

The Church Bell

Chiming in...

I Can't Wait

Growing up in the central part of Massachusetts, the ocean was something I dreamed of seeing. As an in-lander, the ocean and its beaches were far away. We did not wake up to the smell of salt water in the fog, or hear the crashing waves in winter. We heard the cows and sometimes the roosters but not the ocean, except for one week each year.

My parents and my siblings would take our one week vacation and pack up the station wagon for our annual trip across the Sagamore Bridge to reach Cape Cod. Sometimes we would rent a cottage. Other times, we would pack our tent and find Maurice's campground in Wellfleet. I could hardly wait to go. I could barely wait to get there. Waiting was hard.

Each time we travelled, well into my teen years, our Dad would challenge us to be the first to see the Cape Cod Bridge. That meant everything to me. It meant we had finally arrived. I had a lot to learn. For one thing, looking for the bridge when we had "just left the barn" in Spencer, was not going to be fruitful. Getting too excited for something that was not going to happen immediately only led to frustration. I needed to pace myself. Once we spotted the bridge and crossed it, we were still a ways from the ocean view and the salty air I longed for. The anticipation was sweet and excruciating, especially when my Dad slowed the wagon down, just before we crested the hill where we could see the ocean for the first time.

We learned as a family to not worry so much about the arrival but to look around and enjoy the ride. We would play travel bingo, I Spy, Alphabet, and solve mystery problems. We would have a great picnic packed to enjoy at our favorite rest area and sometimes we would stop at a new place just to explore. Once we relaxed about the destination, we began to enjoy the time it took.

By the time you receive this, we will be about to "crest the hill" for one of the most anticipated events in town; the Church Fair! I have heard the stories. I can imagine in part what it may be like. For me, it will be like seeing the ocean for the first time! I admit, I am having a hard time waiting. So I have tried to enjoy the journey of how we get there.

I have watched as the leadership and the volunteers have worked like busy bees getting ready. I have heard updated reports of the Race and the Rock Wall, of the Concert, or the Lobster! I have wandered on Sundays through the vestry to see the wonderful treasures in the White Elephant section and I have been mesmerized by all the books! I have

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gotten my camera batteries all charged up and even bought my tickets. I have enjoyed seeing so many folk gathering in the days ahead. It is community at its best.

When churches go through a transition of pastoral leadership most people can't wait until the next pastor will get here. Frustration can build if it seems as if it is taking "forever". The average time for a call to a new pastor is around 18 months from the time the Search Committee begins. You are right on target. Though it may seem like it is going to be "forever" before you see your new pastor in place, before you know it, you will be approaching that day when you will meet them and rejoice!

For now I hope that together, we can enjoy the ride while we travel down the road to our destination. I will certainly enjoy being with you, for this is a great church. So while we wait, pray, and wait some more for just the right person to come to us, let us get ready. Let us enjoy the journey, and let us appreciate the time we have, while we have it. Soon enough, you will see the day arrive.

Travel Bingo anyone?

Rev. Sue

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NEWS

For more information on any of the following committees, please contact the church office at 635-8472 or email Dawn at dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com

Board of Deacons

Deborah Kelchner, Chair

Do you remember when the most recent church directory was released? It was eight years ago. Think of how many changes the church has seen since then! The Board of Deacons thought it was time to update it. In this article, we describe the work that has been completed and the work that remains to be done.

We decided to break the process down into three distinct steps:

1. verify current contact information
2. collect photographs
3. distribute the directory

We are currently on step one.

Many (but not all) of you have received a letter asking for data information, and just under half returned it. If you have received your letter and have not returned it, please consider doing so!

- You do not need to include a photo with it, since that phase of the project will start after verifying contact information.

- If you have not received a data confirmation letter, you will soon.
- If you have lost your letter, please contact Charlie Thomas at ucclcmemberdirectory@gmail.com or at 625-5397.

