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Kay Jorgensen

Greetings. If you feel the way I do, the recent weeks feel like months and the months feel like years. We did not get together for worship services, Super Senior Luncheons, ice cream social, community yard sale or potluck picnic. Now we go into the unknown as fall approaches.

Our last church bulletin on March 15 announced upcoming special music and how to order plants for the Easter service. That Sunday Pastor Jenny Cook shared doctors' advice to wash hands for 20 seconds and suggested humming the Doxology while doing so. And that was our last time in church.

Jenny took to the phone and computer to tend the flock and fill the void. In addition to writing 38 Midweek Connections and The Tunbridge Church Worship Experience services, Jenny sent Holy Week readings and prayers, composed an Easter Sunrise service and planned the recent Sacred Sound in Worship service held on the Parish House lawn.

For the rest of August, while Jenny is on vacation, outdoor services will be held at 10 a.m. at the South Tunbridge Methodist Church.

The Parish Council, with Jenny and music director Judie Lewis, will soon decide what happens after August. We would be happy to hear from any of you with thoughts and concerns about returning to indoor church services or continuing outdoors.

Jenny's written services observed Earth Day, Memorial Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday and included the

peace candle lighting, prayers, scripture readings and homilies. YouTube links were given to music for preludes, intros, prayer responses, doxologies, postludes and hymns.

The music videos ranged from church choirs with a few hundred views to cathedrals and millions of viewers. We viewed pipe organs, polyphonic singers, hammered dulcimers, 94 piccolos playing "Prayer for America," dancers, jig dolls, Wintley Phipps singing "Amazing Grace," as he did at the John Lewis memorial service, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and much more.

Our horizons were broadened with midweek themes such as meditation, creating sanctuary, benefits of sunshine, house blessing, reflexology and creating a personal dossier.

So, thank you, Jenny, for nurturing us spiritually and personally.

Thanks also to everyone who has sent donations and offerings to recording treasurer Elsie Farnham at 425 VT Route 110. Our expenses continue and your support is appreciated.

And thanks to the people who donated for lilac sprouts from a tree at the Parish House and those who donated for Fred Pond's garden tilling. We appreciate Fred offering the service.

Lastly, thanks to those who support our Tunbridge Community Food Shelf. Those donations may be sent to treasurer Mary Fisk at PO Box 12.

Volunteers staff the Food Shelf at the Parish House on Fridays from 4- 6 p.m.

Church news is posted on Facebook. Write thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com to receive email announcements.

Take care and stay well.

News & Thanks

Senior Outreach

The Outreach Committee will prepare and deliver a pasta salad meal to seniors on Aug. 18. This is the second meal in lieu of the annual Super Senior Lunches scheduled for April, June, August and October. The committee, under Nancy Chapman's leadership, usually hosts the meals for the town's oldest residents at the Town Hall.

In February, before the coronavirus arrived, the committee delivered turkey soup meals (see last newsletter). In June mac and cheese meals with homemade strawberry-rhubarb squares were delivered for more than 50 people to some three dozen homes. The cooks were Nancy Chapman, Elaine Howe, Dawna Neron, Jacque Norris, Jean Parker, Margaret Rogers and Judy Tucker.

Delivery drivers were Luke Barnaby, Shirley Boles, Nancy and Randy Chapman, Elaine Howe, Kay Jorgensen, Jacque Norris, Susie Rogers, Judy Tucker, and Portia and Barry Wampler.

Congratulations, Graduates

Madison Kate Distel graduated cum laude from Vermont Technical College's Dental Hygiene program. Madison is living in Colchester and works fulltime as a dental hygienist for Timberlane Dental Group in Chittenden County, which has locations in Burlington, South Burlington, Shelburne and Essex. She can be scheduled at any given site.

Madison received the Colgate STAR Award given to the graduating dental hygiene student who shows excellence and commitment to the hygiene profession by demonstrating dedication to the profession; exhibiting extraordinary compassion in patient care; displaying enthusiasm and follow-through for community service; and demonstrating outstanding patient education and motivation skills.

Rosemary and Skip Distel and Hazel and Roger Welch of Tunbridge are the proud parents and grandparents.

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Rose Terami's graduation from Hanover High School was mentioned in the last newsletter. Since then she was a summer feature writer for the White River Valley Herald. Her last piece was a reminiscence of growing up in town titled "Storekeeper's Daughter: Bidding Farewell to a Tunbridge Childhood." It mentions Rose's attendance at church and singing in the youth and adult choirs.

Rose will be a Presidential Scholar in the Honors Program at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore. She plans to pursue an interdisciplinary degree in writing and journalism and hopes to have an additional major or minor in history and French.

