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Parish Council

Kay Jorgensen

We appreciate Rob Howe and Townsend Swayze's work to engage pulpit supply ministers and lay preachers for the summer. Some old friends returned and we met some new pastors, as well as hosting visitors from nearby towns who knew the Revs. Claire Bamberg and Steve Winkler. Our own Barry Wampler led a July service. Rob and T welcome suggestions of preachers for future Sundays.

The Pastor Search Committee continues its work, meeting frequently, interviewing some candidates and hearing them preach. To repeat part of the committee's message in the last newsletter: "This process will be complete not just when *any* candidate shows up, but rather when the *right* person answers the call. We must wait for that person, and trust that we will recognize them when they arrive."

Search Committee members are chair Euclid Farnham, Lisa Amodeo, Connie Button, Amy Frost, Nan Frost, Kay Jorgensen and Ben Wolfe.

Pastor Emeritus David Wolfe will lead the Sept. 3 worship service and serve communion in the Tunbridge Village Congregational Church. The communion plates include gluten-free wafers for people who prefer them. Cass Poulos will preach on Sept. 10. The Rev. Claire Bamberg will conduct the Sept. 24 service. See the separate writeup about the Sept. 17 Fair Service.

We welcome everyone back to the Village church as this is written. We

talked about painting for a long time and spent three years raising the funds with the support of many people who donated to and attended our events. T Swayze's Treasurer's report relates some of the other building improvements that have been made thanks to donations and bequests. There's more to come — please read the "Take A Seat" news item.

The Outreach Committee had a busy summer hosting two Super Senior Luncheons, the Ice Cream Social and outdoor worship service potluck, helping with the yard sale and hosting fellowship after Levi Barnaby's funeral service at the church.

The 30 seniors who attended the August lunch appreciated the chance to visit with each other. The 90-something attendees included the town's oldest resident, Ethel Howe, who recently turned 97. Thanks to Outreach chair Nancy Chapman, members Lisa Amodeo, Sue Barnaby, Elaine Howe, Dawna Neron, Margaret Rogers, Judy Tucker and helpers Joanne Goodnow, Kay Jorgensen and Olivia Swayze.

Treasurer's Report

Townsend Swayze

Thanks to three years of fundraising, plus donations and bequests, the work being done on the Congregational Church building and Parish House has not impacted this year's budget.

The exterior church painting is the biggest undertaking. Fundraising began in 2015. We expect to have more than \$18,000 in hand after the Oct. 7

Anything Apple event. Interior improvements are also planned this fall. The Parish Council voted to buy new pew cushions (see newsletter story), clean the carpet and rewire the church. Arlene Stockwell's bequest provided the new speaker system that was installed in April.

Recent Parish House improvements include painting of the white trim, paid for by a gift designated for capital projects, and a new electric stove, funded by Arlene Stockwell's bequest. A donor paid for the front steps, walk, and removal of the old sidewalk.

Memorial gifts in Arlene Stockwell's name funded a bronze historical plaque for the South Tunbridge Methodist Church and the large Christmas sanctuary wreath and will pay for wreaths for several more years.

While we have been very fortunate with recent donations, there is still work ahead and we will continue to seek additional support for capital projects and events to raise additional funds so we can continue to fund more initiatives.

Music News

Judie Lewis

This year's "Fair Service" is going to be so much fun! "God Loves Music" is the theme and there is going to be lots of it and a wide variety to boot. The service will include short Bible verse readings and prayers thanking and praising God for His gift of music.

The service is on Sept. 17, the Sunday of the World's Fair, at 9:30 a.m. — note the early start time. It will be informal, with plenty of opportunity for congregational participation.

We are fortunate to have a group of talented musicians to accompany the singers. The musicians are Timothy James Howe, lead guitar; Norm

Labrecque, rhythm guitar; David Indenbaum, bass; Bob Sparadeo, drums; and Dale Post, piano.

Music styles will range from chorale to blues, spirituals to classical, modern to old hymn. Among the songs that the chorus will offer are "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" featuring Eve-Lynne Ermer and Ben Wolfe; "Good Good Father" featuring Isabella Amodeo; "Ten Thousand Reasons" featuring Dawna Neron and Olivia Swayze; and "I Gotta Robe" featuring Larry Owen.

There is a full lineup of special music. Maria Lamson and Nan Frost will do Von Williams' "Little Lamb." Scott Paulson, Barbara Smith and Pete Meijer promise some foot-stomping, hand-clapping music. Connie Button and Timothy James Howe will lighten it up with "My Place in the Sun." Nan Frost and Randy Hough will offer some jigs and reels. Priscilla Farnham has a fun, funny number in mind

We expect to involve the children who attend in a special song with some simple rhythm instruments.

About Choir

The regular choir will begin its 2017-2018 season with a 7 p.m. rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 21, and plans to sing for the Oct. 1 service. The choir sings three times a month and at special services through the first week in June.

We happily welcome new members to join our small group of friendly, enthusiastic, and dedicated singers. If you want more information, talk to Judie, 889-9490.

September-October Events

Regular Events:

Sunday Worship Services, Tunbridge Village: 10 a.m. except Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.

Making Change: Wednesdays,
Parish House, 5:30 p.m.

