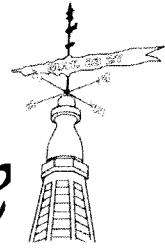


The Weathervane



RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, United Church of Christ Newsletter

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From the Pastor...

Visioning at RVCC

At our Annual Meeting last January, as a congregation, you expressed a strong interest in “visioning.” Visioning is an intentional process to more fully discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us as a church in the 21st century.

We all know that church is different than it used to be when many of us were growing up. Church is no longer the center of community life, and it is certainly not where everybody spends their Sunday mornings with children in tow. Activities from shopping to sports to simply “down time” have taken the place of gathering as a faith community.

Many younger adults have no church experience and are not tied to a denomination – or even a single congregation. What was once meaningful worship now seems old-fashioned and stilted to many people. How do we make church authentic once again for multiple generations?

These are the questions that concern our newly formed Visioning Team. The Team is currently meeting to develop a plan and process for moving forward with some intentional congregational visioning. Members of the Team are Rev. Nancy, Bill Feagans, Caryl Gilman, Deborah Lafond, Bob Yates, Brenda Olsen, and Lori Lambert.

The Team has defined the purpose of visioning as follows: “*Our task is to review the past, examine the present, and look to the future in order to decide what God is asking us to do so that we can do Jesus' work and spread Christ's love seven days a week.*”

The Team is currently working on broadly defining what it means to “do Jesus' work and spread Christ's love seven days a week.” In other words, in what areas of ministry will we as a faith community most

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This Month at RVCC . . .

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| June 3, 2018- | 10:00 a.m. – Worship –
Sendoff for Maine
Seacoast Mission Team |
| | 11:00 a.m. – Deacons’
meeting |
| June 4, 2018- | 5:00 p.m. - Raymond Arts
Alliance event |
| June 9, 2018- | 11:00 a.m. – Celebration
of Life for Lou Nerren |
| | 2:00 p.m. – Graveside
Service for Rite Gerry at
Mountain Road Cemetery
in Raymond. All are
invited! |
| June 10, 2018- | 10:00 a.m. – Worship –
Welcome Back to Maine
Seacoast Mission Team |
| June 13, 2018- | 10:00 a.m. – Writer’s
group |
| | 6:30 p.m. – Council
meeting |
| June 16, 2018- | 5:00 p.m. – Pot Roast
Supper |
| | 7:00 p.m. – RAA
International Music Night |
| June 17, 2018- | 10:00 a.m. – Worship –
Happy Father’s Day! |
| June 23, 2018- | 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. –
Yard Sale |
| June 24, 2018- | 10:00 a.m. – Worship –
Window Panel dedication |
| June 28, 2018- | 6:30 p.m. – Raymond Arts
Alliance Open Mic Night |

Please join us for the Fellowship Café Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Café is hosted in June by Missions.

Line Dancing is every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. A beginner low impact class is on Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

-Boy Scout Troop 800 meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Merit Badge class is every Sunday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

-A.A. meeting is every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor, continued . . .

effectively use our time and resources to truly be able to call ourselves followers of Jesus?

The Team will soon be seeking your perspective on these questions and asking for your active help in fully fleshing out our broad areas of ministry. Visioning can be an exciting time for a church family as we seek to mold ourselves into a church community that meets not only the needs of those of us who are currently regular worshippers but also the needs of those who are seeking an authentic spiritual home. I hope you will decide to be part of the process – and not just observe from the sidelines. After all, RVCC is your church and needs your support as we move forward.

Wonderful Music Continues....

Lots to look forward to this month when it comes to music in worship! Here’s what is coming up:

June 3rd – Cherie Moore on piano

June 10th – Patrick Martin on piano with Max Richardson on trumpet
(Max is a USM music student who shared his amazing gift of music earlier this Spring.)

June 17th – Patrick Martin on piano with our full choir singing

June 24th – Patrick Martin on piano with Jake Cooper on guitar.

(Jake is a classical guitar student at USM.)

Maine Seacoast Mission: Special Worship on June 3 and 10!

Be sure to come to church on June 3rd to bless and send off our Maine Seacoast Mission Team. Small but mighty, they will be off to Cherryfield to add skirting to a trailer, to reflect on service and outreach, and to enjoy one another’s company.

On June 10th during worship, the Team will be telling about their experience by sharing some personal reflections and visual images.

Prayer Concerns

Our prayers of concern go out to:

In our Church Family:

Pauline Cadotte, Polly Dyer, Carol Hall,
Frank Sullivan

In our Extended Family:

Richard Allen, Michael Cadotte, Jeffrey Lambert,
Brenda McMackin

In our Community:

Wendy Bretton, Janet & Gary Cairns,
Gary & Deb Cassidy, Tommy Keith, Dan Tibbetts

Dedication of Our Window Panels – June 24th

Our sanctuary window panels are complete and now installed. The window panels were a project of our Vital Worship Grant from a couple of years ago. So many thanks – beginning with Scott Gordan and Windham Millworks for cutting and priming the panels and ending with Dale and Caryl Gilman who installed them. And in between were our artists who painted them and Rev. Diane Wendorf who designed the artwork and helped and encouraged us along the way.

