
The Weathervane



RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, United Church of Christ Newsletter

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From the Pastor...

Do You Know Any of These People?

As you know, I have been working with Sheila Bourque who is constructing a large board that will be mounted on the wall in our Church Library. All the dedication plates from around the church will be on the board, so we can remember those men and women who gave so much to our church over the years.

I would like to also have a Memory Book filled with stories and memories about these people. This needs to be a CHURCH PROJECT with anyone who remembers these men and women contributing.

If you have any information, a story, a memory, etc. about these men, women, and children, please jot down your thoughts and email them to Rev. Nancy – or plan to talk with her about your remembrances:

1. Clara A. Plummer
2. Albert D. Plummer
3. Charles Tripp
4. Robert Reed Martin
5. Alice Durgin
6. Edward Shiveley
7. J. Ross Mainland
8. Pamela Robinson
9. David Clyde King
10. Eleanor Plummer
11. Ted Spencer
12. Joseph M. and Barbara C. Hannaford

Let's have a story or memory about all of them!

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This Month at RVCC . . .

July 2, 2019-	11:00 a.m. – Age Friendly Raymond meeting
July 7, 2019-	10:00 a.m. – Worship 11:15 a.m. – Council meeting
July 10, 2019-	10:00 a.m. – Writers Group
July 14, 2019-	10:00 a.m. – Worship
July 20, 2019-	5:00 p.m. – Pot Roast Supper
July 21, 2019-	10:00 a.m. – Worship
July 27, 2019-	4:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Vestry in use for private event.
July 28, 2019-	10:00 a.m. – Worship

Please join us for the Fellowship Café on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. July is an open month for the Café. Please feel free to bring some goodies to share.

Line Dancing is on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

-Knitting Group is on Tuesday July 9 & July 23 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

-Scouts, BSA Troops 800 & 851 will meet on Tuesday July 2 at 6:30 p.m.

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

-Qigong will start on Saturday July 13 and run through August 24, 2019. It will start at 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Nancy's Community Corner

Here are some of the ways that Rev. Nancy was active in the community in June:

- She followed up with a community member after the Advanced Care Planning workshop in May
- She met with a woman new to the community who was looking for ways to connect and establish relationships and support
- She attended the Steering Committee meeting for Age Friendly Raymond and is helping to develop an Action Plan following the survey results

Coming up later in June, she will be working with Diana Mains to plan Fran's Celebration of Life Service. In addition, she will be meeting with a young couple for pre-marriage sessions prior to their wedding which she is officiating in August.

Music for Worship in July

As we move into the summer months, here's a summary of the special music you can look forward to in July:

July 7th – Patrick Martin will be on piano and vocals

July 14th – Our choir MAY be singing – stay tuned!

July 21st – Cynthia Priem will be returning with her violin

July 28th – Adrienne Milics will be singing

Knitting & Crocheting - Are you a Knitter? A Crocheter? A Beginner? A Life Long Artist?

Would you like to join the company of others who enjoy this craft?

I have started a knitting group that meets at the Church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The dates for July are July 9th and July 23rd. Please spread the word to your neighbors, families and friends, beginners or not. Everyone is invited. Please bring your own beverage. For more information, contact Brenda Olsen (bolsen001@maine.rr.com).

Random Acts of Kindness Grant

Martha Morrison is the first recipient of our Random Acts of Kindness Grant Program. Martha received a min-grant of \$50.00 and used it to purchase paper and hygiene products for the Raymond Food Pantry. Those important items are not available through Good Shepherd Food Bank, but only through donations. Thanks Martha!

If you have an idea for a Random Act of Kindness, pick up an application in the Office – or speak with Rev. Nancy.

Prayer Concerns



Our prayers of concern go out to:

In our Church Family:

Pauline Cadotte, Louise Doyle, Polly Dyer, Craig
Messinger, Joan Morton,
Frank Sullivan, Tom Wiley, Adma Willis

In our Extended Family:

Michael Cadotte, Jeffrey Lambert

In our Community:

Janet Cairns, Tommy Keith, Dan Tibbetts

Some updates on those on our prayer list:

- It was wonderful to see Tom in church on Sunday!
- Joan Morton has seen the doctor and is doing well. She has been cleared to drive again.
- Craig had knee replacement surgery on June 12 and is being "pampered" by Jen and Meghan

-Submitted by Caryl Gilman

Summer Book Study

Once again, we are fortunate the Walt Read has agreed to facilitate a book study this summer. The book he has chosen is entitled Creed: What Christians Believe and Why by Adam Hamilton. Walt has led several summer studies on other books by this author. They always encourage lively and thought-provoking discussions.

Watch for details! Here's what Amazon said about this book:

"We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs...He considers important questions of life, reality, and truth (and) explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters."

Thanks Alice Richards!

Children's Sunday this year was also a time to celebrate the long time ministry of Alice Richards as our nursery/kindergarten teacher! Alice has been teaching our little ones for about 26 years. Her time with them has always been far more than a playtime. It was a time to learn some foundational Bible stories as well as how to work with and respect the other children. Thanks Alice, for all you have done at our church!

