



July/August 2024

Parish Visitor

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Friends,

During July and August, we will move down to Fellowship Hall for Sunday worship, as we did last year. It is just so much easier to keep cool than the Sanctuary. I also think it is good to take in a familiar experience from a different perspective, literally. That became apparent to me when the Westmoreland Town Band played a Christmas concert in our sanctuary last year. I realized how rare it was for me to sit in a pew. My shifted perspective provided me new appreciation of the beauty our sanctuary.

One of the things I like about worshipping in Fellowship Hall is the intimacy of the space. Sitting together around tables, it feels like worshipping family style. I especially like celebrating Communion in the same place we share meals so often. I like the relaxed mood of a room made for and named for fellowship. When the autumn arrives, we will return upstairs with refreshed appreciation of a sanctuary the saints who have gone before us made possible. Then, we will go downstairs for coffee and fellowship.

Peace,
Richard



Woman's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at noon. We will be gathering for a potluck picnic. If it is nice we'll meet outside. Discussion of our upcoming year will help us plan for next year. Bring a dish to share. We will provide beverages and dessert. So, bring your ideas to share. See you then.



Our Church Council

As I write my last article as a council co-chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of this congregation for the unwavering support and well wishes during the three years I have served. I have learned a lot but been greatly rewarded by the hard work of so many of you to help the church recover from all the changes brought about by Covid. We have made some progress, and the signs are positive that we can remain a strong church in the future. Things can never return to "the way we were", but with new ideas of how to be active in the community, we still have many opportunities, and will discern more in the future.

I would like to thank my co Zoom-chair, Marilyn Shriver, who despite her very limited time has provided insight, clear thinking, and strong problem-solving skills to every situation. She has very generously pledged one more year as co-chair to provide some continuity as Peg Winnen takes my place.

Our meetings over the last three years have always been consistently well-attended, which attests to the dedication of our committees, and ongoing support for the church. We have identified some projects that we have not been able to complete but have been successful in others.

Thank you also to all of you who really make an extra effort to help in many ways which are not connected to a particular committee. My position for the last three years has opened my eyes to many behind-the-scenes efforts. Pie sales, chicken BBQ, proofreading, putting on meals, community potlucks, running the Zoom cast are all examples of this. No project is completed without a lot of cooperation and hard work from many individuals.

I wish you all a good summer as we enjoy a more relaxed schedule, allowing us to recharge our batteries, broaden our bandwidths, strengthen our resolve, etc. See you in the Fall.!

Sue Krebs

Deacons

The deacons are excited to welcome Mike Brodeur as a new member of the diaconate in July. We wish Everyone a safe and healthy and fun summer. Kathy Yardley is our deacon for the month of July.

Thank you,
Becky

A Letter To Zimbabwe

June 2, 2024

Blessings to all:

I was so glad to hear from you. Hope all is well with you and your families. We are busy here getting ready to send you, our gifts. We don't have a person coming from our church, but we know we will be well represented by our delegation.

We need to investigate sending seeds. We thought we had all the right information, but now there is another problem with sending seeds. We hope to just be able to send them to you.

I am doing well. It is our summer here and so far; it has been wonderful. I will be visiting my two children this summer. My daughter, Amy lives in Rochester, New York which is only 5 hours away from me. My son, Micheal lives in Eagle, Colorado. That is a three-day trip by car. He lives in the Rocky Mountains, which is very majestic.

I have been on our Mission in Action committee for six years, but I am going to be on the Church Council now. Our mission committee is very active, and I hope we can stay in touch with you. God Bless you and keep you safe.

Margaret Winnen (Peg)
Mission in Action committee

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2024 SBW Concerts on the Green Summer Series
For the 41st year, Savings Bank of Walpole is excited to sponsor the "Concerts on the Green" series in Walpole. The eight-concert series, which will be held on the town green in Walpole, will kick off on Sunday, June 16 with the Westmoreland Town Band and go through mid-August. All shows will be held rain or shine on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Pack a picnic basket, bring a blanket and/or lawn chair and enjoy the show! For more information, call (603) 352-1822.

2024 SBW CONCERTS ON THE GREEN SUMMER SERIES SCHEDULE

June 16, 2024	Westmoreland Town Band
June 23, 2024	The Walt Sayre Orchestra
June 30, 2024	Keene American Legion Band
July 7, 2024	Nelson Town Band
July 14, 2024	East Bay Jazz Ensemble
July 21, 2024	Springfield Community Band
July 28, 2024	The Temple Band
August 4, 2024	Brattleboro American Legion Band
August 11, 2024	River Valley Dance Band

Minna's New Wheels





**Sunday July 21,
2024
5:00 – 6:00**

**First Congregational
Church
of Walpole, 15
Washington St.**

**Take out or eat in-half
chicken: \$9 each
(Pick up at church between
5:00 and 6:00 pm)**

**Take out or eat in
dinner: \$14 (1/2
chicken, potato salad,
Pasta salad,
bean salad,
homemade rolls,**

lemonade or iced tea)

**Tickets available at
Galloway Real Estate
Or
Betty Prentiss at 603-
313-4801.**

**Yummo! Get your tickets now before
they sell out!**

Church Calendar for July/August 2024

Sunday, July 7th Communion Sunday



Worship in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom
10 am

Sunday, July 14th Worship in Fellowship Hall
and on Zoom 10 am

Sunday, July 21st Worship in Fellowship Hall
And on Zoom at 10 am

Sunday, July 21st Chicken BBQ Pickup time
5/6 pm

Sunday, July 28th Worship in Fellowship Hall
And on Zoom at 10 am

Sunday, August 4th Communion Worship
Service 10 am on Zoom and in Fellowship
Hall

Sunday, August 11th Worship service in
Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Sunday, August 18th Worship service in
Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

Sunday, August 25th Worship service in
Fellowship Hall and on Zoom



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