Once step one is complete, we will collect photographs. For those who have the means to do so, we will ask that you submit digital photos. If you do not have the means to submit a digital photo, we will be glad to take one for you.

Distribution of the directory will predominantly be via email or the internet – mainly to avoid costs associated with printing the directory. However a request for a printed directory can be made for those who do not have access to email or the internet.

It is important to have an up-to-date directory for a variety of reasons:

- It can be used for the contact information it contains
- It can help to identify church leadership
- It can serve as a means for our new pastor to get to know the faces of his or her new church.

Information on how to submit a photo or request that one be taken of you, as well as how to request a paper copy of the directory will be forthcoming. In the meantime, you can help the process by returning your directory information confirmation letter.

Bells are ringing...

Baptisms

A warm welcome from our church family to:

Julia Marshall Boone

Daughter of John & Kellie Boone.
Baptized on June 29, 2014.

Weddings

Our congratulations to:

Albert George Cahill & Heidi

Paasché

Married June 7, 2014.

Passings

Our sympathies to the families of:

Thomson McLintock Whitin –

December 9, 2013

George Burroughs Bullock, Jr. –

April 9, 2014

Nancy Mason Barnes –

May 30, 2014

Board of Trustees

Ted Merriman, Chair

The Board of Trustees is actively working on several areas of church governance. There are two high priority initiatives that are the focus of the majority of our attention. The first is to help walk through the document that we refer to as the “legwork” document which was actually an interim report submitted by Pastor Sue in early March. It is a document that helps us initiate healthy conversations around four areas of necessary strength. The four “legs of strength” are Fellowship, Faith

Work, Fiscal Work and Functional Work.

The other highly visible subject is what will become of the parsonage. We have been notified by the tenants that they will be moving out in the next several months. It was decided that, due to its current condition, the building will need some level of maintenance/construction work to make it a satisfactory space for any future purpose. A Steering Committee request has been made and it is looking for a leader. If you are interested in taking on the challenge please contact me at

Ted.merriman@cox.com

The Trustees have been in conversation with the Music Committee regarding researching a new piano for the Church. We need to replace the one downstairs. A grand piano has become available for our consideration. We are working on a plan to present to the congregation in August.

Buildings & Grounds

Peter Derbyshire, Chair

Don't forget, if you have a key to the church (not the Kingdom), would you please help us by calling or coming by the office (635-8472) or speak to Steve Walker.

A new phone system has been installed in the Church Office. We hope to be able to use this for updated announcements.

The Church Office now has new and updated computers. If you are having trouble getting your emails from the office, please check your spam or junk mail box.

The air conditioning unit in the church has been serviced. There should be no more rattling noises during Worship!

Finance Committee

Bob Hartnett, Chair

Finance has been very busy this spring. We met with our Financial Advisor in May and our Accountant in June, and the report is a good one. Our investments continue to perform pretty well and our accounting practices are sound. A new Investment Committee has also been formed which will be chaired by Jack Angell.

The summer gets even better when Rev. Karen McArthur will be our guest at the August 19th meeting to go over “Best Practices” with the Finance, Investment and Stewardship Committees. Rev. McArthur is an excellent resource for Church Finance and Stewardship and we look forward to hearing from her. More to come...

Health & Wellness Ministry

Wendy Merriman, Chair

DID YOU KNOW?!!!

Avoid freeway driving, enjoy shopping, and meet new people!

The Little Compton Senior Bus will take you to the **Market Basket** in New Bedford and can drop you off at the Mall, Walmart, etc in Dartmouth on the way if you choose!

The bus leaves Saint Catherine's Church at 9:30 AM and returns at 1:30 PM.

Schedule:

Every other Tuesday –
June 24th
July 8th and 22nd
August 5th
And then every 2 weeks

There is no charge.

Please contact Fran Silva at 635- 4742 with any questions you may have. She has a card with dates.