Her online graduation announcement and message read in part: "I would like to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has wished me congratulations in the past few weeks. It means so much to me! A special thanks to my Tunbridge Church friends who sent me a signed card and copy of *Tunbridge Past*, which I will cherish forever. It made me cry!"

Rose's parents are Kathi and Scott Terami. Brother River graduated from Tunbridge Central School in June and will soon start his freshman year at Hanover High School.

New Treasurer

The Parish Council elected Jerilyn Zaroogian as treasurer at its June meeting. Thanks to her for accepting the position and to Maureen Moriarty for continuing in that role after her term on the council expired.

Gardener

We're grateful to Lenora Kimball who continues beautifying church and Parish House grounds during this time when

pretty flowers and bright colors can bring cheer. She chose and tends flowers in the planter and mulched, planted and weeds the flowerbed in front of the house.

New Neighbors

The Tunbridge Neighbor Network that was formed last year recently delivered gift bags to the town's newest homeowners.

Nancy Chapman made the bags which were filled with information and gifts, much of which was gathered by Linda Lazaroff. They are getting ready to welcome another group of new residents. The church's "pop in" microwave popcorn packets were included in the first bags. They also that were given out at church, Anything Apple and a Super Senior Luncheon.

Big Birthdays

The town's oldest resident, Ethel Howe, will turn 100 on Aug. 23. She is the widow of Paul Howe and lives in the farmhouse at 6 Belknap Brook Road, one of the twin Howe farms by the Howe Bridge (across the river from Elaine Howe's house).

Her birthday celebration will be on Aug. 29 from 2-4 p.m. This could be a drive-by, walk-by, sit and visit, or card occasion. No gifts, at Ethel's request. For information call her daughter-in-law Marion, 889-9580.

Jeanne Norlander recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Jeanne periodically attended our church when she lived on Highland Avenue in Chelsea. She now lives at American House, 197 Water St., Apt. 215, Keene, NH 03431. She welcomes calls (603-354-3781) – let it ring multiple times.

Recent Deaths

Elaine R. Cilley

Elaine R. Cilley died June 23 at age 86. When she and the late David Cilley married in 1956 they moved to the Tunbridge Village home overlooking

the fairgrounds where Elaine spent the rest of her life.

She gave many years supporting and working at community and church events including weekly summer dances at the Dreamland Dance Hall on the fairgrounds and managing the World's Fair concession office. She and David operated the Boardway & Cilley Funeral Home and Ambulance service

Elaine was a longtime member of the Tunbridge Congregational Church and had been a choir member and Parish Council member.

Her family includes son Dennis Cilley and his wife Lisa, daughters Susan Barnaby and her husband Gordon, Patricia Ladd and her husband Wayne and Brenda Cilley and boyfriend Mike McArdle; grandchildren Luke Barnaby, Erin Barnaby, Devin Cilley and his wife Mariah and son Davis, Darren Cilley, Whitney Ladd and her finance Benson, and Lindsey Ladd.

Memorial donations were requested for The Tunbridge Church. The church's Funeral Fellowship Committee provided bagged cookies and bottles of water for the Covid-observant memorial service at the fairgrounds.

The full obituary can be read at www.boardwayandcilley.com.

Luke A. Howe

Luke A. Howe, the ninth and youngest child of James K. and S. Marion (Whitney) Howe, died July 11 at age 94. After receiving a medical degree from the UVM College of Medicine in 1952 he did his medical residency at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, where he met his wife, Pat, who died in 2011.

He and classmate Brewster Martin were recruited by former Gov. Stanley Wilson to start their practices in Chelsea. They opened the Chelsea Health Center and a nursing home.

Luke's career included positions with the U.S. Public Health Service, residence in Newfane with a medical practice in Townshend, and volunteer medical tours overseas and at the Navajo Nation. In retirement, the Howes spent

time in Florida and Tunbridge where Luke was active in the South Tunbridge Methodist Church restoration project and was a Tunbridge Fair shareholder.

Luke's family includes children Jane Howe MacFarland (Charles) and Joel Howe (Karen Downing); grandchildren Meghan MacFarland Smith (Derek), Brinton MacFarland, Amanda Howe, and Emily Howe; and great-grandchildren Maximus and Rockford Smith.

The church's Funeral Fellowship Committee provided bagged cookies and bottles of water for the private memorial service at the fairgrounds.

The full obituary can be read at www.boardwayandcilley.com.

Minister

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Cook

Parish Council

Kay Jorgensen, President
Rob Howe, Vice President
Dawna Neron, Secretary
Jerilyn Zaroogian, Treasurer
Bunchie Angell
Sue Barnaby
Nancy Chapman
Judy Tucker

Birthdays

July

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

August

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

September

17 – Ben Wolfe

Anniversaries

July

25 - Gordon & Shelia Mitchinson

August

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