
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

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Friends in Christ,

As I write this, our church yard is buzzing with activity as more than a dozen members of our congregation work together with our Trustees to beautify our grounds. They are getting a lot accomplished out there working as a team. There is also a lot laughter... and donuts! It is a good day! If you could not make it today, you can still come tomorrow. The Trustees and other hard working volunteers will be here from 8am to 2pm.

This Sunday our scripture takes us to the country of the Gerasenes, where Jesus meets man who has lived on the fringes of society all of his life. A profound transformation takes place in the man as a result of his encounter with Christ that leaves him whole and able to take his rightful place in the community. If ever there was a lost cause, it was this man. But Jesus sees the child of God within and releases him. The Reverend Joanne Myer will preach the Word.

Next Saturday, June 29, we will have an Orientation and Teambuilding Retreat for ALL board members. If you are a member of Council or one of the Boards (Deacons, Trustees, Finance, Christian Education, Music, Missions or Finance) please plan to attend the retreat next Saturday from 9am to noon. We will have fun, get to know each other a little better, clarify roles and responsibilities, and come away with a renewed sense of direction and purpose. Our whole church (and community) will reap the benefits of this small investment of time throughout the year to come.

I hope to have a retreat for members of our many committees later this summer.

Finally, we will commission our Interim Associate Pastor and all of our board members on Sunday, June 30.

It promises to be a glorious program year!

With you on the journey,

Meg

Reminders....

There is space available on the **Flower Chart** for anyone wishing to have flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday morning. Consider sharing flowers from your garden. Please sign up on the chart located in the Narthex.

Summer Sunday School is in need of teachers and assistants. It is one class for ages 3 years-5th grade. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the Library. Curriculum will be provided.

Jars Needed by Women's Fellowship for a craft project they are working on. Any size from baby food to pickle, tomato sauce or mason jars (old or used are great - not for food) are needed. Lids are needed, also but we can do some crafts without lids. Donations will be gratefully accepted until July 22.

Women's Fellowship Retreat: If you have not signed up yet there is still time to do so on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. A deposit of \$56.50 is required. Please make your check payable to Women's Fellowship and mail to Millie Oliphant , 30 Crestridge Dr. Vernon , CT 06066 .