Hospitality Committee

Christine Merriman, Chair

Hello Summer Friends! Hosting a coffee hour is a fun way to reconnect with the congregation. To volunteer, call, text, or email Christine Merriman. 401-489-4991, cfmerriman@gmail.com

Search Committee

Hon. Paul Suttell, Chair,
Shirley Hardison, Secretary,
Cam Church, Chaplain

The Search Committee scheduled two “coffee’s” for church members and friends to engage in conversation with members of the committee in June.

They are currently asking everyone to fill out the church survey. IF you did not receive one, contact the church office at 635-8472.

Shawl Ministry

Health & Wellness invites you to join them at Shawl Ministry which meets on Sunday mornings in the Ladies’ Parlor following Worship Service. Everyone is welcome, knitters or not.



Our deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, July 22nd

Office News

If you would like to share something for the Church Bell Newsletter, please submit your ideas to the office at dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com The office will review and print as space allows. Gratitude stories about our church, news from the Boards or committees, etc. are appreciated.

IMPORTANT: Please inform the church office if you know of anyone who may be in the hospital or if any member or friend has passed away. Also, please let us know if you know of any members who are planning to relocate.

What’s New?



Congratulations to our former Pastor!

Rev. Richard S. DenUyl, Jr. was voted unanimously by the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT to be their 43rd Senior Pastor! First Church will be celebrating their 350th Anniversary in 2015.

Summer Fair

Sat., July 12th

Each year our church hosts an annual Summer Fair, a much anticipated community wide event and the largest fundraiser for our church. There is a 4.8 mile Road Race and a race for the kids as well as activities of all types: **Arts & Crafts Vendors * White Elephant * Used Book Sale * Food Court featuring Little Compton Restaurants and Caterers * Bake Sale * Pie Baking Contest * Lobster Luncheon * Ice Cream Sundaes * Children's Game Tent * Rock Climbing Wall * Jazz Music * Jewelry * Silent Auction * Dog Show **NEW** Photo Booth * Friday night concert (see ad in this newsletter).**



Please consider supporting (in full or in part) one of the following:

- Children's Games –**
 Moon Bounce \$135
 Giraffe Striker - \$75
 Football Toss - \$45
 Rock Wall - \$150

Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin boards at coffee hour. **Checks should be made payable to UCCLC and please note on the memo line which specific item you are sponsoring.** Checks can be given to Heather after church or mailed to the church office. Thanks for your support!



Summer Fair Silent

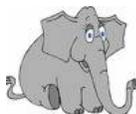
Auction: Please consider donating generously to the

Silent Auction. We are looking for items and/or experiences that are fabulously unique and wonderful. If you are interested in donating something, please contact Kathy Wattles at dancingoaks@aol.com, Kris Donovan at krisdonovan@cox.net, or Sue Hutson at suehutson001@aol.com or call the Church Office. Thank you!



Jewelry Table!

We have a wonderful used jewelry table at the fair. We appreciate donations of any jewelry in good condition that you no longer wear. Items can be brought into the church office during office hours (Tues. – Fri. 9a.m. – 3p.m.). We also accept buttons!



White Elephant &

Books: We are

accepting White Elephant items and books. Items can be dropped off by picking up a church key from the office. Our hours are Tues. – Fri., 9am – 3pm. These items must be clean and in great condition. **NO APPLIANCES PLEASE.**



Pie Baking Contest!

Did you remember to find your favorite pie recipe and enter our Pie Baking Contest. If you have any questions, contact Janet Lofsky at 635-4482, email: JanetLofsky@aol.com or contact Nancy Easman at 635-4020, email: Nancybeagl@aol.com



Bake Sale Table Goods Needed!

If you would consider making a baked good to be sold at our Bake Sale Table, please sign up at coffee hour or contact Marsha LaPointe at mlapointe@eastbaynewspapers.com

Interested in Sponsoring the Fair?

There are many different ways that you can financially support the fair. Donations are Tax Deductable. Please contact Tony Thompson at 635-8676 if you are interested in learning more or send checks made payable to The United Congregational Church.

