
The Weathervane



RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, United Church of Christ Newsletter

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From the Pastor . . .

Dear RVCC members and friends,

Your school age children and grandchildren have only a few short weeks before their summer vacation begins. I encourage parents and grandparents, looking to offer their offspring a unique camping experience, to consider Pilgrim Lodge, our conference's spectacular outdoor summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseeconte in Gardner. Included among the many summer offerings, are two sessions designed for grandparents and grandchildren to spend two and half days together. When our children were in their teens, we often attended the multi-generational family camp session, which is held every Labor Day weekend. We made several life-long friends from around the state. For more information, please visit the camp's website at www.pilgrimlodge.org or call (207) 724-3200.

If you are interested in signing up for the weekly ACE (all conference e-mail) please call Anne Hodgman at the Maine Conference Office at (207) 530-9590 or ahodgman@maineucc.org

Last but not least, many clergy and lay leaders are reading, "*Beyond Resistance-The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World*" by John Dorhauer. The book addresses the challenges of what it means to be a "Church" today. Gone are the fifties and sixties when sanctuaries were filled with an overflowing count of members. There is the reality that some churches will close AND there is the reality that we have a chance to re-define ourselves now. Inspired by the John Lennon quote: "*You may say that I am a dreamer, but I'm not the only one*", chapter 8 is about a faith-based, non-profit organization that calls itself *Reimagine*. John Dorhauer writes: "*Reimagine gathers and asks different people each time to tell THEIR story, informed as they see it by the life of Jesus. Those stories are followed by an invitation to the gathered to respond. The response might be an affirmation, a commitment or another story.*"

We are excited and taking action about re-imagining our path forward for the Raymond Village Community Church. Stay tuned.

Blessings,

Rev. Petra Smyth

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This Month at RVCC . . .

- June 2, 2022- 4:30 p.m. – Deacon’s meeting (in person.)
- June 5, 2022- 10:00 a.m. – Worship – Pentecost Sunday
- June 7, 2022- 5:30 p.m. – Council Meeting on Zoom
- June 11, 2022- 5:00 p.m. – Drive Thru Pot Roast Supper
- June 12, 2022- 10:00 a.m. – Worship
- June 19, 2022- 10:00 a.m. - Worship
- June 26, 2022- 10:00 a.m. – Worship

If you are unable to join us in person, services may be viewed on our YouTube channel at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc1hBkBTar_nZF-H4O7YN5ew

Line Dancing will be on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. beginning on June 2, 2022. Fridays are a low impact class.

Scout Troop 800 meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

The Knitting Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month (June 14 & June 28) from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

AA meets in the Vestry every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

June Lectionary Lessons

June 5, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-21 or *Genesis 11:1-9*
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or *Acts 2:1-21*
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 12, 2022 - First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19, 2022 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 2022 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish everyone with a June birthday a very Happy Birthday!

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



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Amanda, The Family of Bill Bostock, Sheila Bourque, Michael Cadotte, Amy Downing, Louise Doyle, Polly Dyer, Christine Eldridge, Linda Eldridge, Rick Emery, Nate Rand, Walt Read, Charlotte Rowe, Dan Tibbetts, Penny Warrickoff, Rebecca Wicks, Tom Wiley, The family of Adma Willis

Worship Update

June 5 - Pentecost is the time to Celebrate High School Graduation!

Sunday June 5th is Pentecost Sunday which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples after resurrection and marks the beginning of the Christian Church's mission to the world.

It seems fitting to celebrate High School Graduates on that Sunday as they move on to the next chapter in their life. We have three students graduating from High School this year. Alice Morrison and Will & Emily Feagans! How does that happen?! We remember when they went into Mrs. Richard's nursery class! And, just like in person graduations that didn't happen last year, but will this year, we are inviting our 2021 HS graduate, Meghan Messinger to join us as well. It has been RVCC tradition to send these graduates off to their "next chapter" with something from RVCC and we will do that again this year. We hope to get a picture of the whole congregation, weather permitting.

Please join in the celebration June 5th!

COVID precautions – At this writing, the CDC considers COVID community levels in Cumberland County to be 'high' and recommends masks be worn indoors. Please wear a mask inside the church until further notice. Thank you!

Mission Corner

May Mission Opportunity – supporting Sebago Lakes Region Fuller Center for Housing Project = Linda and John G

We at RVCC have a chance to contribute to a life changing solution for John and Linda. An ADA approved doorway is a key element. The estimated cost for the door (without installation) is \$2,000. Our goal is to contribute to the purchase of that ADA door.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed already! Just a reminder that we plan to cut a check for this project in mid-June, so if you plan to contribute and have not already, now is the time.

June Mission – Strengthen the Church

One of the special offerings of the United Church of Christ, Strengthen the Church is traditionally collected on Pentecost Sunday, which is June 5 this year. This offering supports the expansion of ministries and growth of local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.