Congrats to Our High School Graduates!

Congratulations to Bryce Sullivan and Saige McGinnis on their graduation from high school. Bryce is Frank and Cora Sullivan's grandson, and he finished up high school in Kentucky where his family recently moved. He will be working in the fall. Saige is Chan and Kay Roach's grand-daughter. Saige will be attending Wheaton College in Massachusetts.

Way to go, Saige and Bryce!

Northern Light Home Care & Hospice

**is offering an open grief support meeting on:
July 8, 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
at 400-8714**

Sponsored by North Windham Union Church UCC
Mission Committee.

Sharing Your Garden's Wealth

Look for the large basket in the Vestry where **you can share your garden's wealth** 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, herbs, and seedlings are welcome as well!

Bring what you can – and take what you need!

**It's
that
time
again!!!!**



We have begun 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 two dinners were on May 18th and June 15th. Thanks to all who helped and who came to enjoy a delicious meal.

Our upcoming suppers are on:

July 20th
August 17th
September 21st

Join us from 5-6 p.m.

Not only spread the word with your friends and neighbors but also we look to our church family 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.

For the **July 20th** supper our experienced kitchen staff will still be recovering (Tom and Craig) while Sue will be at Boy Scout camp in July.

This is a special appeal from Caryl (kitchen) for someone to wash dishes from 3pm through 6:30pm, in addition to the jobs listed above.

Please put your names on the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the vestry and sign up to help out!

Mission Corner

The ***Strengthen the Church offering*** is continuing beyond June 9. This offering looks to the future of UCC by supporting youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC does not have a strong presence.

Now that summer is *finally* here, we know there are many opportunities to support the church and community with Yard Sale, pot roast suppers and more. Upcoming Mission projects are:

- **Grace Street ministry:** Sunday June 16 Jessica Moore told us about this compassionate outreach ministry for the homeless and marginalized in downtown Portland Maine offered through presence, prayer, and advocacy. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the pastors walk Congress St, Preble St and Oxford St to listen, to talk, and provide needed items like socks. Every Sunday, rain, shine or snow, communion is celebrated at the corner of Preble and Oxford Streets. **We can help!** Starting June 23 through mid-July, we will collect the following items in a box in the vestry. Ultimately these items will be handed out to people in need:
 - \$5 Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards
 - Lightweight rain ponchos
 - *White cotton* socks – all sizes
 - *Travel size* soap, lotion, shampoo, deodorant

For more information about the ministry and how you can help, go to

<http://www.gracestreetministry.org>

- Ronald McDonald House **Project L.O.V.E.** (*Lots of Varying Essentials*), which is an easy way for schools, churches, businesses and individuals to help support Ronald McDonald House by collecting a specific item the House needs. Caryl has contacted the leader to ask what they need. Once we know what is needed, we will publicize and ask that you just add these items to your shopping list.
- Early Sept - **Seacoast Mission Table of Plenty:** We continue RVCC connection with Cherryfield by supporting 3 people cooking/serving a meal for the Cherryfield community on Sunday Sept 8. Marie Guerin, Caryl Gilman and Caryl's sister Anne will be RVCC emissaries. We'll learn the news of the area and let you know what we find out. How can you support

Happy Birthday To You!

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

July 5	Catherine Berry
July 12	Brenda Stevenson
July 14	Joan Morton
July 17	Pauline Cadotte
July 23	Betty Shively
July 24	Nancy Foran
July 24	Nancy Yates
July 28	Kaleigh Lambert

Spring is Here

And so is line dancing. Rachel started teaching again on June 3. Classes on Monday and Thursdays from 10 until 11:30. In addition, there will be a Friday class at the same time beginning June 7. This class is ideal for anyone needing/wanting slower music and modified steps, and for those with no dance experience. Mark your calendars and dust off your dancing shoes.

UPCOMING RAA EVENTS

July 14 - A discussion/presentation about Bees, beekeeping and permaculture. Time and location to be determined.

July 21 - RAA fund raiser. The New England Jazz Band at Hacker's Hill, 4:30-6:00 pm.

August 3 - Randy Judkins, juggler and comedian for a circus workshop and performance at the church. Time to be determined.

Watch for more information in weekly All Church emails and on bulletin boards.

Prayer Box

Just a reminder that we now have a prayer box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Rev. Nancy collects those prayer concerns and joys Monday morning and sends them to the people on our prayer chain to remember during the week. She will also include them in prayers the following Sunday.

Mission Corner, continued . . .

this mission? We will be asking all of you to contribute breads/rolls and dessert.

We are still hoping to hear from you! *What organizations or events do you wish RVCC Missions would support?*



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Our Vinyl Siding Project is in need of funding.

Donations can be made directly to the church (P.O. Box 285, Raymond, Me. 04071) or through the GoFundMe page (<https://www.gofundme.com/raymond-village-community-church-renovation>).

Watch our progress towards our goal of \$20,000, in your monthly Weathervane! Tell your friends and neighbors too, that they can help support the renovation of this historical community building.