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Pastor's Corner

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Cook

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Memorial Day is almost upon us. On Sunday, May 30, our church will have a service of worship to observe this civic holiday and remember all who died for the freedoms we treasure today, among them, the blessings of freedom of the pulpit and the freedom to worship in peace.

There will be an aisle of flags, a procession of the colors along with a memorial wreath, hymns of God's love, for protection, and for peace on earth. Veterans and active military will be recognized. Volunteers will read from other traditions and included in the service will be a responsive Lord's Prayer.

In addition, there will be a roll call of our neighbors, friends, and family members who died for any reason, during the past year. The bell in our

church tower will ring once after each name is read. When the list is finished, Echo Taps will be played.

For many, Memorial Day is part of a long weekend for cookouts and family gatherings to celebrate the beginning of the warm summer months.

Yes, it is that, too. Before you "fire up" the grill, you are invited to bring your family and friends to observe, give thanks to God, and remember the reason for the long holiday weekend.

I will see you in church!

Pastor Jenny

Parish Council

Kay Jorgensen

Spring began with many of us getting Covid vaccinations and all of us anticipating relaxation of physical distancing and masking requirements. Then came an April that sent us reeling. Within four weeks the church community and the wider community lost three friends whose good works and thoughtfulness benefited so many of us.

The April deaths of Ed Howe, Bob Rogers and Sue Barnaby brought a lot of grieving as well as remembrance and celebration of their lives.

Hundreds of friends and family gathered at the Spring Road Cemetery and the Pavilion Building for their funeral services. The church Funeral Fellowship Committee followed Covid protocols and served water and bagged cookies at each one.

April also brought in-person worship services which, at this writing, we have held for eight weeks. They began on Easter Sunday, April 4, when Elaine Howe led the sunrise service on Orchard Road and Pastor Jenny led the

Annual Meeting June 6

The Tunbridge Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6, at the Congregational Church in Tunbridge Village. The meeting will be in the church after the 10 a.m. worship service. We will not go to the Town Hall or have a potluck meal. Bring something to eat, if you like. Packaged snacks and beverages will be available.

The meeting will include the February 2020 Annual Meeting minutes, financial and other reports. Church members will vote on nominees for the Parish Council, which has four vacancies. New business will include where to hold future worship services.

10 a.m. service at the fairgrounds gazebo. Since then we held worship services each week and observed the special days of Earth Day, Holy Humor Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. Snacks and tea or juice are offered after each service.

Church members will decide if they are ready to return to the sanctuary at the June 6 Annual Meeting. We also must elect four new people in order to bring the Parish Council membership up to nine.

We were short a member after last year's Annual Meeting. Rob Howe is stepping down after many years on the council and heading the committee that oversees the buildings and grounds. He also has special interest in the South Tunbridge Methodist Church.

Sue Barnaby's term is also open. Sue was a council member for decades and just last year had given up being the church clerk and council secretary. Bunchie Angell served one year of a two-year vacancy she had been filling.

We are grateful to all of them for their many years of dedication to the church and their service on the Parish Council.

News & Notes

Thank You, Judie

Judie Lewis and the choir provided special music at the Easter outdoor service and then again on April 25. The worship service in the sanctuary that day was the last one of Judie's 26 years as organist and choir director.

The theme for the service was "In our music God is glorified." The choir sang "How Can I Keep from Singing?" and "What Wondrous Love is This?" Janet Zug sang and played guitar for "Ripple."

Pastor Jenny spoke about her appreciation of Judie's service and talents and gave her gifts of a prayer cross, a pocket angel, bracelets, and a blessing with Spikenard oil. The church gave Judie a cash gift. We all wished her well as she pursues what is next for her.

Food Shelf News

The Tunbridge Community Food Shelf, which the church hosts at the Parish House, has a new leader. Mariah Cilley is now managing the food shelf which was directed since its start by her husband Devin's aunt, Sue Barnaby.

A lot of enthusiasm was apparent at a recent meeting. There are new volunteers and ideas for future service. For the time being the Food Shelf will continue to be open to clients from 4-6 p.m. on Fridays. They are now able to go inside and choose what they need from the pantry shelves.

Thanks to Jerilyn Zarogian and Gardener's Supply in Lebanon, something exciting is coming to the Parish House lawn – a Food Shelf Garden. With a grant for materials and employee donations of volunteer time, as well as Jerilyn's and Peter's talents, a garden with four raised beds will soon be bursting with vegetables.

Baptisms & New Members

Annalisa Grace Young, daughter of Chancity Young, and her great-aunt Shirley Boles were baptized by Pastor Jenny at an April 3 baptism ceremony. The three of them, as well as Brian Cook, have joined The Tunbridge Church. We are very happy to welcome them to our congregation.

Pick A Color

The church front doors still need a coat of paint. What better than a bright color from the church quilt that Bunchie Angell created and painted? Be prepared to pick your favorite color at the Annual Meeting or let a council member know your choice.

