as a black woman growing up in the segregated South. Her son Joel, who is a professor at Boston University, is the illustrator of a new book written by Ibram Kendi, *STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING*. We are getting a copy for the church library and hope to find a way for Judy to share her amazing stories from her life. So Happy Juneteenth to all and let us renew our commitment to create a world where we all treat each other with love, kindness and compassion.

Our own Craig Anderson will be preaching this Sunday while Barb and Woody are attending Austin Clark's wedding in Gettysburg, Pa.



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.



July 4 Breakfast Burritos: We will be selling breakfast burritos before the parade on July 4th. We are asking for help in assembling the burritos on Sunday, July 2 after church.



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 No people on earth can be held, as a people, to be an enemy, for all humanity shares the common hunger for peace and fellowship and justice. *President Dwight D. Eisenhower*