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Chiming in...

When I was younger, my parents were very strict about teaching me to use good manners. They were reinforced in school and in the community and especially in church. One of the phrases I often remember saying was "You're welcome".

"You are welcome". As a phrase it can mean one of two things. It can be a response when someone shows appreciation by saying "thank you", or it can be a phrase we say when a guest comes into our home. "You are welcome to come in" or just "Welcome". It is a sign of extravagant welcome and an act of greeting that shows how glad you are to see them.

From my very first church setting until now, I have made it a priority to be at the front door of the church whenever possible to "Welcome" everyone into worship. As an interim however it is often a challenge to learn so many new names every few years. Though I have been here for 8 months and have learned many names, there are still many who come through our doors whom I do not know. Some of you are folk whose name escapes me. Some of you are brand new folk trying out our church, and some are coming back from having been away.

I am left with the challenge of wondering what to say. Perhaps this is the challenge of most greeters in churches. It is

especially true when we do not remember the person's name or can't remember if we have seen them before or not. It is also particularly hard when we have such a changing congregation from week to week and season to season.

Last Sunday, I said "Welcome" to a person walking in. I firmly believe our joy in welcoming a person into the church whether a stranger or a long time attendee is very important to how we come across to others. When the person I greeted told me his name, I took a chance and said, "Welcome Back!" He flashed a large grin and went on his way. I had guessed rightly.

I guess it is actually the best thing to say to people walking through our doors. Whether they have been away for one week, for a few weeks, for a season, or even years, they are coming back and they are certainly welcome here!

If you have been away for a season or longer, please come to worship. I will be there whenever possible to welcome you back and if I am not at the door there will be others ready with a smile and a handshake. No matter who you are, or where you are on faith's journey, or how long you have been away, you will always be welcome here!

WELCOME BACK!

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 It Anyway”

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

-this version is credited to Mother Teresa

Bells are ringing...

Baptisms

A warm welcome from our church family to:

Amelia Jean Canard

Daughter of Tyler Poirier and Michael Canard. Baptized on May 11, 2014.

Board of Trustees

Ted Merriman, Chair

The Trustees are forming a Task Force to look at the Parsonage and its future use. The current tenant has notified us that they are planning on moving. No firm date has been set. This becomes an opportunity for the church to reassess the Parsonage.

The Task Force will be charged with assessing the current condition and making recommendations for possible updates and use. All this will be presented to the Trustees and then to the Congregation at a Quarterly Meeting sometime in the Fall

If you are interested in serving on this Task Force, please submit your name to Ted Merriman at Ted.Merriman@cox.com The Trustees will then form a Task Force from the list of names submitted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Buildings & Grounds

Peter Derbyshire, Chair

We are looking for your church keys! No, not the kind that opens cans, but the kind that opens church doors!

We are updating our records concerning where our church keys are. Steve Walker is currently working to stamp and number all keys.

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.

Outreach Committee

Shirley Hardison & Marsha LaPointe, Co-Chairs

THANKS FROM HAITI!



I've just spent a week in Haiti visiting the schools and orphanages that are receiving the eggs that our congregation is providing with your very generous donations that totaled over \$2,000. Here's how it works. We order the eggs from Haiti Broilers, a company that produces a high quality poultry food and raises over 60,000 layers. Every other Friday, Jonas Azolin, one of our long-time translators who now works for the nutrition program, picks up around 13 cases of eggs from Haiti Broilers. Each case contains 360 eggs. He then sets

out to deliver the specified number of cases to Notre Dame Orphanage (Port au Prince), Operation Love the Children (Leogane), the Community School of Bellevue, New Horizons Orphanage (Gressier) and the Community Center of Bezin (Miragoane). Each day someone from the community or the orphanage boils enough eggs so that each child can have an egg. At one of the sites we visited, Miragoane, the children come down the hillside from their homes, often just a tent or a shack made of corrugated metal on sticks or cement blocks, on their way to school. School starts early so the children can be dismissed in time to avoid the hottest part of the day. This means that the children arrive at the site to receive their eggs at around 6:30 – 7:00 in the morning. They line up in their immaculately ironed and starched school uniforms to wash their hands and receive their hard-boiled egg. The children all seem to really enjoy the egg. Then it is off to school. This is repeated at the other sites in a variety of ways. At the New Horizons Orphanage, after the eggs are cooked, the children gather in the center of the orphanage on wooden benches. Again, they hold out their little hands to receive their egg which is eaten with gusto. At this time around 400 children are receiving one egg every day. I can tell you that I can see a difference in the children since I saw them in January. Their little faces are filling out and they seem to have more energy. We weighed and measured the children at the beginning of the program and we will measure

