

Congregational Church of Hooksett

June 2023 Newsletter



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Kerry's Corner:

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that June 5th will mark one year that I have been with you. I am thinking of cake and ice cream, but that's just me!!

I believe that we have come a long way since that first Sunday in June, and as I said that day it will not be easy. It has taken the hard work of everyone, I know some of it has been unpleasant, annoying, confusing, but I would like to think that some of the work has been fun, unexpected (but still fun or at the very least different!).

With that being said, we still have work to do. I know that most of us get in a kind of "summer coasting" mode and that's ok. What I would like to see however is that when we return in September, oh a song just broke..."see you in September..." anyway, when we return I am hoping that you will have some ideas that you would like to try out, nothing has to be forever, we try it, we like it or we don't.

I have been kicking around the idea of some things in my head, what if we offered a "senior lunch" open to the community perhaps one Thursday a month?? Perhaps creating a senior "center" at Church?? Just a couple of ideas, let your creative juices flow, there is no such thing as a bad idea, it just might be a timing thing.

I would like to thank the Rev. Dr. Jim Howard for filling in for me on Pentecost Sunday, allowing me a day off!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Kerry

Jan Bordeleau,
Accompanist

Lectionary Readings for June

June 4

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 11

Proper 5

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Hosea 5:15-6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Proper 6

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8,
(9-23)

From the Diaconate:

Genesis 9:13

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Greetings from the Diaconate,

It is heartwarming to see so many folks attending church in person again and it's exciting to welcome new people to our worship service. If you're a member, who has lost your name tag, or just visiting and checking us out, we'd love to make up a name tag for you too. You can see Pastor Kerry and he'll make sure you get one.

Speaking of Pastor Kerry. We celebrate his one-year ministry with us on June 5, 2023. We thank him for a year that clearly shows how much he cares about this congregation through his sermons, caring heart, fellowship, and outreach to folks in need. When you see him, thank him for his ministry with us and let him know how much you appreciate him.

We congratulate the graduating Class of 2023. Well done!

ALTAR FLOWERS:

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you'd like to order fresh flowers for the altar on a particular Sunday in honor or remembrance of someone or an event you'd like to acknowledge. If you choose, you can also bring your own plant or fresh flowers. Pastor Kerry will contact you on Monday with the cost and/or what you'd like printed in the bulletin.

Did you attend our Lenten Studies? We've heard from people who enjoyed them and are missing them now that they're done. Pastor Kerry would like to know if there are any folks interested in a Bible Study. If you are, we'd like to hear from you.

- Summer or Fall
- Morning or Evening
- Day of the Week

Please contact Pastor Kerry or a member of the diaconate and let us know.

As we begin this time of winding down for the summer, we are looking into gathering information for a new pictorial directory and hope we will have a plan, in a few months, to make that happen.

We thank each one of you for volunteering your time to help and support us in our ministry, to support the pastor, as worship leaders, ushers, bakers, coffee pourers and sometimes just lending a hand. As you begin to travel this summer, we ask that God be with you and bring you back refreshed and safe with more stories to share.

June 25

Proper 7

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

Peace and Blessings,

The Deacons

Bill Andrade

Bonnie Boucher

Andrea Brown

Walker Brown

Kim Fischer

Joan Cote

Kathleen Dube

Mary Ellen Kresel

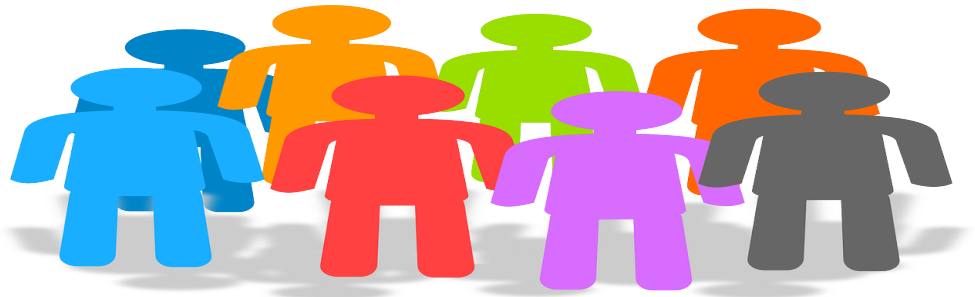
Nancy Vaughan

Paula Vaughn

From The Hooksett Community Kitchen:

Last month's meal sponsored by the Hooksett Area Rotary Club was well attended with 80 guests and 21 volunteers. This has been our highest attended meal since we resumed HCK meals after Covid. June's menu will feature Chef's Salad, Fruit Salad, Bread, Assorted Cakes and Pies, and Beverages.