Questions about the Fair can be directed to this year's team of Captains or to a specific Committee Chair:

- Rev. Sue Remick – Minister
- Russell Bodington – Facilities, Set-up/Take Down, Security & Race Captain
- Heather Helger – In-house (Church) Committees & Lobster Luncheon Captain
- Sue Hutson – Finance, Publicity/Sponsors, Raffle, Silent Auction Captain
- Jane Lorch – Vendor & Friday Night Special Event Captain



Little Compton Road Race

Wayne Curtis, Chair

Applications are available on our website and in the church office for the 34th Annual Summer Road Race! Better start training right now! We will accept walk-in applications. Cheers!

Raffle tickets are still available

at coffee hour or in the church office during office hours
(Tues. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Raffle ticket donation:

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

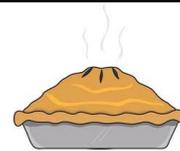
Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 12, 2014.

Winner need not be present. Prizes are as follows:

1st Prize iPad Donated by Waring-Sullivan Homes of Memorial Tribute

2nd Prize \$100 Gift Card to The Boathouse Restaurant

3rd Prize \$50 Gift Card to Earle's Gas Station

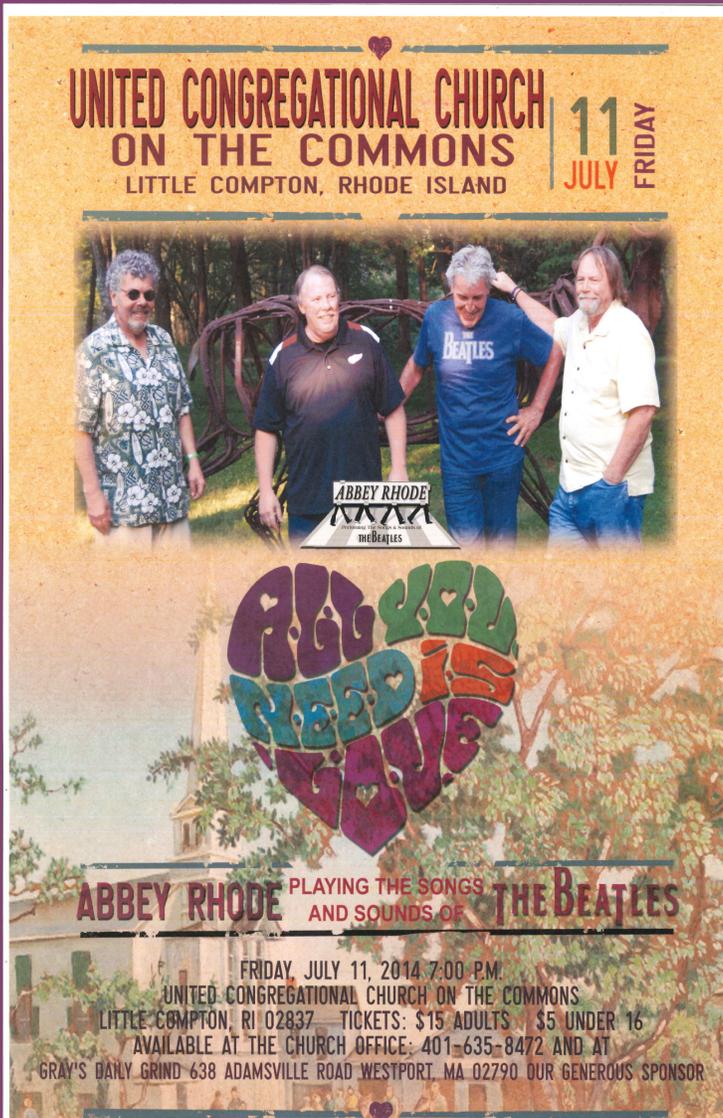


A Grand Dessert Pie Baking Contest!

