

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009

**Morning Worship Service at 9:30
with Holy Communion**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2009
with Holy Communion in the
Chapel at 7:00 pm**

Sermon: Abram Kielsmeier-Jones
Minister to the Youth

Prayer: Mythbusters' Edition

Scripture: St. Matthew 6:5-13

Calendar for Sunday, August 5, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers will be given in loving memory of Harold E. Jackson, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer:

Kathryn Millheim. **Fellowship Hour Hosts:** open. **Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Michael Nester, Linda Sabatula, and Linell Nester (captain). **Greeters:** Julie and Leonard Hart.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009
Chapel Worship at 7:00 pm**

Sermon: Abram Kielsmeier-Jones
Minister to the Youth

Bread from Heaven?

Scripture: St. John 6:35; 41-51

Calendar for Sunday, August 9, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers will be given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin Tucker and Miss Gladys E. Tucker by Linda C. Hamlin.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Joyce

Langone. **Fellowship Hour Host:** open. **Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Michael Nester, Linda Sabatula, and Linell Nester (captain). **Greeters:** Alma Leafquist and Joyce Langone.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT "Church Herald"

Thursday, August 20, 2009

(will cover dates of

August 30—September 12, 2009)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2009

Chapel Worship at 7:00 pm

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D.
Min.

Our Attitudes and Our Blessings

Scripture: St. Matthew 18:21-35

Calendar for Sunday, August 16, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers are in celebration of the 107th birthday of Esther Rattray by the Fosnock family.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim. **Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Richard Pratt, June Sheridan, and Linell Nester (captain). **Greeters:** Irene and Edward Schmidgall.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009

Chapel Worship at 7:00 pm

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D.
Min.

Peace and Persecution

Scripture: St. Matthew 5:9-12

Calendar for Sunday, August 23, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers will be given in loving memory of Douglas and Marion Martin, Gerald Durkee, and Carol Durkee by Elsie Durkee and family.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim. **Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Frank Brown, Stephen Brennan, and Linell Nester (captain). **Greeters:** Alwyn Van Cor and Joan Potter.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1—Alan Conlon, Christopher Hurren, Richard Bardet
- 3—Esther Osborne, Dante Illanes
- 4—Jillian D'Agostino, Virginia Jesse
- 5—Sarah Sofia, Jeffrey Arena, Julie McNaught
- 6—Barbara Calabro
- 8—Alexandra Cady, Patricia and Richard Weisenbach (A)
- 9—Ida Montgomery
- 10—Bryan DeGuglielmo, Adam Kennedy, Jayna LaVerde
- 11—Barbara Flynn, Peter Mpontsikaris
- 13—Emma McElroy, Dorothy Young
- 15—John and Lynn Arena (A)
- 16—Lindsey Kennedy
- 17—Emily Fosnock, Robert Gardner, Esther Rattray
- 18—Andrea Gates, Mark Tobey
- 20—Rhonda Brown, Jean Sabatula
- 21—Emily Ball, Samuel Jackson, Corey Jones,
- 22—Frederick Howland, Joseph Bernabeo
- 23—Bonnie Mercurio, Nancy Gould
- 26—Anthony Kennedy, Bret Willis, Ernest Chandler
- 27—Helen Bernabeo
- 30—Jennifer Black, Lindsay Govostes, Hilda Oliver
- 31—Robert Brennan, Paul Perkins

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**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

SANCTUARY CHOIR DINNER COMING UP!!!

Well, once again, I find myself saying, "Where did the summer go?" even though it's not even half over, as I'm looking ahead to the new program year and starting our choir rehearsals again!

On September 9, at 7 pm, the Music Committee will be hosting our annual "Welcome Back" Sanctuary Choir dinner followed by a brief rehearsal to prepare an anthem for the following Sunday. This dinner is offered free-of-charge for our present choir members and anyone else who thinks they might enjoy singing with us and enhancing our Sunday worship. Coming to the dinner does not commit you to anything; it's just an opportunity to get to know and socialize with our choir members and then take part in a rehearsal where you can see how much fun it is to sing with us!

More details will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendar now if you have the slightest inclination you'd like to join us and sing!

