

# The Tunbridge Church News

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## Parish Council

*Rob Howe, President*

Once again appreciation headlines my message for our congregation. Many people deserve to be recognized for projects that have been completed and are ongoing.

As we begin our month of services at the South Tunbridge Methodist Church, you will all enjoy the sound of a new-to-us organ that was donated by Dale Howe. Dale received this instrument from one of his customers, and provided the transportation to bring it to us. When it arrived Dominick Amodeo, Andrew Rogers, Troy Hoyt, and Mike Howe were on hand to help with the heavy lifting. Dale also took away the two nonfunctioning organs that were taking up space.

The Community House, the white building next to the Methodist Church, is getting a new and long overdue rejuvenation. Ed Howe has spent a great deal of time removing recyclable items and opening up precious floor space. Many of the items that had been stored by the Historical Society are now housed at Kay Jorgensen's. On June 30 a group of volunteers showed up to begin sweeping, washing windows and floors to make the space usable for Sunday School. Plans are underway to have power restored to the building. There are plans developing to have a week-long art program during the last week of July/early August. Stay tuned for more information, as these plans are still being developed.

Work on the church parsonage, or the Parish House is beginning. David Smith and Thornton Hayslett weatherized the front

door, secured it on the bottom, and added insulation around it. Panels have been placed over the insulation and are ready for paint. Bids are being received to strip wall paper and prepare the walls, ceilings and woodwork for paint in the downstairs rooms. Contact me if you would like to help reduce the cost of this project. And we are cleaning more trash from the Parish House garage and back rooms. Thanks to Dominick for providing the trailer for hauling it away.

## Christian Education

*Ben Wolfe, Committee Chair*

Traditionally, Children's Day is a special time to recognize the activities of the Sunday School throughout the past year. We have been delighted to have extraordinary interest from wonderful students throughout the year. Remember: Sunday School does continue throughout the month of July at the South Tunbridge Church, and we have the new use of the Community House there in the case of rain. There will also be a Family Night on Sunday, July 15th, for people of all ages in our Church Family. Come to the Parish House lawn for music, food, and fun beginning at 5:30 pm.

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday, July 15 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Parish House.

## Public Relations

*Kay Jorgensen, Committee Chair*

The Public Relations Committee is working on several projects including a "Parish House" sign for the building, a new

“Welcome to the Tunbridge Church” brochure, and design of a logo and letterhead so that printed and online church materials have a consistent and professional look. Geoff Hansen has volunteered to take over the website ([tunbridgechurch.org](http://tunbridgechurch.org)). The goal is to enhance the site with photos and timely content such as the bulletin, monthly newsletters, church calendar, Parish House schedule and reports from the environmental stewardship, Christian education, music and other committees.

## July Events

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

The **Weekday Bible Study** group meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the **Sunday School room.**

**Rev. Ashton’s Parish House Office hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

### *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.
- **The Environmental Stewardship Group:** Third Sunday of the month in the Parish House, 11:15 a.m.
- **Great Choir:** Wednesdays 7:00 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 (July 15) from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

### *Special Events:*

- **Ice Cream Social:** July 10 at 6:30 on the Parish House lawn, or the Town Hall in the event of rain. Bring a favorite topping to share. Following the Ice Cream Social the Historical Society will present “Tunbridge Speaks” in the church sanctuary.
- **Keep Stuff Moving Sale:** Saturday, July 14, 9am - 2pm on the Parish House Lawn. We need any clean, working items, small furniture that can be carried easily by 2 people, fiction and children’s books. Please no large electronics (small working appliances are OK), clothing or reference or series books. Items may be dropped off on Saturday, July 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Parish House.
- **Family Night:** July 15 beginning at 5:30 on the Parish House lawn.

## Parish Council Members

Rob Howe, Chair.....	889-3704
Lisa Amodeo, Vice Chair.....	889-3245
Sue Barnaby, Secretary.....	889-3736
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Elaine Cilley.....	889-3300
Pam Dietz.....	889-3315
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Benjamin Wolfe.....	889-9467

## Staff

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Euclid Farnham, Sexton.....	889-3458
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