All Bakers are invited to participate.
A panel of Distinguished Judges will determine the winner!!!

Rules:

-  All pies are to be made from scratch. No pre-packaged pastry or filling.
-  Name and telephone # of contestant to be firmly attached to underside of pie plate.
-  Pies to be delivered to the Ladies Parlor by 9:15 a.m. the day of the Fair, Saturday July 12th.
-  Judging will take place at 10:30 a.m. with winners announced soon thereafter in front of the Church.
-  All pies will be subsequently sold at the Bake Sale!
-  Distinctive prizes!!!
-  Application to enter contest must be submitted by July 10th.
-  The decision of the Judges will be final!



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AND SOUNDS OF **THE BEATLES**

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A Blast From the Past!

Marjorie Simmons, Church Historian

The Story of This Church

Organized in 1704, this is one of the oldest Congregational churches in the state or in the area. It was founded by people who came here from Plymouth and Duxbury, beginning in 1674. Among its first communicants was Elizabeth Alden Pabodie, daughter of John and Priscilla Alden, whose body lies buried in our churchyard. Her son, William was a charter member of this Church.

Another early member was Colonel Benjamin Church, a victor in King Philip's War, who built the first white man's homestead here in 1675.

Still another famous communicant of this Church was Ray Palmer, Presbyterian minister and hymn-writer, whose many hymns include "My Faith Looks Up to Thee".

The land here was first a part of the Plymouth Colony, but long before the town became a part of Rhode Island in 1747, this Church developed the Rhode Island principle of complete separation of Church and State in matters of Church belief and government.

Our first Minister, the Rev. Richard Billings, was born in London in 1675, the year Bunyan wrote Pilgrim's Progress. Mr. Billings went to Harvard under the rod of Increase Mather and

was graduated with the Class of 1698. He came here to organize our Church and to spend the rest of his life as our minister, in the Church's longest pastorate, 44 years. During this time, he also ministered to the Sogkonate Indians here, from whom the name Sakonnet has come.

~Written by Robert L. Eddy, Minister



Thursday Thrift Shop

Donna Stewart

MISSION STATEMENT: Our Thrift Shop, made possible by a selfless cadre of volunteers, is a unique vehicle for the sponsoring Congregational Church to serve the needs of Little Compton and surrounding areas through generous patrons willing to offer their surplus usable items to benefit those in need of the same...

This is made possible by the 68 volunteers from our church and the surrounding churches - winter and summer residents representing several towns, and our Managers. Consignors donate the clothes: volunteers tag them: display them and manage the front desk. We would not be successful without their help.

Articles Accepted:

Mondays: 1pm - 3pm
Saturdays 10am - 12pm

We are open:

Thursdays 10am - 3pm
Saturdays: 10am - 3pm



Did you know?

As of July 1st, there are **only 11 days left** until Fair Day?

Our very first church fair was held in 1960?

Last Sunday, **The First Congregational Church in Bristol, RI** remembered our church and our congregation in their prayers.

The first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776 and the official signing took place on August 2nd.

Currently, the oldest Independence Day celebration in the U.S. is held in **Bristol, Rhode Island**.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the vote to approve the Declaration of Independence.

Church Chuckles

A six-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer in church: "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

Church News: The parking lot has been repainted. We're asking all children in the parish to help their parents stay inside the lines.

Bible Trivia

Last month we asked you to name the book of the Bible where the strange quotations listed below can be found (and if you're really good, name the chapter and verse). Answers are in red.

1. Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face.
Jeremiah (13:26)
2. The herds of cattle are perplexed. *Joel (1:18)*
3. The voice of the turtle is heard in our land. *Song of Solomon (2:12)*
4. And they made two ounces of gold. *Exodus (39:16)*
5. A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in.
Exodus (39:26)
6. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? *Song of Solomon (5:3)*
7. Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor.
Ecclesiastes (10:1)
8. Every man shall kiss his lips that giveth a right answer.
Proverbs (24:26)
9. And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles. *Leviticus (15:29)*
10. Behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up.
Amos (7:1)



*From every mountain side,
Let Freedom ring. "*
~ Samuel F. Smith, "America"

Please join us to hear our guest preachers coming in July...

