

SUMMER 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Good News

SATURDAY, June 3rd
8:00 PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

NORFOLK COMMUNITY
DAY

Saturday, June 3rd
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, June 18th
“GRADS & DADS”
Presentation of scholarships

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
“EVEREST!”
June 26-30
9:00 AM - Noon



The Pastor's Perspective ...

“You must want to fly so much that you are willing to give up being a caterpillar,” said the grey-haired caterpillar to Yellow when she asked how one becomes a butterfly. (Hope for the Flowers, by Trina Paulus) If you want to fly, you have to give up crawling.

The sentiment of those words sounds familiar, does it not? “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23, NIV) Whoever wishes to follow Jesus Christ must choose the Way that he sets before us, rather than continue on the way that chases after human desires and passions.

Yellow, the forlorn caterpillar was expressing her fear to the grey-haired caterpillar. She knew that she wanted to do something more than crawl, but could not discern what that new life was, and she was reluctant to try something that she did not know.

Putting aside our fears and stepping into the unknown is known as taking the leap of faith. We read and hear the words of Jesus Christ. We understand the power and the promise of answering the call to deny ourselves, but it can still be quite a step to fully commit to following His Way. We know what it is like to be a caterpillar, we know how to crawl. Do we want to fly so much that we are willing to give it up? Is there more than gravity holding us back?

Our church family is the perfect cocoon to prepare us for flight. Here we find the support and the encouragement to allow ourselves to take the step toward transformation. Here we can learn from one another and teach one another about what it means to follow. Here we feel the security of the community as we unfurl our wings and allow the Son to make them strong. Here we can feel the grip of fear loosen as we grow more confident. Here we tentatively try out our new wings, and we lift each other up!

We are entering into the lazy days of summer. We spend time relaxing, refreshing and rejuvenating by the pool, the lake, the ocean, or in our own back yards. I encourage you to spend some time this summer exploring your butterfly dreams. Do you feel a call? Is there something tugging at your heart or your soul? Is there something holding you back? What might that be? What would it take to let it go?



THE FEDERATED CHURCH OF NORFOLK

2017 VBS REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 26 – 30th, 2017

Students Name: _____

Gender: M F Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____

Days Attending if Other Than Full Week (please circle): M T W T F

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Siblings: _____

+ Known Allergies / Medical Concerns: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (When the Parent / Guardian cannot be reached) Please Contact:

Name: _____

Telephone # _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Person(s) Authorized to Pick Up This Child:

(In an effort to provide the best possible experience for your child, please list below any special learning needs he/she might have. This information will be kept confidential.)

Special Needs / Circumstances: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Fee: Priceless, for five fabulous days of faith filled fun. We ask you to enclose what you feel is an appropriate amount for your family. **Amount Enclosed:** \$_____

To maintain the quality of our VBS experience, we will be limiting our capacity to 12 children per group (60 children in total) per day. Return you registration form as soon as possible to ensure your child's spot! Registrations WILL NOT be accepted after Monday, June 19th!!

FAITH FILLED FIELD TRIPS

For the last several years, we have shared in summer worship with our neighbors at the Millis, Church of Christ (142 Exchange Street). We will be worshipping together again this summer. On Sundays, July 9th and 16th, we will travel to Millis to worship in their sanctuary. Then on Sundays, August 13th and 20th, the good folks from Millis will travel to Norfolk and worship in our sanctuary. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to enjoy those Sundays of worship and fellowship with our neighbors.

**On the two Sundays that we host, we ask that folks from our church family would provide the coffee and refreshments for fellowship hour. If you would like to help, please speak to Pastor Scott or one of the deacons.

PLEASE NOTE: Worship will remain at 10:00 AM for the summer months.

FAMILY CONCERT COOKOUTS

Every summer, the Town of Norfolk offers concerts on Town Hill on Thursday evenings. We will once again be setting up tables and chairs, and enjoy the fellowship of our church family and neighbors. We will fire up the grills and sell hamburgers, hotdogs, cheeseburgers, chips and drinks to the concert-goers. Our hope is that the boards and committees of the church, or groups of families will sign up to host a cookout. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Scott, or look for the sign-up board outside of his office.

The concerts begin at 6:30 PM. We will plan to start serving at 6:00 PM. The dates this year are: June 22nd – New City Cowboys (Classic Country), June 29th - Berkshire Valley Boys (Classic Rock, Pop and more), July 6th – Southeastern Mass Community Concert Band, July 13th – The Reminisants (Oldies), July 20th – King Philip High School World Percussion Ensemble & El Caribe Steel Drum Band, July 27th – Franklin School of Performing Arts (Electric Youth), August 3rd – Shand Wood Trio (Jazz Band).

OUR GRADUATES

We offer congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates! We look forward to all of the great adventures on your journeys!

Madison Riley is graduating from Millis High School and headed to Northeastern in the fall to study Behavioral Neuroscience.

Zach Kelley will be graduating from Worcester Academy and will be attending Boston University, School of Theater in the Fall.