Don Hodgkins
Director of Music Ministries

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanct.	Total
Sunday, June 28, 2009		110	
Wednesday, July 1	30		143
Sunday, July 5		103	
Wednesday, July 8	36		139
Sunday, July 12		174	
Wednesday, July 15	18		192
Sunday, July 19		112	
Wednesday, July 22	26		138

Child Care

Sunday, June 28– 22 children; 4 adults

THANK YOU'S

What a lovely surprise to find a beautiful bouquet of flowers in my room when I returned after physical therapy. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Diane Conger

I want to thank the church for the pretty pink flowers that came to me at Bear Hill on Sunday by Courtney Hatheway.

Warren R (Reeves)

My heartfelt thank you to Pamela Hodgson for delivering the lovely bouquet of flowers. It meant a lot to me and my family.

God bless, Thyra Carnes, Pam & family

Am enjoying the lovely flowers from the church for my birthday. Thank you. Thanks, also, to Courtney Hatheway for delivering the bouquet.

God's blessings, Kathryn Millheim

Our heartfelt thanks to you for the beautiful bouquet that we received last Monday. The flowers which are still beautiful, were especially meaningful since, they were a part of the bouquet on the altar in loving memory of the anniversary of Ed's mother and father. Thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely, Ed & Irene

On behalf of the Music Committee, I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the recent concert, whether hosting for the choir members, providing food for the pre-concert dinner, and attending the concert. We had over 450 in attendance—the concert was wonderful!

Thanks, again

Joe D'Agostino, Chairman

Thank you for the beautiful, soft and cozy prayer shawl brought by Marcia Phinney after my surgery and for the beautiful flowers delivered on Sunday. (I'm sorry I missed the flower deliverer.) I'm doing well, and appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks again, Janet DeGuglielmo

Thank you to all the people who helped make the 4th of July a success. We raised over \$1,250 net! Our appreciation goes to the following helpers: Emily Covell, Evan Covell, Dick Covell, Jonathan Brown, Tim Callaghan, Chandra Laboy, Linda and Joe D'Agostino, Linell Nester, Barbara Flynn, and Earl Sheaff. Please forgive me if you helped and I didn't acknowledge you.

Stephen Gates

Tri-Chair Board of Trustees

RETIRED MEN'S CLUB of Wakefield

The Retired Men's Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays in our dining room from 8:30 to 11 am. The meetings are preceded by coffee and donuts. They are currently conducting a membership drive; they have members from over 18 towns and cities that attend. Their meetings feature speakers and special entertainment and there are **no membership dues!** They also have a band that rehearses in our dining room each Monday morning and all musicians are welcome to join.

For further information about the club, please call 781-231-2815.

TLC NEEDED

Joy Robbins is now in rehab and doing much better. She is progressing well and has now been transferred to:

Shaughnessy-Kaplin Rehabilitation
Hospital, Room 306B
Dove Avenue
Salem, MA 01970

Won't you take the time to drop her a note or card of encouragement. She's had a long hospitalization and hopefully her rehab will be short. Remember her, John, and Carleigh (her daughter) in your prayers.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST

Church Cleanup Day Service Project
(date to be announced later)

**Cookout and Pool Party—Sunday afternoon,
August 23** at the Hildreth home in Reading.

Youth should always feel free to bring friends to anything we do. Interest in any of these things or want more details? Contact Abram Kielsmeier-Jones, Youth Minister (781-245-1644, X3); email: abramfpcc@yahoo.com.

BOOKSHELF NEWS

Please visit the library bookshelf in the vestry! Each month the Library Committee features books with a different theme. In August Christian fiction books are featured and in September children's books will be featured—just in time for the children to be getting ready to be back in school. Three of the books featured in August are: *Only the River Runs Free* by Bodie and Brock Thoene, *Every Storm* by Lori Wick, and *Harrison Town* by Michael W. Newman. Three new books that will be available for circulation in July are: *The Debt* by Angela Hunt, *My Soul to Keep* by Davis Bunn, and *A Room of My Own* by Ann Tatlock. Come and check out our books! Just

fill out the orange card. Happy reading!

