

The Tunbridge Church News

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Pastor's News

Rev. Deadra Bachorik Ashton, Pastor

What a busy summer we've had at the Tunbridge Church! Since the beginning of June, not only have we packed up and moved to different worship venues, we've celebrated Children's Day followed by a picnic, we've hosted the Ice Cream Social and held a huge sale on the Parish House lawn. We've cleaned the Community House and hosted a gathering of artists, we've cleaned the freezer room and the garage at the Parish House, and now the painting is being done throughout the main floor there.

The week of July 29 opened with a workshop on Hildegard von Bingen in the South Tunbridge Church. The next morning we held our annual Outdoor service and picnic at the home of Pam Dietz where we baptized Olivia Swayze. Every morning during the week that followed we held Arts Center of Tunbridge events in which local artists volunteered to offer workshops ranging from painting to Tai Chi geared toward teenagers and adults. And through it all we teach Sunday School, hold meetings and discussion groups.

As I look at the range of opportunities for spiritual formation, Christian service and fellowship in the Tunbridge Church, I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to serve this community as pastor!

Special Thanks

Once again, the Ice Cream Social was a huge success! Thanks to **Elsie Farnham Jerilyn Mulvey, Liz Mulvey, Pam Dietz**

and **Rob Howe** for setting up, cleaning up and scooping ice cream.

The **Keep Stuff Moving** sale met its goal of getting items out of people's attics and into the hands of those who could better use them while also raising \$709! Thanks to **Robert Brinkely, Alison Gravel, Eve Ermer, Michael, Isaac and Mario Sacca, Ben Wolfe and Chuck Ashton** for receiving items, setting up and cleaning up; **Pam Dietz, Ernest Kennedy and Nan Frost** for pricing; and **Rich and Bob Landry** for the use of the tent.

On July 29 **Pam Dietz** offered her home for our annual Outdoor Service and picnic. It was the perfect setting! Thank you!

New Faces; Familiar Faces

Welcome to new members, **Jed and Diana Putney**. This past winter Diana and Jed began attending services with their daughter, Lorelai. They write, "Over the past 6-months our family has frequented the church and has come to appreciate the unique blend of community and religious worship." Jed grew up attending a church in our area and Diana was raised in the Catholic tradition. We look forward to baptizing Lorelei in September.

At its July meeting the Parish Council voted to sponsor **Hannah Rogers** as a ministerial candidate in the United Methodist Church. Please take a few minutes to read her biographical statement attached to this newsletter.

Even though the skies were threatening on the morning of July 29, the rain held off long enough for our annual Outdoor Service

during which we baptized **Olivia Swayze**. Olivia is the daughter of Dawna Neron and Matt Swayze. She is a student at the Tunbridge School, entering the fourth grade this fall, and she regularly attends Sunday School and Youth Group and is a member of the church's youth choir.

Holiday in the Hills

Mark your calendars: October 12, 13, 14!

Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds

Antique dealers, artisans & vendors from seven states. There will be a \$5 admission (good for both days).

Friday 5:30-8 Preview Party, hors d'oeuvres (byob). \$10

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3. A la carte lunch 11-2:30 plus Silent Auction

Hosted by Tunbridge Women's Group to benefit preservation of historic church buildings

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Our church website has gotten a face-lift! We are grateful to **Geoff Hansen** who has volunteered to be our Webmaster. The site is being enhanced with photos and timely content including not only the monthly newsletters but also the church calendar, which can be accessed on the home page or via drop-down buttons across the top of the page. Take a look at tunbridgechurch.org.

August Events

Every Sunday our **Worship Service** is held at **10:00 a.m.** and **Sunday School** for children is held during worship. **During August we will worship in the North Tunbridge Baptist Church.**

The Weekday Bible Study group meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the **Sunday School room.**

Rev. Ashton's Parish House Office hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. She will be on vacation from August 5 through August 13.

Regular Meetings:

- **Parish Council:** First Sunday of the month in the Parish House after the worship service.
- **Christian Education Committee:** Second Sunday of the month after worship in the Parish House.
- **Adult Choir:** Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. from August-May.
- **Community Food Shelf:** open every Friday between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Youth Group:** Third Sunday of the month (August 22) from 4:00-5:30.

Special Events:

- **Family Night:** August 22 beginning at 5:30 on the Parish House lawn. In the event of rain, Family Night will be held at the Town Hall.

Parish Council Members

Rob Howe, Chair.....	889-3704
Lisa Amodeo, Vice Chair.....	889-3245
Sue Barnaby, Secretary.....	889-3736
Townsend Swayze, Treasurer.....	889-3234
Elsie Farnham, Recording Treasurer.....	889-3443
Robert Brinkley.....	889-3761
Nancy Chapman.....	889-5542
Elaine Cilley.....	889-3300
Pam Dietz.....	889-3315
Kay Jorgensen.....	889-5528
Lisa Kippen.....	889-9822
Benjamin Wolfe.....	889-9467

Staff

Deadra Bachorik Ashton, Pastor...	889-9828
Judie Lewis, Director of Music....	889-3704
Janet Zug, Youth Choir Director...	889-9602
Euclid Farnham, Sexton.....	889-3458
David Wolfe, Pastor Emeritus.....	889-5577



Greetings, Friends of Tunbridge Church!

My name is Hannah Rogers. (Most of you know me as the daughter-in-law of Bob and Margaret Rogers, married to their youngest son, Patrick.) Recently, the Parish Council has graciously agreed to support and endorse me as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church.

I began my journey into Ordained Ministry in 2005 when Patrick and I were stationed in Grand Haven, Michigan in the US Coast Guard. After returning to school through Liberty University's Distance Learning Program, I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Religion and Psychology in 2009. Almost simultaneously, I was honorably discharged from the US Coast Guard and began to focus on parish ministry as a lay pastor and youth pastor, as well as candidacy for Local Licensed Ministry with in the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. Also during this time, I wrote and self-published a book which focuses on the life of the Blind Man in John Chapter 9, and the trials and hurdles of the disabled in the Bible. My passion for the this subject was ignited by our youngest son Owyn's special educational, emotional, and health needs as well as my career in Special Education Advocacy, Adult Residential Program Design, and Program Research in West Michigan.

Soon after receiving my Candidacy Certification for Local Licensed Ministry in December, 2010, Patrick received word that he was being transferred to Boston, MA. At the urging of my conference, my mentor, and my District Committee on Ministry, I applied and was accepted to Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH).

I have just finished my first year of Seminary at BUSTH, and hope to attend Licensed Pastor School next summer. This coming fall I will be working as a Student Pastor at Newton United Methodist Church in Newton, MA where we currently live, as well as attending full-time classes at BUSTH and being a full-time mom and wife! I hope to attend worship in Tunbridge at least once a month over the course of the year, and participate in every way possible, from prayer to guest preaching.

In my "free" time, I love to be creative, from making jewelry to painting. I also continue to write and publish a semi-weekly blog about my Spiritual Travels which you can access at www.Travelhisway.blogspot.cm if you have any interest or want to know more about my spiritual life. But I most enjoy spending time with my two growing boys and my darling husband Patrick, who comforts, nurtures, and inspires me daily with his love and support. Who could ask for a better life?!

Thank you for welcoming me into your flock, and know that I count myself as blessed to be among you!

Peace in Christ,

Hannah Rogers

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