Sunday, July 20th –
Rev. Jennifer Geary,
Director of Iron Homestead

Sunday, July 17th –
Amy Edwards,
Student-in-Discernment

Coming in Our Next Issue...

- Committee News
- Fair News
- More news and fun
- More Blasts from the Past
- Children's Page

Happy Sunshine Cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says, "Blessed [or happy] are the people whose God is the Lord." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.

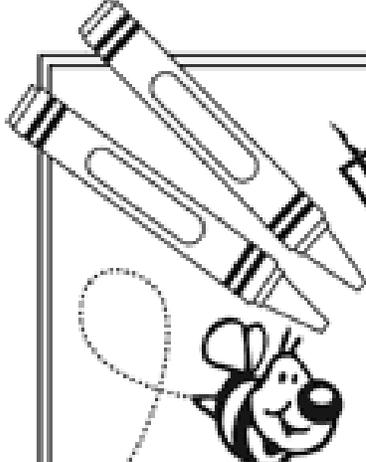


What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

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|---|---|
| 1. "Happy are the POOR IN SPIRIT | hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." |
| 2. "Happy are those who _____ | pure in heart, for they will see God." |
| 3. "Happy are the _____ | peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God." |
| 4. "Happy are those who _____ _____ | persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." |
| 5. "Happy are the _____ | poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." |
| 6. "Happy are the _____ _____ | merciful, for they will be shown mercy." |
| 7. "Happy are the _____ | meek, for they will inherit the earth." |
| 8. "Happy are those who are _____ | mourn, for they will be comforted." |



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JULY 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 Baptism "Boone" Guest Speaker, Shirley Hardison 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 30 | 1  6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting | 2 | 3 No Religious Ed Meeting in July | 4  | 5  4:00 PM Memorial Service "Humphrey" |
| 6  BRASS SUNDAY Communion 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 No Deacons Meeting in July | 11  7:00 PM Concert - Abbey Rhode, Performing the Songs and Sounds of The Beatles | 12  9:00 AM UCC CHURCH FAIR & ROAD RACE |
| 13  Baptisms "Joseph" & "Nocon" TENT SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 14 | 15  No Visiting Committee Meeting in July 6:30 PM Finance Committee | 16 | 17  6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting | 18 | 19 |
| 20 "Bike / Build" Overnight in Vestry Guest Preacher, Rev. Jennifer Geary 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 21 | 22 | 23  6:30 PM Trustees | 24 | 25 | 26  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group |
| 27 10:00 AM Guest Preacher, Amy Edwards 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 28 | 29 | 30  6:00 PM Stewardship 'Thank You' Party | 31 | 1 | 2 4:00 PM Wedding "Marsilio" |

AUGUST 2014

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| 27 10:00 AM Guest Preacher, Amy Edwards 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry | 28 | 29 | 30 6:00 PM Stewardship 'Thank You' Party | 31 | 1 | 2  4:00 PM Wedding "Marsilio" |
| 3  BEACH SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship Service | 4 | 5 <i>No Staff Meeting in August</i> | 6 | 7  6:30 PM Search Committee 7:00 PM Religious Ed Meeting | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:00 AM Worship Service | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14  6:00 PM Deacons | 15 | 16 |
| 17  QUARTERLY MEETING 10:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Bruce MacLeod | 18 | 19  FINANCE COMMITTEE <i>No Visiting Committee Meeting in August</i> 6:30 PM Finance Comm. Meeting | 20 | 21  6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Guest Preacher, Rev. Nancy Soukup 10:00 AM Worship Service | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group |
| 31 10:00 AM Worship Service | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |