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## Parish Council

*Kay Jorgensen*

Summer brings a change of pace – haying, gardening, traveling. The Tunbridge Church congregation also travels — in Tunbridge.

Worship services on July 7, 14, 21 and 28 will be held at the South Tunbridge Methodist Church. Many of you will remember last year's special service that celebrated the building's 185th year. A photo of that day's large gathering is displayed in the Congregational and Methodist buildings.

The Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg will be in the pulpit on July 7 and 21. The Methodist congregation will lead the July 14 and 28 worship services.

The July 14 service will feature Viva Whitney's poem "The Old Church Speaks Again," interspersed with special music. Fellowship will follow on the lawn. Worship on July 28 will be the lay service that John Howe led on Aug. 31, 1980.

The longtime tradition of the first August Sunday outdoor service and picnic will continue on Aug. 4. Everyone is invited to the pond at Judie Lewis's home at 10 a.m. A potluck picnic will follow worship which Claire will lead.

Worship services on Aug. 11, 18 and 25 will be in the North Tunbridge Baptist Church.

Services will return to the Congregational Church in September. The annual Festival of Worship Fair Service will be held on Sept. 15 at 9:30. It will be a musical service with a band and chorus. Singers from around the area are welcome. Organist/choir director Judie Lewis can provide details at 889-9490 or singjudie@gmail.com.

## July/August Calendar

### *Special Events*

July 9, Ice Cream Social, Parish House lawn, 6:30 p.m. Tunbridge Historical Society's "Tunbridge Speaks" follows in the church at 7:30.

July 13, Community Yard Sale, Parish House lawn and Town Hall, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Aug. 4, outdoor worship service and potluck picnic, 183 Dickerman Hill Rd., North Tunbridge, 10 a.m.

Aug. 31, Super Senior Luncheon, Town Hall, 12 p.m.

### *Regular Events*

Worship services at South Tunbridge Methodist Church through July, 10 a.m.

Worship services Aug. 11, 18 and 25, North Tunbridge Baptist Church.

Community Food Shelf: Fridays, Parish House, 4-6 p.m.

## Called to Care

The Rev. Dr. Claire Bamberg, LMFT, PCC, has offered to lead training for Called to Care: A Resource for Lay Caregivers. The tentative schedule is for sessions on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:30 - 9:30 for six weeks starting July 14.

The program will be offered at no charge to residents of Tunbridge, Chelsea and South Royalton. It is for people who do pastoral visitation, including to those who are homebound, hospitalized or in care facilities. Care visits could include young mothers, the recently widowed and people who are themselves caregivers. First responders also find this training helpful.

Claire says the training will help members of our communities determine

how we can support our neighbors in need. She can be contacted for information at [cwbamberg@gmail.com](mailto:cwbamberg@gmail.com).

## News & Notes

### Ice Cream Social July 9

The annual Ice Cream Social, to which community members are invited, will be on the lawn Tuesday, July 9, starting at 6:30. Chair Maureen Moriarty invites everyone to bring a chair and a favorite topping to share, if you have one. In case of rain ice cream will be served in the Town Hall.

At 7:30 the Historical Society's "Tunbridge Speaks" oral history program will be held in the church.

### Yard Sale July 13

Vendors are welcome at the church's annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 13. Wares will be displayed on the Parish House lawn and in the Tunbridge Town Hall from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. There's good visibility, plenty of parking and lots of traffic to and from the Chelsea Flea Market.

In addition to nonprofits and vendor sales spaces (15'x15'/\$20, Nancy Howe 889-3750), donations of Christmas and gently used general items, excluding clothing and larger furniture, are welcomed for the church tables.

Donations may be left in Elaine Howe's porch on Route 110 across from the Howe Bridge or contact Kay Jorgensen, 889-5528, [kjayvt@gmail.com](mailto:kjayvt@gmail.com), for pickup.

Safeline, which provides services for area victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, will provide refreshments, including hotdogs, on the lawn. Donations of baked items are welcomed.

Our friends at Safeline, who include board members Felicity Swayze, Maureen Moriarty and Lenora Kimball, are hosting "Paws 4 A Cause" at the fairgrounds on July 21 from 9-3. A dog walk, many activities and contests are planned. Everyone is welcome to come – dogs not required.

### Baptism

Quinton James Putney was baptized on May 5. Parents Diana and Jed, sister Lorelai and brother Cameron took part in the ceremony which the Reverend Bamberg performed.