All that is left is to bless and dedicate our panels! That will happen during worship on June 24th. We are thrilled that Rev. Diane can be with us that morning. Be sure to come and hear about the process of creating and painting the panels and the story behind each one. More than that, however, come and celebrate a project that was so enriching – and fun!

Welcome Home!

As our summer people return to Maine – and to our church – we welcome back each and every one of them. We wish them all a warm, good weather, most enjoyable time here in Northern New England – and we hope to see you Sunday mornings in church!

Lectionary Lessons for June

Our focus lessons (in **bold**) highlight four stories from the Gospel of Mark. They reflect some of Jesus' teaching as well as the well-known story of the calming of the storm.

June 3rd – Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23 – 3:6

June 10th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 17th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 24th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



Pilgrim Lodge Campers

We have four Pilgrim Lodge campers this year – Chloe and Robbie Sullivan and Will and Emily Feagans. They will be having some fundraisers in the next couple of months. Watch for details – and please support them. In order to qualify for an RVCC camp scholarship, they need to organize and participate in a fundraiser of their own.

Your RVCC team is off to Cherryfield!

On June 3, a small team of 5 members (Joe & Nancy Foran, Caryl Gilman, Marie Guerin & Sheila Borque) is headed to Cherryfield Maine as we have in the past 5 years. This year, Seacoast Mission Housing Rehabilitation has asked us to “skirt” a trailer, which we’ve done once before.

From past experience, I know that our week together is more than just accomplishing the task at hand. It is about our conversations and experience with the client, the housing rehab team, and with each other. And, we take time each day for reflection, worship and prayer.

We look forward to your send-off at worship on June 3 and know that you will be praying for us. Please join us at worship on June 10 as we show you pictures and tell you about our week.

Caryl Gilman

Summer Book Study – Led by Walt Read

UNAFRAID ***by Adam Hamilton***

Fear- Anxiety – Worry. These are emotions we, or ones we know, all have experienced. Sometimes we may have dealt with them better and sometimes worse.

UNAFRAID is a down to earth book/study about dealing with these concerns.

“For anyone struggling with fear or wondering how families and communities can thrive in troubled times, UNAFRAID offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

It is a 5 session study with the first session planned for July 19th (or July 20th). Each session has a video to go along with it.

Deacons Report

The annual Deacon Assistant dinner has been tentatively scheduled for July 29 at Adma’s house as a Bar-B-Q by the lake. This is a time to show our appreciation to the DA’s each year and share in a meal of fellowship and cheer and we all look forward to this event every year! Interested in becoming a Deacon or DA and joining us? Let any of us know and we can fill you in on all the details!

Father’s Day is coming up and once again the deacons will be providing all the dad’s with a flower to wear proudly. Come to church on June 17 to get yours!

Prayer requests can always be passed along to any deacon. Please let us know if there is someone in need and we will make sure to include them in the congregations prayers.

-Submitted by Andy Morrison

Flowers for Our Altar

Our altar area looks especially lovely when it hosts a bouquet of flowers! Thanks to everyone who donates flowers throughout the spring and summer. There is always room for more flowers, so bring along a vase with something from your garden (or a garden store) – even if you are not one of the regulars!

VNA Home Health Hospice is offering an open grief support meeting on:

June 11, Monday, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
(second Monday)

North Windham Union Church
723 Roosevelt Trail,
Rt. 302, Windham, ME
FMI Linda Hopkins
Bereavement Support Coordinator
VNA Home Health Hospice at 400-8714

Sponsored by North Windham Union Church UCC
Mission Committee.

This is a free community outreach service.

FLEA MARKET

Much More than you would expect!

Merchants: Scentsy, Avon and others. Plus Crafts, Jewelry and Homemade goods...

Yard Sale: new and used furniture, books, clothes, household goods, knick knacks, pictures, kid's toys, music, working appliances and electronics, power tools, dishes and more....

Interested in renting a space or
table at this event?

Call Brenda at 207-838-0123

Silent Auction: gifts, gift certificates, planters, merchandise, services and more...

Food: Bake Sale! Delicious homemade goodies to take home and share with your family – or Not!

Lunch: Andy's Grill – Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Pulled Pork sandwiches...

Raymond Village Community Church

27 Main St. in Raymond, Maine

Saturday June 23rd from 8:00 to 2:00 (Rain or Shine)

Father's Day is June 17th

We especially invite all the men in our church family to attend worship on Father's Day. Whether or not you are a Dad, you most likely have been a significant role model for someone along the way! The Deacons want to recognize your contributions with a small gift. Hope to see you there!

Sharing Your Garden's Wealth

It won't be long before you see a large basket in the Vestry every Sunday. Everyone who has a garden is encouraged to share a row with your church family. Bring in some of your produce each week and leave it in the basket, so that ANYONE can take some home to enjoy! Contributions of flowers and seedlings are welcome as well!

Make Shift Coffee House is Coming to the Lakes Region!

