



Bartlett Church News

Bartlett Union Congregational Church, UCC

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A Note from Our Pastor Susan "Andy" Jepson

Dear Friends.

Summer is upon us, and it's cold and rainy out. Seems like we're being cheated, but at least we won't be complaining about the heat.

It's felt like a slow spring. We've never picked up the momentum that we need to carry us into and through the summer and the least active time of the church year. Easter, holidays, school and family vacations - they take their toll on regular schedules of things that need to be done, but the work and planning are willing to wait for us to tackle it

We had a meeting of just a few of us after church today (I'm writing this during the evening of Sunday, June 14th) and we talked about a lot about building maintenance and renovation. We're in a situation where we must move ahead on our accessibility project or take the very real risk that the work to be done will become overwhelming.

We agreed that it's too easy to burn people out when there's a lot to be done, and we and you all know it. Yet few of us take any pleasure or satisfaction in belonging to a group of any kind that doesn't ask that we participate and provide needed time, talent and energy.

We seek a happy - and holy - medium!

Part of our mission is to ourselves, to discover and cherish the gifts we have and to use them for God's work in our own faith family and community. So we're looking at what needs to be done as a series of tasks that have reasonable expectations of time and effort and offer the reward of getting done and feeling success. After all, even God knew how to assess progress (and God saw that it was very good!) and then take Sunday off!

In the meantime, we'll work on the meeting schedule and make use of different Sundays for different meetings rather than try to get them all done on one Sunday. Too many of us wear too many hats to get to all our meetings on the same day.

Think about how you want to be involved. Our needs and jobs come in small, medium and large. Some are one-shot deals, and some are regular for part or all of the year. All kinds of abilities can be used - in fact, knowing what we have available of skills and experience will help us to make good workable plans. Just as we look a year ahead based on financial needs and pledges, so we can do the same with skills, experience and interest.

We'll begin asking some questions soon:

How can each person contribute to the ongoing work and wellbeing of the church?

What kinds of skills can each member bring to special projects?

What we can count on each member to offer to the financial needs of the church?

That's a good start. As our Search Committee progresses in its work, the rest of us need to be progressing in our work of being ready for real partnership with a new pastor in doing God's work.

Love, Andy

Happy Birthday

July 10	Charles Anderson
July 18	Natalie Worrey
July 23	Bert George
July 31	Paul Coffield
Aug. 16	Bob Burcaw
Aug. 28	Alan Worrey

Happy Anniversary

July 17	Ernie & Beri Hiscox
July 23	John & Sylvia Shaw
Aug. 30	Jim & Donna Iovino

Lectionary readings for the Sundays in the church year are assigned in a 3 year-cycle, with each year featuring a different Gospel during the season of Pentecost. Clearly, that leaves one out. So the cycle has one of the Synoptic Gospels each year - that's Matthew, Mark and Luke - and then has passages from John also scheduled, as you will see below. This year's Gospel is Mark, and I will preach from the Gospel passage assigned for each Sunday - unless some event or topic is more important at a particular time.

Sunday Gospel Readings

July 5	Mark 6:1-13
July 12	Mark 6:14-29
July 19	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 26	John 6:1-21
August 2	John 6:24-35
August 9	John 6:35, 41-51
August 16	John 6:51-58

Welcome Back Pastor John and Sylvia Shaw

We welcome back Pastor John and Sylvia Shaw to our church for a couple of Sundays. It is so great to have you back with us!

Music Department

Ellen Hayes, Organist and Choir

The choir will have its last Friday rehearsal on June 19th and will practice before each service on Sunday during the summer months. Practice will resume in September once everyone is back on a regular schedule. The choir is ending with a pot luck supper at the church.

Ellen hopes to take a couple of Sundays off during the summer and Beri Hiscox will play for the worship service while Ellen is away.

50's Pot Luck Dinner Evening

The Church Mice will be holding a special **50's Pot Luck Supper and Music** on Saturday, **July 25th** so put this on your Calendar and plan to attend. We are not having the street dance; however, you can still wear those poodle skirts and dungarees as it is the 50's theme. We can roll up the tables for some dancing.



The Youth Choir has an Outing Mini Golf

The Youth Choir had an outing recently on May 31st and they played Mini Golf.