Senior Meals

The Outreach Committee's final winter senior meal was homemade turkey soup, roll, brownie, and candies that were delivered on Feb. 23. Those who cooked, baked, bought, filled jars and boxes, and delivered them included

Sue Barnaby, Nancy Chapman, Elaine Howe, Kay Jorgensen, Dawna Neron, Margaret Rogers, Peg Sherlock, Olivia Swayze and Judy Tucker.

Recent Deaths

Edward Rogers Howe

Ed Howe died unexpectedly at home on April 2 at age 71. He was a native of Tunbridge and a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1967-1970. For almost 40 years he was an auto mechanic at Herb Crawford's Autoland in South Royalton.

His local pre- and post-retirement activities and positions included being Road Commissioner, Green-Up Coordinator, Fence Viewer, Friends of Tunbridge World's Fair volunteer and tractor shuttle driver at the fair.

He volunteered with Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Tunbridge Food Shelf, mowed The Tunbridge Church, Parish House and South Tunbridge Methodist Church lawns and made doughnuts and baked for friends and neighbors.

Ed is survived by his wife Nancy, brothers Randall Howe and Arnold Howe and sisters Elaine Howe and Janette Ducey. His cousin and best friend, Bob Rogers, his cohort in many adventures, including a stop at the A&W when they were in Middlebury, died three weeks after Ed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair, c/o the New Building Fund, PO Box 159, Tunbridge, VT 05077 or the South Royalton Rescue Squad, PO Box 204, South Royalton, VT 05068.

Robert Brian Rogers

Bob died at home on April 21 at age 71. He grew up in Tunbridge then, after marrying Margaret Sherlock of Tunbridge in 1972, lived in Sharon for 40 years before they returned to Tunbridge.

He retired after 30 years of service as a master electrician with Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory

(CRREL) in Hanover. During this time he did work in Alaska, Louisiana and Maine. Bob was a volunteer with the Sharon Fire Department from 1973 - 2013. He was a Tunbridge Fair Floral Hall judge and volunteer and a member of the Lions and Hartford Elks.

Bob was a lifelong American Red Cross blood and platelet donor. He helped deliver food to residents during the pandemic. In recent years he, often with brother-in-law Jim Sherlock, could be seen walking along Spring Road.

Survivors include Margaret, his mother Anita, sons Brian (Essie) Rogers and Patrick Rogers and grandsons Devyn and Owyn Rogers. Acts of community service and generosity were suggested in lieu of flowers or a memorial donation to the family kitchen at the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative and Hospice Care.

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

Susan Cilley Barnaby

Sue, a lifelong church member and longtime church officer and volunteer, director of the Tunbridge Community Food Shelf, former Tunbridge Public Library trustee, and much more, died April 26 at age 63.

She began her career as a teacher and then operated a daycare in her home. At the time of her death Sue was an early childhood interventionist with the Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union, better known as the "Story Lady" and "Math Buddy."

Sue's community activities included her role in the annual Tunbridge Civic Club Show and serving as superintendent of Floral Hall for more than 20 World's Fairs. She and her husband Gordon owned Corner Rail Fence Co. They were the parents of Luke and Erin.

Survivors include brother Dennis (Lisa) Cilley; sisters Patricia (Wayne) Ladd and Brenda Cilley (boyfriend Mike McArdle); and aunt, Joanne (Darrell) Chapman.

Memorial donations may be made to the Friends of the Tunbridge Library, for

the creation of an outdoor space that promotes play and learning, PO Box 9, Tunbridge, VT 05077.

The full obituary can be seen at www.boardwayandcilley.com. The May 24 issue of the Valley News had a nice story about Sue as its front page "A Life" feature.

Birthdays

April

07 – Elaine Howe
08 – Nan Frost
09 – Judy Hilts
13 – Don Hilts
20 – Rob Howe
 Kay Jorgensen
21 – Linda Lazaroff
25 – Vivian Smith
26 – Shirley Boles

May

09 – Jed Putney
13 – Kathi Terami
16 – Ashley Armstrong
17 – Olivia Swayze
19 – Lorelai Putney
22 – Nancy Chapman
24 – Isabella Amodeo

The Tunbridge Church

Minister

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Parish Council

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

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The new church office phone number is
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June

12 – Janet Zug
24 – Jerilyn Zaroogian

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

Anniversaries

May

10 – Patty & Tom Swahn

June

21 – Randy & Nancy Chapman

July

25 – Gordon & Shelia Mitchinson

August

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

Contacting Jenny

If you would like to speak to Jenny, please call her during business hours at 401-263-5812 unless there is an emergency.

Donations may be mailed to
Recording Treasurer Elsie Farnham at
425 VT RT 110, Tunbridge VT 05077

**Food Shelf donations may be sent to
Treasurer Mary Fisk at PO Box 12,
Tunbridge VT 05077**

