

## WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 2024



**From Woody:** This week I follow up on my sermon about the wisdom of we humans vs. the wisdom of God, with this quote from Frederick Buechner:

*The wisdom of men is the kind of worldly wisdom that more or less all men have been living by since the cave man. It is best exemplified by such utterances as "You've got your own life to live...Business is business...Charity begins at home....Don't get involved...God helps those who help themselves...Safety first, and so forth"...Although this wisdom can lead on occasion to ruthlessness and indifference, it is by no means incompatible with Niceness, as the life of anyone apt to read (or write) a book like this bears witness. A person can be basically interested in nothing so much as feathering his own nest and still give generously to the Cancer Fund, be on the Board of Deacons, run for town office and have a soft spot in their heart for children and animals. It is in contrast to all this that what St. Paul calls "the foolishness of God" looks so foolish. Inspection stickers used to have printed on the back "Drive carefully-the life you save may be your own." That is the wisdom of man in a nutshell. What God says, on the other hand is "The life you save you lose." In other words, the life you clutch, hoard, guard, and play safe with is in the end a life worth little to anybody, including yourself, and only a life given away for love's sake is a life worth living. To bring his point home, God shows us a man who gave his life away to the extent of dying a national disgrace without a penny in the bank or a friend to his name. In terms of men's wisdom, he was a Perfect Fool, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without making something like the same kind of fool of himself, is laboring under not a cross but a delusion....There are two kinds of fools in the world: damned fools and what St. Paul calls "fools for Christ's sake".*



**Celebration of Pets:** We will hold our annual celebration of pets on Sunday, Sept. 8 on the lawn or in the Dignard Room depending on the weather, so please get your pets ready. All pets are welcome! Please help spread the word. Our guest speaker will be our friend Peter Shea, who has spent a lifetime raising dogs.



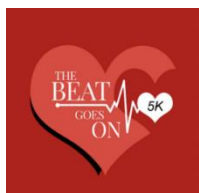
**Sunday School** Begins 9/15 during worship service (10:00-11:00am)  
Your family is invited to join our 'Covenant Kingdom!' Multi-aged classes for school-aged children that actively relate Christian beliefs and values to everyday life through stories, art, cooking, music, and more! Know a family who might enjoy our Sunday school and worship services? Please invite them! All are welcome!



**Dress A Girl Around the World:** Kristi Citak is spearheading a project as part of an effort to provide one-of-a kind dresses to girls from infancy to teens, who are living in orphanages in the US and around the world—"Dress A Girl Around the World". Kristi will be hosting an event each Saturday in September from 9-noon in the Dignard Room at the church. If you can sew and want to participate—great! Bring your sewing machine to the church. If you do not sew, there are other ways you can help: cutting patterns, ironing, bringing a snack, or donating money for shirts, shorts, and shipping costs. See more information on Page 3 of the August Beacon. Any questions, contact Kristi at 603-486-9910.



**CCNB Chicken BBQ:** Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm  
Eat-in or take-out (We'll make the dinner for you to eat at/before the Barn Dance!) Each meal includes 1/2 or 1/4 chicken, homemade: baked beans, coleslaw, and a dessert! Going to the Barn Dance that evening? Let us cook the dinner for you to take with you ~ or bring your date and come before!



Derek Martin is currently in Cleveland Clinic. If you would like to send a card to let him know we are thinking about him, his address is below. Don't forget the middle initial M. as there is another Derek Martin in the hospital.

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**Peace Quote:** Peace is our gift to each other.....*Elie Wiesel*