FROM OUR MINISTER TO THE YOUTH

I wanted to let you all know what a great time we had on our canoe trip this past Sunday (July 19). We canoed about nine miles down the Ipswich River! We had ten teenagers (and six adult chaperones), and from where I sat, it seems everyone had a good time. You may have already heard that the only canoe that cap-sized all day was...yes, the one I was in. TWICE! Oh well, at least my canoeing partner, Ron Spencer (in 6th grade) was a very good sport about it. The water wasn't even that cold!

It was a great day to be outside, build relationships, enjoy each other, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. A great time had by all, and I couldn't be happier about how things went. Definitely a "keeper" event for the future!

Thanks for your prayers! And a special thanks to Andy and Jen Black, Ish and Chandra Laboy, and Tom Carpenter, our adult leaders, who helped chaperone the trip (and pull me and Ron out of the water).

Take care, Abram (Kielsmeier-Jones)

AFFORDABLE APARTMENT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

There will be an affordable rental unit lottery in Wakefield. Threshold requirements are outlined in the application and information packages that are available at the Wakefield Public Library or the Wakefield Town Hall, or write to JTE Realty Assoc., PO Box 955, N. Andover, MA 01845, 978-258-3492.

The deadline for applications is September 10, 2009. There is a notice posted on the vestry bulletin board.

One of the fun parts of Wonderful Wednesdays is “The Joke.”

Just after dinner and before we break into our classes, I read a joke to send people on their way. Here are a few samples for the summer:*

Taking to the Bricks

A baker in a small country town always bought the butter he used in his bakery from a nearby farmer. One day he suspected that the bricks of butter were not full pounds, and for several days he weighed them.

Sure enough, he was right! They were short weight, and he had the farmer arrested.

At the trial, the judge said to the farmer, “I presume you have scales?”

“No, Your Honor,” answered the farmer.

“Then how do you manage to weigh the butter you sell?” asked the judge.

“That’s easily explained, Your Honor,” replied the farmer. “I have balances, and for a weight I use a one-pound loaf of bread, which I buy from the baker.” *-Tom R. Kovach*

The biggest loser at my weight-loss club was an elderly woman. “How’d you do it?” we asked.

“Easy,” she said, Every night I take my teeth out at six o’clock.”

-Cathy J. Schreima, Sebring Florida

Two friends run into each other while walking their dogs. One suggests lunch. The other says, “They won’t let us in a restaurant with pets.”

Undeterred, the first guy and his German shepherd head into the restaurant. The maître d’ stops them, saying, “Sir, you can’t bring your dog in here.”

“But I’m blind,” the man replies, “and this is my guide dog.”

The maître d’, apologizing profusely, shows both man and dog to a table.

His friend waits five minutes, then tries the same routine. “You have a Chihuahua for a guide dog?” the skeptical maître d’ says.

“A Chihuahua?” the man says. “Is that what they gave me?”

-Submitted by Mort Sheinman

A man was driving down the street in a lather because he had an important meeting and couldn’t find a parking space. Looking up to heaven, he said, “Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking space, I promise to go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up swearing.”

Miraculously, a spot opened right in front of the building.

The man looked up and said, “Never mind. I found one.”

*These are from “The Readers’ Digest”

Dear Members of First Parish Congregational Church, Wakefield:

Thank You!

Changing lives—that's **Our Church's Wider Mission**. All your gifts: Fellowship Dues, OCWM Basic Support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, the Christmas Fund, and more fund vital ministries that change lives.

Who are some of these lives we are changing?

- The lives of those sitting next to us in our pews who are touched by meaningful worship and music; who grow in faith and discipleship through programs of mission, justice, stewardship, Bible study, and evangelism; and who are pastured to by clergy prepared, ordained, and sustained by Associations, Conferences, and the National church.
- Villagers in Africa who now have wells providing clean water.
- Military service men and women who are pastured to by U.C.C. chaplains.
- Victims of disasters, assisted not only in the immediate aftermath, but for the months and years it may take to recover.
- New members of our churches, who never knew that there was a church as the U.C.C. that really would welcome them, regardless of who they are, or where they are on life's journey.
- Maybe your own.

Your generous gifts provide the financial support needed for the church in all its settings—local, Association, Conference, and National—to be faithful to Jesus' call to us to be “as a city on a hill,” centers of hope, healing and love in our communities and our world.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity (II Corinthians 9:11).

Yours in Christ,

Andrew R. Gustafson

Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship and Financial Development