Left to Right:

Judi Coffield, Crissy Coffield,
Kaylee Brown-Hiscox
Robyn Coffield, Allie Wanek
Stacy Brown and Ernie Hiscox
Not pictured were Ellen Hayes and
Beri Hiscox

Bartlett School News

Miss Molly Goodwin recently received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award for 2009 at the Bartlett Middle School Graduation. To receive this honor a student must excel in the following categories: **Honor, Service, Courage, Leadership and Patriotism.**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 28 **Board of Trustees Meeting**
July 12 **Prudential Meeting**

The Certificate and medal was awarded by Judith Botsford, Past Regent of Anna Stickney Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bible Study News

Beri Hiscox

Last month we had a ten question Quiz. How did you do on the answers? Well, here are the answers, so see how well you scored.

- (1) Lord Jesus Christ - John 1:1
- (2) Elijah - Kings 17:6
- (3) Jesus & Peter - Matthew 14: 26-29
- (4) John the Baptist - Luke 1:36
- (5) David - 1 Samuel 17:49
- (6) Apostle Paul - Acts 28:3-5
- (7) Queen Esther - Book of Esther
- (8) Peter - Matthew 8:14-15
- (9) The Apostles, James & John
Mark 3:17
- (10) Sampson - Judges 14:5-6

A Note from your Editor

Judith Botsford

Summer is here so let's enjoy it to it's fullest.



The farmers used to say Summer is 4th of July, then winter is right behind. Let's hope that isn't true this year!

This issue of the newsletter is for the Summer, incorporating July

and August. The deadline for the September issue will be August 23rd so that I can get it all together before the next Good Sam Samboree. Please send me photos and stories of your summer experiences to share with everyone.

My e-mail: jebots@roadrunner.com so keep in touch!

Strawberry Shortcake Booth

Independence Day, Saturday, July 4th, is fast approaching and the Bartlett Church will be again working a strawberry shortcake booth in the park following the parade.

We need volunteers to go strawberry picking on Friday the 3rd and then a few more to prepare the strawberries at the church following. The shortcake is made with Ben Howard's home-make biscuits and whipped cream. "Yum Yum!" If you can help out, please call Greta George at 374-2328. The more workers the faster the job gets completed.

Concerts in the Park

August is "Concert in the Park" month. Please put the dates of August 5th, 12th, 18th and 26th on your calendar to come and enjoy the music of local talent in the Bartlett Town Park.

The Church Food Booth will be manned this summer by the Bartlett Sunday School and Youth Group students and they will be selling tasty desserts and beverages. They would welcome any dessert donations if you would like to bake for them. For more information, please telephone Mary Miller at 374-2523.

The Concerts are a great chance to enjoy some fine music as well as fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy!

Sunday School Class On the front steps of Church



Lt to Rt: Kaylee Brown-Hiscox,
Allie Wanek and Carter Miller
Judi Coffield, Crissy Coffield, and
Kyler Phillips

Confirmation Class A beautiful Sunny Sunday



Circle Lt to Rt: Pastor Susan "Andy" Jepson
Zack, Bryce Phillips Brian Wanek
Chrissy Coffield and Gigi Miller

Note of Thanks

Diane Anderson

Charlie and I want to thank our Church Family for all the support we received after my fall. The visits, meals, cards and genuine caring meant so much to us. We feel very lucky to be part of this Church family! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

Congratulations, Brian!

Congratulations go out to **Brian Wanek**. At the Bartlett 8th grade Graduation Brian was awarded the **George Mulvey Award** and the **Highest Academic Award**.

Congratulations, GiGi!

Congratulations go out to **Gigi Miller** as she was awarded the **Glenn David Hayes Award** which is given for sportsmanship, scholarship and school spirit. This award is given to an outstanding 7th grade student at Bartlett Middle School.

We have smart students among our Church family!

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~~~ Reminders ~~~

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Meeting**

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Shortcake Booth at the Park**

July 12 Prudential Meeting

**July 25 50's Pot Luck
Supper and Music**

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Wednesday evenings on August
5th 12th 18th & 26th**

**Bring your chairs and enjoy
The music**