### Olivia Off-Broadway

The Off-Broadway 59E59 Theater in New York is selling tickets online for "Only Yester-day," a Northern Stage-premiered play that includes Olivia Swayze in the cast.

The play is about Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney spending a night in a Florida motel during a hurricane.

Show dates are every day but Mondays: Sept. 7, 8, 10-15, 17-22, 24-29 with matinees on Sept. 8, 14, 15, 21, 28 and 29. To see Olivia and get tickets go to <https://www.59e59.org/shows/show-detail/only-yesterday/#schedule-and-tickets>

## Thank Yous

### Sue Barnaby

Belated thanks to Sue Barnaby who stepped down as secretary of the Parish Council (succeeded by Dawna Neron) after many years of taking notes for the council and UCC Church as well as being clerk of The Tunbridge Church.

### The Choir

Thanks to choir members Bunchie Angell, Connie Button, Eve Ermer, Nan Frost, Marybeth Lang, Sharon Mee, Sue Rogers and Janet Zug who provided their musical talents for worship and special services from October through May – and to director Judie Lewis.

### Solstice Service

The church hosted its first outdoor summer solstice service on June 23. The program included music from the Weston Priory, Scotland's Iona Abbey and Native American songs.

Musicians and soloists were: Nan Frost, flute; David Indenbaum, bass; Bill Koes, cajon; and Nancy Taube, guitar; Isabella Amodeo, Bunchie Angell, Eve-

Lynne Ermer, Margot Frost, Rob Howe, Dawna Neron, Olivia Swayze, Rose Terami and Janet Zug.

### Memorial Day

Thanks to Jacque Norris who again was the greeter at the church which was open to the public in the morning. And thanks to Seth Stoddard who set up the system that ran a continuous showing of the March Good-time Gospel Service. Judie Lewis, Rob Howe and Janet Zug moved furniture so that the video could be shown on the sanctuary center wall. We hope to schedule another showing.

### Doll House

Jacque also deserves thanks for cleaning and “redecorating” the large dollhouse in the Parish House parlor. It’s dirty and unpleasant condition was apparent during the May work bee.

She took the house home, cleaned and aired it, pried off the felt flooring that had been glued on and replaced it with bright, clean felt.

### Hymn History

By Barry Wampler

#### “America the Beautiful”

It was the early summer of 1893. The Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which celebrated the 400th anniversary of Columbus’s discovery of America, was in full swing. A group of teachers and professors from Wellesley College stopped off in Chicago en route to Colorado.

Among them was 34-year-old Katharine Lee Bates, a professor of English. The young women were profoundly impressed by all they saw in and about “The Windy City.” They soon left Lake Michigan behind as they continued their journey westward. Once in Colorado, they made the trip up the famous peak which was named for the general who, in 1806, was the first American to see the peak — Zebulon Montgomery Pike.

While in Colorado, the Wellesley women compared the Exposition (a

man-made spectacle) with the magnificent Rocky Mountains and the view from Pike’s Peak (fashioned by the hand of God).

They also discussed the two stones that played important parts in the nation’s history — the Ten Commandments and Plymouth Rock — and agreed that their fellow citizens could couple the daring of the Pilgrims with the moral teachings of Moses.

Later that night, with the events of the trip vividly in her mind, Miss Bates expressed her dream of a Christian nation in a four-stanza poem, amended twice in later years after it was set to music, with these familiar words, each stanza closing with a prayer for her beloved America:

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain;*

*For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain.*

*America! America! God shed His grace on thee;*

*And crown they good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.*

Adapted from Ernest K. Emurian

### Birthdays

#### July

06 – Elsie Farnham  
Peg Sherlock  
08 – Kate Caldwell  
  
11 – River Terami  
13 – Marlene Ward  
17 – Townsend  
Swayze

#### August

01 – Diana Putney  
05 – Rose Terami  
07 – Joshua  
Amodeo  
13 – Dennis Rogers  
  
17 – Margot Frost  
31 – Ernest  
Kennedy

### Anniversaries

#### July

25 – Gordon & Shelia Mitchinson

#### August

23 – Byron & Bunchie Angell  
29 – Townsend & Felicity Swayze



## The Parish House Door Is Back To Its 1830s Look

The Parish House front doorway has been returned to its 1830s style, which was identical to the doorway at the brick house part of the library.

Former resident Michael McDonnell of Watershed Fine Furniture built the doorway, which was funded by Arnold Castagner's bequest to the church.

In addition to making and installing the doorway, Mike was able to put insulation in the front wall, above the door, and in the panels below the glass sidelites. All of that should help retain heat and lower fuel bills.

