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Pastor's Corner

Rev. Deadra Ashton, Pastor

Summer is officially here and many people welcome these days as a time to rest and relax. For others, particularly those whose work is done primarily outdoors or who serve the needs of visitors to the state, this is the busiest time of the year.

In the life of the Tunbridge Church summer is mix of the two. It's probably most accurate to say that summer is a time to shift gears, at the same time shifting venues. During the summer we honor our past by worshipping in both the Methodist and Baptist church buildings. We take a break from the regular worship routine to gather for an outdoor service and picnic. We hold Family Nights on the Parish House lawn. And this summer those who attend the Hildegard of Bingen workshop will travel back to the world of Christianity in the twelfth century.

The pages of this newsletter will provide a map of the places we'll go this summer. I hope that as we travel together you will find just the right mix of rest, activity and inspiration.

July/August Events

Every Sunday our Worship Service is held at 10 a.m. and Sunday School for children is held during worship. During the month of July we worship in the South Tunbridge Methodist Church, and in August the North Tunbridge Baptist Church.

Rev. Ashton's Parish House Office hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1- 3p.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.
- **Adult Choir:** Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. August-May.
- **Children's Choir:** Wednesdays 6:15 p.m. October- May.
- **Community Food Shelf:** open every Friday between 4-6 p.m.
- **Youth Group:** Third Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m., October through May.
- **DivorceCare:** Parish House, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Adult Bible Study,** led by Rev. David Wolfe, is held at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish House October-June.
- **The Weekday Bible Study** group meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Parish House.

Special Events:

- **Begin worship services in South Tunbridge:** Sunday, July 7
- **Ice Cream Social:** Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. on the Parish House lawn. Bring a favorite topping and a lawn chair or blanket.
- **Community Lawn Sale:** Saturday, July 13, Parish House Lawn, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Potluck on the Lawn:** Sunday, July 14, South Tunbridge

- Church, immediately after the service.
- **Hildegard of Bingen Workshop:** Saturday, July 28, South Tunbridge Church, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 - **Outdoor Service and Picnic:** Sunday, August 4, at the home of Pam Dietz, Falls Hill Road beginning at 10 a.m.
 - **Begin worship services in North Tunbridge:** Sunday, August 11.

Special Offering

During the month of July we will receive a special offering to help people in the community who might be experiencing severe financial stress and need help with something like paying a utility or medical bill. If you would like to contribute, you may place your offering in the plate on the table in the vestibule at the South Tunbridge Church.

Hildegard of Bingen Workshop

Hildegard of Bingen was a twelfth-century abbess, Christian mystic, writer and composer. We have the opportunity to enter into her world through a workshop for adults and children (ages 6 and over) on Saturday, July 27 at the South Tunbridge Church from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Vocal coach and choral conductor Lindsey Warren will teach some of Hildegard's chants. Anne Leeds, art instructor and studio artist, will assist participants in creating pieces of art inspired by Hildegard's illuminations. Pastor Deadra Ashton will guide the group through quiet meditative periods.

If you are planning to attend, your RSVP to hildegardworkshop@gmail.com will help to ensure that there are enough supplies for all. Bring a bag lunch. For more information call the church office: 889-9828.

Family Night

Join us Sunday, July 21, beginning at 6p.m. for the first Family Night of the summer season. Nick Troten, missionary with Youth With a Mission, will be our special guest. We hear that he is excited to play the ukulele, sing around the fire, do some fire spinning, and tell lots of great stories about his time with the people of Indonesia, Fiji, Sri Lanka, India, and Turkey. Come prepared to sing, roast hot dogs and marshmallows and have a great time! Bring a lawn chair and a treat to share, if you wish.

For a Good Cause!

Thanks to Nancy Howe, the Church is hosting a **Community Yard Sale** on the Parish House lawn on Saturday, July 13. This is a high traffic day for Route 110 due to the Chelsea Flea Market. The Church will offer 15x15' spaces for \$20 (payable on the morning of the sale) and a portable restroom will be on site. Setup begins at 6a.m. and the sale runs from 7a.m.-3p.m. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Parish House. Also, individuals may donate unwanted Christmas items to a special "Christmas in July" booth where 100% of sales will go to the Church. Contact Nancy Howe to reserve a booth at nan5lee@yahoo.com or 889-3750.

Plans are underway for the **2013 Holiday in the Hills!** The event will take place at the fairgrounds on October 12-13. We have a dedicated group of volunteers busy planning, but we can always use more help, especially on that weekend. If you are interested, talk to one of the committee members at Church or email

holidayinthehills@tunbridgechurch.org

Choir News

Judie Lewis, Director of Music

Rehearsals for this year's Fair Service will begin for adults at 7:30 p.m. July 30. Rehearsals for the children's choir generally begin in mid-August. This year's theme will be centered around the Holy Spirit. The theme was inspired by the pastor's sermon on the Sunday of Pentecost, which we found to be particularly inspiring, and by the choir's song, "Come, Holy Spirit Like the Wind," one of choir's favorites.