Erin Lee Carter is graduating from King Philip Regional High School. Erin will be taking a year off for continued travel. Her first venture was Iceland. She is then going into Travel and Tourism classes.

J Cameron is graduating from Tri -County High School this year. He is a welder, and will be joining the work force!

Lauren Chandler will be graduating from King Philip Regional High School, and will be attending the Paul Business School at the University of New Hampshire in the Fall.

Jake Hall will be graduating on August 20th from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.

Paige Myatt graduated from WPI in May with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. In the fall, she will be pursuing her Master's Degree in International Development and Social Change at Clark University.

Christie Robsham graduated from Bridgewater State University. She is serving as an intern at the Justice Resource Institute, and plans to get her Master's Degree and become a licensed Social Worker.

Coming this Fall ...
SUNDAY EVENING SUPPER AND SERVICE

At our annual meeting, I mentioned a new worship opportunity that I would like to offer in the fall. A number of people have shared that they have conflicts on Sunday mornings, so we will try offering worship on Sunday evenings once a month. These services may also meet an unmet need in our community. We will begin with a potluck supper at 6:00 PM, then move to the sanctuary for worship at 7:00 PM. The evening worship services will also give us an opportunity to explore a variety of faith expressions: drama, dance, film/video, photography, personal stories and more. If you would like to participate in the services, please let me know. After looking at the calendar, it appears that the best time consistently is the third Sunday of the month: October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 16, May, 21, June 18.

Pastor Scott

FOX 25 ZIP TRIP TO NORFOLK!

If you watch morning television while you eat your breakfast or sip your coffee, you may know that Fox 25 does Zip Trips to communities around Massachusetts during the summer months. This year, they are coming to Norfolk on Friday, August 4! I do not know what they will feature, or where they will set up, but I was thinking that we may be able to offer some sort of hospitality. If they set up on Town Hill, the church may figure prominently in their broadcast. I will keep you posted as details become available.

Pastor Scott

STONE SOUP LUNCH
“Thank you!”

I would like to thank everyone for your support and help as we launched the Stone Soup Lunch ministry. The intent of the program is to have our church community share in the responsibility of providing lunch and fellowship to our wider community, and you have done just that! We have had a solid group of people that have brought salad, dessert, and bread, helped prep the soup ingredients, and cleaned the vestry and washed the dishes. We are now on break through the summer months, but will return on October 11. See you then!

Pastor Scott

TROOP 80 – “Thank you!”

As you may know, the Federated Church of Norfolk sponsors Boy Scout Troop 80. The Scouts use our church for their meetings on Sunday evenings. Each fall and spring, they offer spring and fall clean-up days around the church and parsonage properties as an expression of their appreciation.

On Saturday, May 14, the Scouts cleaned up the culvert and bank behind the church, spread compost in the Mission Garden, continued to clean up the corner of the parking lot closest to the preschool play yard, and worked to beat back the weeds and bushes behind the parsonage. In addition, they gave a gift to the church family.

The primary project at their clean-up day was to create a fire circle for the congregation. They dug out the grass and soil, filled the hole with a foot of gravel, and built a fire ring. All of the Scouts and parents worked hard and the fire circle looks great! We look forward to campfires and s'mores!

Thank you, Troop 80!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Crafts depicting the birth of Jesus, baptism of Jesus, and the call of the disciples.

“Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear...” This well-loved hymn was the theme for Celebration Sunday. The children’s classes shared, through word, song, and art creations, a few of the stories of Jesus they have studied during the program year. The youth served as the worship leaders and narrators for the service. A recognition of the Sunday School teachers took place, thanking them for their time and dedication to their different classes. And a special ‘thank-you’ to Nicole Siedel for leading the Christian Education program through this year of transition.

Following the service, we gathered in the vestry for coffee hour. While enjoying refreshments, everyone was invited to peruse the different booths available to share more of the Sunday School program. The FCON Theater offered a slide show that featured activities from the youth and children’s classes this past year. Many of the crafts the children made during the year were showcased in the Art Gallery.

Many thanks to the children, youth, and teachers who made Celebration Sunday such a wonderful and memorable day.

Vacation Bible School: “Everest!”

This year, the VBS adventure crew will be scaling Everest. Who or what will they discover along the way? Will they encounter any strange or wild creatures? The children will explore the Word of God through Bible stories, music, crafts and games.

Vacation Bible School will run June 26-30, from 9:00 AM – noon each day. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with pastor Renee or Nicole Siedel. If you can help all five days, or just a day or two, we appreciate your participation. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the children and it is fun!

PYF: It is hard to believe that we are wrapping up the program year, but there are still a few activities on the calendar.

June 11, Noon -4:00 PM: Trip to Purgatory Chasm. We will pack a picnic lunch and walk the trails through this fascinating natural geological formation.

Vacation Bible School, June 26-30: We are looking for PYF volunteers to help the younger children with games, crafts, snack and Bible story. Please let Pastor Scott or Pastor Renee know if you can help out.