Community Food Shelf: Fridays,
Parish House, 4-6 p.m. *Closed Sept. 15*

AA: Sundays, Parish House, 7 p.m.

Al-Anon, Parish House, Sundays, 5
p.m.; Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Special Events:

Sept. 17, Fair Service, Village church,
9:30.

Oct. 7, 5K Fun Walk/Run, begins at 9 on
Spring Road, benefits the Food Shelf

Oct. 7, annual Anything Apple and
Harvest Fest, Town Hall and Parish
House lawn, 11-2.

Oct 28, Super Senior Luncheon, Town
Hall, 12 p.m.

Take A Seat

The church exterior painting is
underway and Parish Council attention
turns to the sanctuary interior, which
was repainted several years ago and
needs new pew cushions. Many people
have noticed that the gold upholstery
has not held up well to stains and that
the cushions are so old the inside foam
has turned to dust and the material is
splitting.

Nancy Chapman and a committee
reviewed fabrics and colors and all
agreed on one. The cushions can be
made and shipped in six to eight weeks.

Church members and friends are invited
to help "buy" a seat during September.
Donations of any amount are welcome.
The total cost with shipping for all of the
cushions will be approximately \$6,300
(about \$185 per cushion or \$46 per
seat/4 to a cushion). If donations are put

in the offering plate please indicate the
pew cushion fund. Thank you.

News & Notes

Thanks to the musicians and vocalists
who provided special music during the
summer when the choir was on
vacation: Isabella Amodeo, Bunchie
Angell, Connie Button, Priscilla
Farnham, Nan Frost, Rob Howe, Ben
Wolfe, Sue Wood and Janet Zug.

And thank you to everyone who
donated items for the church's tables at
the annual Community Yard Sale and
the vendors who paid for spots on the
lawn and inside the Town Hall. The sale
added \$613.55 to the church painting
fund. Those who set up, worked at
and/or cleaned up were Nancy and Ed
Howe, Nancy and Randy Chapman,
Elaine Howe, John Holder, Kay
Jorgensen, Jacque Norris and Bob
Rogers.

Pam Dietz and Maureen Moriarty
served a lot of ice cream at the annual
Ice Cream Social. It was held in the
Town Hall due to threatening rain. The
historical society's Tunbridge Speaks
program followed at the church. Drs.
Harry and Luke Howe were among
family members who heard four readers
share stories from Harry's memoir
about home, school, church, farming
and life in 1920s-1930s South Tunbridge.

Judie Lewis' pond was a beautiful
setting for the annual outdoor service
and potluck. The day was too cool for
swimming, but people enjoyed a service
led by Ben Wolfe with help from Margot
Frost and Rose Terami and the picnic.

Postal Service mail carrier Eileen Smith
collected donations for the Community
Food Shelf on Aug. 26 and delivered
canned goods and boxes of food to the
Parish House. The Food Shelf is open
every Friday from 4-6, but it will be
closed Friday, Sept. 15.

The cover photo on the July / August issue of *Vermont Magazine* showed Rob Howe during haying season, driving a John Deere through Cilley Bridge. The inside story, "The Grass is Greener at Howvale Farm," included 11 photos and an interview with Rob that included why he has Holsteins, Jerseys and sheep, how he went organic and a primer on haying.

New Members

Patty and Tom Swahn have moved their membership to The Tunbridge Church. We are pleased to welcome them back. They were married in the church and attended with their two daughters when they lived in Tunbridge.

Upcoming Fundraisers

5K Food Shelf Benefit Oct. 7

The fifth annual Tunbridge 5K Harvest Fun Run/Walk to benefit the Food Shelf has a new location and route this year. Participants should meet at 31 Spring Rd. Signs will be out. Park on the lawn.

Registration will begin at 8:15 for the event that steps off at 9. Walkers and runners will go up Spring to Gould Road where they will turn around. The fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children over age 5. Snacks and water will be provided, as well as some surprises. Dandelion Acres will have a prize for the person who raises the most money.

Margaret Rogers is in charge of the event. Sponsors and donations are welcome that day or may be sent to Food Shelf Treasurer Euclid Farnham, 24 The Crossroad.

Anything Apple Oct. 7

The third annual Anything Apple event at the Town Hall and Parish House lawn from 11-2 will have a harvest theme and expanded lunch menu — and an apple pie contest. Community

groups and farm, crafts and exhibitor participants are invited to be on the lawn and upstairs (as space allows).

In addition to lunch and homemade apple foods for eat-in and take-out, a silent auction of donated items and services will be held upstairs.

We appreciate any kind of promotional help as well as donations of items for auction baskets and food sales and cleanup help. Kay Jorgensen heads the event which will benefit the church painting fund.

Happy Birthday

September

17 – Ben Wolfe

18 – Alison Gravel

Samantha Fraser

20 – Elaine Cilley

October

03 – Randy Chapman

04 – Byron Angell

Mertie Clark

14 – Warren Baldwin

30 – Joey Serviss

Happy Anniversary

September

04 – Bob & Linda Lazaroff

24 – Edward & Nancy Howe

Parish Council

Kay Jorgensen, President

Dawna Neron, Vice President

Sue Barnaby, Secretary

Townsend Swayze, Treasurer

Nancy Chapman

Rob Howe

Maureen Moriarty

Judy Tucker

Ben Wolfe