The Fair Service choir is often joined by folks from other communities and by those from our own church who can't commit to being part of our regular choir. Please consider singing with us. We are very pleased that Dale Post will again be our accompanist.

Church People in the News

Congratulations to Grandma Lisa Kippen. Meredith (Kippen) and Dan McCusker had their second child, Caroline, on April 5. She has a brother, Paul, 2-1/2. The family lives in Salem, Virginia.

Happy retirement and congratulations to Nancy Chapman after a 29-year career at The South Royalton School. The June 20 Herald story about the school's retirees listed some of Nancy's contributions and teaching of classes in foods and nutrition, anatomy and physiology and middle school FACS.

Nancy was a teacher mentor and class adviser and initiated and worked on many programs, including gingerbread houses to support Family Place, theater productions, Project Graduation, wellness projects, quilts for donation, disaster relief and Junior Iron Chef.

Congratulations to Allison Zug, who

graduated from South Royalton High School, and is for working for Vermont Youth Corps this summer, Lucy Howe, who graduated from UVM, and Vermont Law School graduate Josh Leckey.

Josh Amodeo recited "In Flanders Field" on Memorial Day at the Hoyt Memorial Park dedication ceremony. Abigail Gross was one of the Scouts who placed flags and a wreath made by Arlene Stockwell. Church choir members Bunchie and Byron Angell, Priscilla and Euclid Farnham, Nan Frost, Lisa Kippen, Sharon Mee, David and Ben Wolfe, and Janet Zug, accompanied by Judie Lewis, provided special music for the Town Hall service led by Euclid Farnham.

Several church members host radio shows every Saturday on Royalton Community Radio (www.royaltonradio.org). At 8 a.m. Olivia Swayze and her friends lead off with "Radio Playground," a kids' variety show that includes music, stories, puzzlers and even cooking lessons. Deadra Ashton takes over at 9 a.m. with a mix of music, readings and interviews on "Resonance: Sound for the Soul," or as she sometimes describes it, spiritual stuff that we don't always talk about in church. Chuck Ashton and Kate Caldwell read short stories and essays at 2 p.m. Their show is called "The Royal Shorts" and it is rebroadcast on Fridays at 11 a.m.

Thank You!

The Sunday School children collected \$58 in their Sunday morning offerings this quarter to buy items for the Food Shelf. On June 22 Joe and Maggie Hilts, Sydney Hooey, Tommi Hoyt, Rose and River Terami and Cody Trotin made their purchases the Tunbridge Store. They were assisted by Michele Hilts, Alisa Hooey and Gail Trotin.

New Brochure

Copies of the new church informational brochure are in the church and Parish House. It is also online at www.tunbridgevt.com. Please share it with friends and family.

Geoff Hansen provided many of the photos, which are greatly appreciated. Heidi Allen Goodrich of H Craft Design in Chelsea, whose mother-in-law Joan attends some Tunbridge services, designed the brochure — and the church logo. Eve Ermer produced the first brochure several years ago and took some of the photos. Deadra Ashton and Kay Jorgensen edited the new brochure.

DivorceCare

Robert Brinkley, Program Coordinator

You do not need to go through the memories and pain of separation or divorce alone. There is help, hope and healing at DivorceCare. Fall DivorceCare begins September 10, 2013 through December 3, 2013 in the Parish House Living Room. The thirteen weekly sessions run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a one-time \$15 workbook fee covering all the sessions. Scholarships are available. You can enter the seminar at any of the sessions; no need to wait until the next seminar begins. It is best to commit to three or more sessions.

Each week the group discusses the “On My Own” section of the participant workbook and views and discusses a new 40-minute video topic. Experts on divorce and recovery topics on the videos can help guide your recovery from the memories and hurt of separation or divorce.

Those interested in participating can call Robert at 717-903-4663. **Our conversation will be confidential.** You can also visit www.divorcecare.org, type in a zip code to find our group, use the contact form, view sample videos and more information. The

Tunbridge DivorceCare webpage is: <http://www.tunbridgechurch.org/events/#meetings>

DivorceCare Leaders needed!

DivorceCare is seeking one man and one woman volunteer to serve as facilitators. Participants attend for thirteen consecutive weeks. Your commitment is to participate in two hours of training by DVD (can be viewed in your home) and preview the videos seen by the participants. You will receive a Leader’s workbook. If you have a heart for this ministry contact Robert Brinkley.