them again this fall to compare the results. Our observations are confirmed by the directors at each site. And everyone is very grateful for this program. It was not uncommon for people from the community that we don't know to find us to tell us how much they appreciate the program. So thank you to everyone who has donated to this program. We are very encouraged about the results. By the time the next newsletter is published, I will be able to tell you about the first community poultry farm that is in the works. That after all is the ultimate goal – to enable the community to feed its own children and to have a profitable business that employs Haitians from the area.

Search Committee

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

The Search Committee has scheduled two "coffee's" for church members and friends to engage in conversation with members of the committee. These meetings are the perfect opportunity to ask questions about the process or any other items related to our work.

The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and Sunday, June 22nd immediately following the Church service in the sanctuary.

Light refreshments will be served.

Summer Fair Sat., July 12th

Each year our church hosts an annual Summer Fair, the largest fundraiser for our church's annual budget and a much anticipated community wide event. 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 * Photo Booth * Ice Cream Sundaes * Children's Game Tent * Rock Climbing Wall * Jazz Music * Jewelry * Silent Auction * Dog Show * Pony Rides.** A Friday night concert is being planned.



Summer Fair Silent

Auction: It's never too early to think of the Fair! 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 now 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.**

Sponsors are needed for the Children's Games.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin boards at coffee hour. Please make checks payable to the church and in the memo, indicate "*Fair-Children's Games Sponsorship*". Thanks for your support!



Pie Baking Contest!

Start thinking about 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 Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer to assist selling baked goods, please contact Marsha LaPointe at mlapointe@eastbaynewspapers.com



Sign-ups for various volunteer opportunities have begun. Check out the display at coffee hour!

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 now available on our website and in the church office for the 34th Annual Summer Road Race! Better start training right now! Cheers!



Sunday School

*Heather Helger,
Director of Children & Youth and Lisa Moy,
RE Committee Member*

Sunday school ended the year with the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den from the Old Testament. The children celebrated their knowledge of the story with a special worship service for the congregation. The children were treated to ice-cream sundaes and a small gift to remember the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den. After a nice summer vacation, Sunday school will begin September 14th with a Rally Day kick-off.



The Relay for Life was a huge success!! Even though the weather didn't cooperate, the spirit was high and fun was had by all. With everyone's support, the Faithful Doves raised \$1,986.00, almost doubling our goal of \$1000. Isabel and Ronan won for themed costume laps: Superhero and Mr. Relay. **A BIG Thank You** to all who supported the Faithful Doves.



Congratulations

to Will Ryan, Róisín Ellis for receiving the Frank L Kubik Memorial Scholarship. Keegan Page received the 1st ever Junior Choir Scholarship.



Thursday Thrift Shop

Donna Stewart

The Thursday Thrift Shop opened Saturday, May 3, 2014. Our goal is to serve the church, the community in a giving spirit, and extending the field of Christian charity in the name of the church. We are very grateful for the generosity of our many workers, consignors and the spirit of cooperation.

Articles Accepted:

Mondays: 1pm - 3pm and Saturdays 10am – 12pm.

Store Hours: Thursday and Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm.

Office News

We are currently in the process of switching over to a new phone system. **Please be aware that on Wednesday, June 11th, the church office phone will be down for a short period of time.** Thank you for your patience.

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.



Did you know?

As of June 1st, there are **only 42 days left** until Fair Day?

On Sunday, June 29th at 2:00 pm, Rev. Michael Frady will be installed as Pastor of North Congregational Church? All are invited to celebrate with Michael. The church is located at 745 Wilson Road, Fall River, MA. There will be a meet and greet at 2:00 pm and service at 3:00 pm followed with light refreshments. RSVP to admin@ncongregationalchurch.com or call 508-679-6835.

You can get sermon copies on CD's ? Call the church office or send an email to dawn@ucc.necoxmail.com to order one.