June 30, Pool Party! As a reward for all your hard work, we will head over to Linda and Rob Melanson’s house for a pool party!

July 20, Concert Cookout, 6:00 PM: The King Philip Percussion & Steel Drum band will be playing on Town Hill. We will staff the cookout on the parsonage lawn.

Adult Book Study: We have begun our book discussion group, but it is not too late to join. Small Victories, by Anne Lamott is a short book with manageable chapters; her writing style is very approachable. The group reads a chapter per week, then discussion topics or reflections are posted on Facebook (closed group), as well as sent by email to participants. Pastor Scott has extra copies of the book available if you would like to join the discussion.

MISSIONS

Mission Garden Update – Help us provide food for others.

We will continually need assistance in the Church garden throughout the summer. Please sign up to for a week to weed, harvest and dropping off the produce on Saturday morning at the Food Pantry later on in the summer. Two visits each week are usually sufficient to cover the garden's needs, a few more during times of heavy harvest. Do not hesitate if you have not gardened before, assistance and direction will be provided including weekly email updates. Look for the GARDEN SIGN-UP SHEET at Coffee Hour throughout the summer.

Soup Kitchen: Our Next Soup Kitchen is June 17th – We again need help serving the hungry and the less fortunate in the Attleboro area. Another summer Soup Kitchen is August 19 – we will need deserts and servers – sandwiches will be ordered for this date.

Look for the sign-up sheets will be on the Mission table.

Soup Kitchens continue in the fall with October 21, and December 16. Look for sign-up sheets in the vestry during those months. All help from cooking to serving is greatly appreciated. Soup Kitchen is great for those students needing community service hours – earn hours and make a difference!

Norfolk Food Pantry – Canned Protein Focus – needed items for the Food pantry are all types of canned protein from black beans to tuna fish! Please consider dropping off donations (right inside the door to the office).

Keep the COUPONS coming! Boxes are in the vestry and your donation of cut coupons go to support our troops overseas.

Haven of Grace Update – Haven has received a partial tax reprieve for this year and next year. Due to the overwhelming burden of keeping their facility open past 2018, they are looking at smaller houses and their current plan is to decentralize starting in

2018 while still trying to provide for the needy, homeless in the Woonsocket area at varying locations yet to be determined.

Have an idea for a Mission Project? TELL US!
Wonder what else we have planned? ASK US about our projects.

The Mission Team is: Liz Davey (garden guru), Greg Davey, Sue Kinnear, Holly Randall, Linda Wakefield, Beth Taylor, and Emily Woodward with recent emeritus member: Barbara Murphy, and steadfast couponer, Emily Ellen.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Stand by for updates for this year's Holly Fair. This year's date will be November 18th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. If you would like to rent a table, it is never too soon. Prices this year: before September 1, are \$40 for a six-foot table; after September 1, \$45. Eight-foot tables are also available at \$50 before September 1, after September 1 they are \$55. Card table September 1 \$20. After September 1 \$25.

Have a great summer and see you all in September.

Lorna McLacklan-Carter
President of Women's Fellowship

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays

1 Marge McCarter
 1 Katie Murray
 2 Harry Schreffler
 3 Jim Lehan
 5 Emily (Holt) Saritelli
 9 Martha Sanford
 13 Kayley Robsham
 14 Jackie Kuphal
 16 Nicole Turinese
 20 Justin Melanson
 21 Danielle Carr
 22 Leslie Evans
 23 Karen Nardone-Lemons
 23 Tyler Huth
 25 Scott Cousineau
 26 Jon Davies

July Birthdays

1 Shirley Wood
 1 Kathleen Ellen
 2 Kenneth Carter, Jr.
 7 Emily Zervos
 10 Joan Harlow
 15 Linda O'Neill
 16 Donna Bowden
 17 Jeffrey O'Neill
 17 Paul Guertin
 19 Jim Davey
 19 Kim Lopes
 23 Jake Chandler
 25 Tirhake Bekele
 25 Marge Stacey
 26 Hayden Turner
 29 Barbara Evans
 30 Billy Carr

August Birthdays

1 Susan Kuphal
 2 Sabrina Newman
 4 Carol Greene
 4 Rebecca Cameron
 8 Lauren Chandler
 11 Dennis McCusker
 12 Andrew Guertin
 13 Donna Jones
 15 Jack Riley
 17 Kevin Riley
 18 Wendy Evans
 18 Carol Hansell
 22 Paul Harlow
 23 Peg Baker
 25 Buddy Bowden
 28 Mason Sanford
 29 Edna Richardson
 29 Faith Turinese
 31 Madison Riley

June Anniversaries

1 Scott Cousineau and Renee Kaufman
 12 Amy Lehan and Terry Allen
 25 Richard and Sarah Holt
 28 Tom and Linda Huth

July Anniversaries

8 Norm and Sally Eykel

August Anniversaries

1 Donna and Buddy Bowden
 17 Jon and Chris Davies