

WEEK OF JUNE 9 2024



From Woody: After being honored with the trust of a very young deer on Joe English Rd. yesterday (story in yesterday's Children's Sermon), I was reminded of the chance I had to chat with Carole King at the old Greek Restaurant on Elm St. in Manchester. She wrote and performed the wonderful salute to friendship, "You've Got a Friend". It talks about her friendship with James Taylor, who also recorded it after her. She wrote it in 1971. I believe it was Primary Day or the day before in 1988. I was doing my morning radio show in the restaurant and she was sitting alone having breakfast. She graciously came over and went on the air with us. She was up campaigning for Gary Hart (whose wife worshipped with us in 1984).

I believe it was also in 1988 that we interviewed Barry Goldwater's son, also in the restaurant. I had always wanted to confirm something I had read in a book on JFK and this was my chance. He came over graciously and I told him that I had read that his Dad and JFK were friends and had discussed campaigning together if his Dad won the Republican nomination in 1964. He said that they had talked about it. They would travel on Air Force One and would land at a city, campaign separately but then have a debate in each place. Can we imagine that today? That would have been a great thing for the country.

Friendship needs to make a comeback in our politics. We can disagree and still be friends. George McGovern was great friends with Barry Goldwater, Bob Dole and Bill Buckley, just to name a few of many. Barbi and I once had Brunch with George and William F. and it was great fun. They were great friends and could poke fun and enjoy each other's company. Can we imagine Presidents Biden and Trump ever doing something like that.?

What does this have to do with the little deer who befriended me on Joe English Rd. yesterday when he had lost contact with his (or her) Mom? I felt so honored that he trusted me and stuck with me until his Mom came back. He apparently believed he had a friend in me. We need to rekindle our friendships with one another and learn to trust and care about those who are political opposites from ourselves. We may not agree but we can be friends. It is what makes democracy and our country work. Jesus taught us that God is our friend. We need to be friends to one another as well. And if that little deer or his Mom hear about this newsletter, thank you to you both for a true God moment.

ANNOUNCEMENT



For June, July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or andersel@njms.rutgers.edu.

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.



Concerts On The Common: CCNB will be selling desserts at all of the NB Recreation Department concerts this summer. We will be looking for assistance with baking brownies, set up/break down, and manning the booth. Concert dates are all Tuesdays.

- **June 25** Bedford Big Band
- **July 9** Chris Fitz Band (blues)
- **July 23** Overserved Again (country/blues)
- **August 6** The Slakas (cover band & classic pop)
- **August 20** North River Music (folk-rock)

Our first concert offering will be our traditional strawberry festival. June 23 after church, we will need help preparing strawberries for the June 25 concert.



Fourth of July: The morning of July 4th, we will be selling breakfast, coffee and cold drinks, instead of the breakfast burritos. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped baked goods to sell. (Think: muffins, scones, quick breads, doughnuts, etc...)

Please click this link and fill out the Google Form to sign up for helping out.

<https://forms.gle/RiAGDFRGHaQGaPgda>



Fund Raising: There will be a 5k race on 6/27 as a fundraiser for Lydia Peak's son-in-law, Derek Martin's, transplants. People do not have to race as there is a place for those who want to donate. There is also a fund set up so that people can just make out a check to the Martin Transplant Fund. The website tells Derek's story. The website is

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Weare/TheBeatGoesOn5kOneMileFitnessWalk>

For those that wish to donate may make a check out to the Martin Transplant Fund and give it to me or they can make it out to the Church, but be sure to put Martin Transplant Fund in the memo. Once he receives the organs, he will be in the hospital 1-2 months and then will have to stay in Cleveland for another 4-6 months. This fund will help with traveling expenses back and forth for Christen and Delaney as well as other expenses that will be incurred during this time frame. Please keep him in your prayers.

QR Code: You can use the QR code below to pay your pledge or other contribution.

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Or click on this link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/e47ab025-f0b0-40b4-90e6-f262bb1a29e1>



Peace Quote: Winter, spring, summer or fall, All you have to do is call; And I'll be there. You've got a friend.....*Carole King*