A professionally facilitated conversation to help all of us better understand one another's political views and begin to find some common ground

When: Evening of Thursday, September 27th
Where: VA Center in Windham

FMI check out www.makeshiftcoffeehouse.com

More details coming, but mark your calendar now!

Happy Birthday To You!

Happy Birthday to Everyone in our Church Family with a birthday in June:

June 17	Walt Read
June 18	Kyle Sullivan
June 22	Andy Morrison
June 24	Chan Roach
June 28	Sarah Allen
June 29	Tucker Olsen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Get Ready, dust off those dance shoes and mark your calendars!!!!

Line dancing with Rachel begins at the Raymond Village Church on Monday June 4th, Thursday June 7th and Friday June 8th. from 10:00-11:30. Monday and Thursday are Improver to low intermediate classes and Friday class is basic beginner to Improver as well as low impact. All classes are still just drop in and \$5.00 per class. Remember new people are always welcome so feel free to tell all your friends and bring them with you. Hope to see you on the dance floor! Until then, keep those feet tapping!



RAYMOND ARTS ALLIANCE

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Raymond Arts Alliance is starting a monthly Open Mic Night for performers of all levels. If you want to share music, written word, a story, a skit, etc. please join us on Thursday, May 31 at the Raymond Village Community Church (27 Main St., Raymond) starting at 6pm. Pizza and light refreshments will be available. There is no cover charge but donations are greatly appreciated. All levels of experience and expertise are welcome.

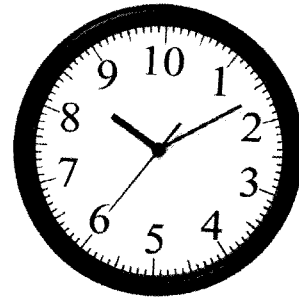
Missions

Here at RVCC, the small church with a big heart, supporting our United Church of Christ missions, as well as local mission projects, has always been important to us.

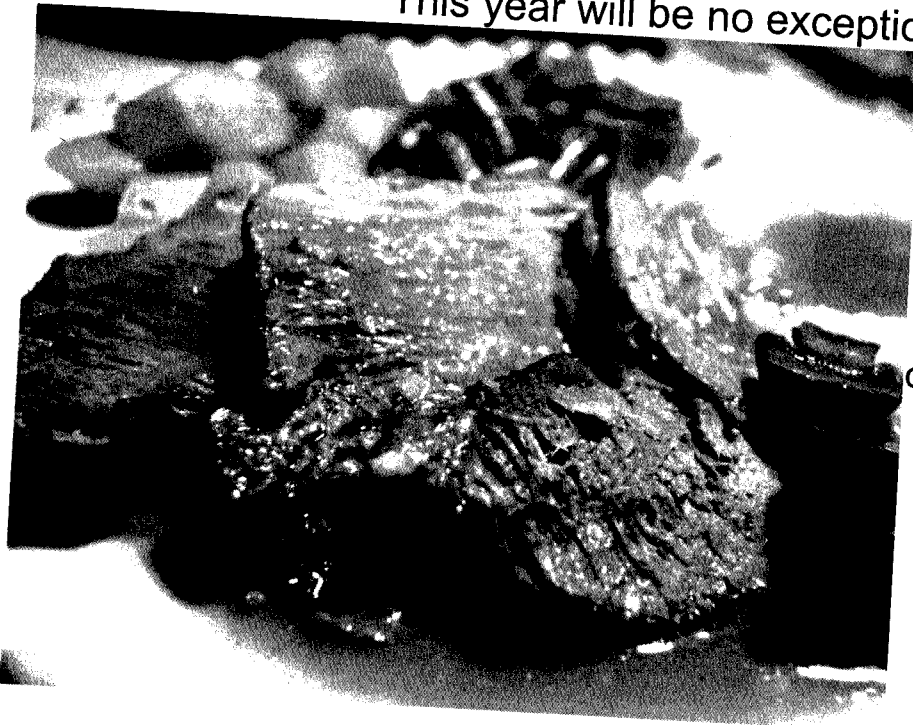
To date this year, we have collected special offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, and for Strengthen the Church. And, in early May, I delivered 40 school kits and 19 hygiene kits to a Church World Service local collection center in Portland. Thanks to all of you who donated money and supplies to these projects. And special thanks to Adma Willis and Sarah Allen who sewed the bags for the school kits.

Submitted by Judy Munson

It's
that
time
again!!!!



It's time to begin our annual series of Pot Roast Suppers.
Many seasonal folks mark their calendars to rotate through our
supper schedule each and every season.
This year will be no exception.



Our first dinner took
place on May 19.th
Thanks to all who
helped and who came
to enjoy the dinner!

Dinners will continue
on the third Saturday of
each month through
September.

Join us from 5-6 p.m.
Upcoming dates are:
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th

We look to our church family to not only spread the word to your friends and
neighbors but also to help in this endeavor.

Can you cook a roast,? Cook brownies?
Serve potatoes or vegetables?
Serve gravy or dessert? Help with Set Up?
Help in the kitchen? Help with Clean Up?
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are JOBS for EVERYONE.
Please talk with Tom or Bonnie Wiley if you can help.