The month of June's full Moon's name is the **Full Strawberry Moon**. June's Full Strawberry Moon got its name because the Algonquin tribes knew it as a signal to gather ripening fruit.

Roses are the official flower for Father's Day. A red rose is worn in the lapel if your father is living, a white rose if he is deceased.

On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

A Blast From the Past!

Marjorie Simmons, Church Historian

The 1971 Summer Youth Program

The Little Compton Summer Youth Program was held under the joint cooperation of the United Congregational Church and St. Catherine Church. Miss Jean Kelly of St. Catherine's and Mrs. Caroline Wordell from the United Congregational Church organized the program. Movies, trips to Lincoln Park and Seekonk Speedway, a coffee house, a dance, and a chicken barbeque and sports night were held.

Church Chuckles

The high schoolers will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

There will be a rummage sale next Saturday. Ladies, please leave your clothes in the basement.

"Do you think my friend Mary Catherine goes to a different church every week?" Missy asked her mom. "She told me she was a roaming Catholic."

Every Sunday can be "invite a friend to church day." Who will you invite?

Bible Trivia

For each of the strange quotations listed, name the book of the Bible where it is found. (If you're really good, name the chapter and verse). Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

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

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.

Our deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, June 24th.

Father's Day Quotes

"When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry."
~ *William Shakespeare*

"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me."
~ *Jim Valvano*

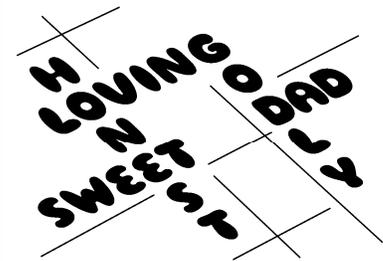
"She got her looks from her father. He's a plastic surgeon."
~ *Groucho Marx*

Coming in Our Next Issue...

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

A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

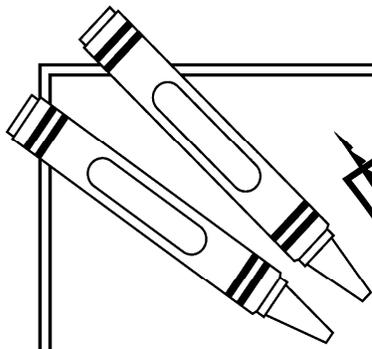


What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



PUZZLE

A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:

“As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him.”

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | |

- God:** “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” C
- Adam:** God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. _____
- Noah:** His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham:** God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. _____
- Isaac:** His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban:** He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob:** Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul:** His son was David's best friend. _____
- David:** He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah:** His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

Answer: compassion



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JULY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry	30	1  PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE 6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting	2	3 <i>No Religious Ed Meeting in July</i>	4 	5  4:00 PM Memorial Service "Humphrey"
6  BRASS SUNDAY Communion 10:00 AM Worship Service	7	8	9	10 <i>No Deacons Meeting in July</i>	11 Concert	12 9:00 AM UCC CHURCH FAIR & ROAD RACE
13  Baptisms "Joseph" & "Nocon" TENT SUNDAY 10:00 AM Worship Service	14	15  FINANCE COMMITTEE 6:30 PM Finance Committee	16	17  PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE 6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting	18	19
20 "Bike / Build" Overnight in Vestry 10:00 AM Worship Service	21	22	23  Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Trustees	24	25	26  MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Group
27 10:00 AM Worship Service	28	29	30	31	1	2

JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>  <p>Communion Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>  <p><i>There will be no Staff Meeting in June</i> 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE 6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Religious Ed</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><i>In Our Prayers</i> 11:00 AM Memorial Service "Barnes" 6:00 PM Rehearsal "Paasche"</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>1:00 PM Wedding "Paasche"</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry 11:30 AM All Fair Committee Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE 7:00 PM Search Committee "Coffee"</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>BOARD OF DEACONS 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>2:00 PM Memorial Service "Whitin"</p>
<p>15</p>  <p>10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Finance Committee 10:00 AM Visiting Committee 11:00 AM Transition Team Meeting 6:30 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
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<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 PM Search Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>No Religious Ed Meeting in July</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:00 PM Memorial Service "Humphrey"</p>