SQUARES

The knitting & crocheting group has been making hats & mittens for the past few months and now we are switching gears to squares. These are easy and fast and a good way to use some of those odd remnants. We have yarn and some patterns. You are welcome to join us for our group meetings if you would like some instruction or assistance.

Knitting & Crocheting group

We are meeting inside in the Sunday School room next to the furnace room but we will move outside as the weather improves. For those of you who are comfortable in doing so, please join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Please let me know if you need anything or would like to help. Thanks! Brenda (bolsen001@maine.rr.com) or 207-838-0123

Summary of Sunday, May 15, 2022 Coordinating Council/Deacons Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM on Sunday, May 15, 2022 by Tom Wiley, Moderator. Present were Tom, Rolf, Brenda, Caryl, Deb, Nancy, Petra, and Judy.

Brenda offered the opening prayer.

The agenda was reviewed, end time of noon to 12:15 was agreed upon.

Financial Report: Brenda had no printed report, but nothing out of the ordinary to report. Is watching stock funds closely, she will need to sell more for cash flow purposes in June.

Clerk: nothing to report.

Trustees: New hot water heater has been installed, furnace has been turned off until cold weather. Building at top of driveway has been emptied, and is ready for demo. The proceeds from what we were able to sell, covered the cost of the dumpster. He is expecting demolition, and removal to happen sometime in June.

Missions: Caryl reported that we are focusing on the Sebago Lakes Fuller Center project with the Gregoire family for May, in June we will be collecting for Strengthen the Church.

Stewardship: Brenda has written the quarterly stewardship letter, it will go out shortly. She mentioned that we had served 57 meals at our first pot roast dinner of the season. Numbers should climb as summer visitors return to the area. She suggested that we try and get email addresses for our regular supper customers, could remind them of date each month. Rolf mentioned that the meat market in Raymond is under new ownership, they had given us a good price for the meat for the supper. Mention them to your friends.

Deacons: Deacons are working on plans for service on May 29, when Petra will be away, and also on plans for June 5, Pentecost Sunday. In reviewing Holy Week services, we will continue to do Maundy Thursday service, but will probably not open church for Good Friday.

Moderator: Tom had nothing to report.

Pastor: Petra has found a program offered by BTS, which is the offspring of Bangor Theological Seminary, called "Building the Resilient Church". We can apply to be a part of it. She has spoken to Chan Roach, Alice Oldford, and Bob Yates, they have agreed to join Petra in taking part in it. It meets twice a month, a lot of it by zoom, with a few in person events between June and November. We discussed the program and helped Petra with answers needed to fill out

the application. Petra announced that plans are being made for June 5, possibility of red geraniums was mentioned.

Old Business: There was discussion about Covid protocols, for now, we will ask people to wear a mask in the sanctuary, although not in the rest of the building. Other groups that use other rooms, such as Line Dancing, Scouts, and AA, will be urged to open windows etc. We will also start leaving windows open in the sanctuary.

New Business: Weathervane will be printed on May 26, get information to Judy and Deb by May 20, please. We will meet on June 7, and July 19, both at 5:30, via zoom. There will be no meeting in August.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Munson, Clerk

HANNAFORD GROCERY CARDS

We have Hannaford shopping cards available for purchase in denominations of \$100 and \$50. Every \$100 you purchase means RVCC gets \$5. You buy the card for \$100, you buy \$100 worth of groceries and RVCC gets \$5!!! How great is that? I am available to get cards to you. Just send me an e-mail (bolsen001@maine.rr.com) or give me a call (207-838-0123). Thanks! Brenda





We will have monthly “take out” suppers, the following dates:

June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10

Pot roast and gravy, potatoes, green beans, carrots, a roll, and a brownie for \$12.

(Cash or checks only. No credit cards.)

Meals are takeout only. We are taking orders for pick up Saturday.

Pick up time is between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

They will be hot and ready to take home!

You must order in advance!

CUT OFF time to order is Noon on Saturday so that we can ensure everyone receives a great quality meal.

Sorry, We will NOT have extra meals available.

To order your meals please call the RVCC office at 655-7749 and leave a message with your name, number of meals and time you will pick up. Or if you prefer you can send an e-mail to office@rvccme.org with the information.



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**Next Weathervane
Deadline:
June 20, 2022**

LINE DANCING RETURNS!

We will be starting this season on June 2nd in the vestry at the Raymond Village Community Church. There will be 2 classes each week, Advanced Beginner to Low Intermediate on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30, and a Beginner/Low Impact class on Fridays, from 10 to 11:30. We have small classes, and lots of fun!! If you have ever wanted to try line dancing this is the place and the time. Line Dancing is great exercise for the body and the mind. We are a fun and loving group of people. Our classes are ongoing, so join us whenever you can. We welcome new dancers at any time. Masks are not required, but use at your own discretion. Cost is \$5.00 per class.

For more information, contact instructor Rachel Knights at rachelcountryhearts@yahoo.com, or call 207-232-1172 (cell) or 207-655-4284 (land).