Let's make June's meal the biggest event yet - so please invite friends and neighbors to join us on Monday, June 19th from 5-6 pm.



From the Trustees:

It's almost summer!!! I'm not sure about all of you, but I can't wait!!! Hopefully, all the pollen will disappear, and the sun will appear! Get out and enjoy it.....

The Trustees continue to be busy. We just held a Trifle Sunday. We had 8 delicious trifles...from chocolate, to lemon, to peanut butter, to strawberry. We raised \$137 towards the new locks and keys. Thank you to everyone that made trifles and to everyone that donated.

FLEA MARKET: June 3rd, 9am-1pm. You can still rent a table until 6/2....\$20 for a space. If you don't want to rent a space, you can donate things for the church's table, volunteer to work at the church's table or one of the other tables, or just come and shop and eat! Please pray for sunny weather!

LOCKS & KEYS: We are replacing all the locks and keys at the church, inside and out. We will be assigning new keys to all committee members.



This will change the fact that half of Hooksett (and many other states) presently have keys.

KITCHEN/DR USE: We have written a Kitchen/DR Use Agreement. It will be presented to all outside groups using our kitchen and/or dining room. Thank you, Kathy Willis, for working so hard on this project.

HANDRAILS: We voted to install handrails on both sides of the center staircase at the front of the church. This will allow more of our members to feel comfortable while helping with worship.

CLEAN-UP DAY: Thank you everyone that came to help! We got a lot done, inside and out! There is still a lot of weeding to be done, so you're welcome to stop by anytime and pull a few weeds! They are never-ending....

ORGAN: We voted to have a cleaning and inspection performed on the organ. We were told by the organist that there were a few issues with it. Keep your fingers crossed!

COMCAST: We voted to change our service with Comcast. We got rid of the television service, so we now only have telephone and internet service. Our bill is now a lot lower!

VESTRY FURNITURE: If you have to move the Vestry furniture for any reason, please do not slide it. Pick it up, please! We have noticed numerous pulls in the carpeting. We are looking into putting slides on the feet of the furniture.

LIGHTING: We are investigating putting new lighting all around the building at every doorway. Some of the lights will stay on all night and others will activate when we come and go from evening meetings/activities. This will provide a lot more security for the church and protection for us when we come and go.

C'ya next month!
Sally Gehris, Chairman of Trustees

From The Community Outreach Committee:

As mentioned previously, our committee (formerly known as Missions Committee) continues to work on ways to reach out and assist people in need in our community. This community consists of our church, town, state, nation, and world.

The food collection for May was tuna. June's food of the month is pancake mix. This goes directly to the Hooksett Food Pantry. Donations can be brought to the church.



**June's Hooksett Food
Bank Collection is
Pancake Mix**

The sock drive was a huge success! 242 pairs of socks were collected. Thank you to John and Paula Vaughn for their hard work in organizing this great campaign!

Since the beginning of May, our church has raised \$426.00 for the blanket drive. This is yet another way that we are spreading our Christian charity to others. That money will buy about 42 blankets.

April's "5th Sunday" collection had a wonderful response! The purpose of this collection is to have funds available to help the Outreach Committee be prepared in the event that someone needs help from our church.

2 prayer shawls were handed out by Pastor Kerry this month. We thank our knitters for their faithful efforts!

We cannot thank this congregation enough for their continued generosity!

John 3:17

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?"

Faithfully submitted,

Bonnie Boucher, Kathleen Dube, Kristin Hamilton, and Kathleen Murphy

From The Music Committee:

Happy June!

We are very grateful to Donna Marshall for acting as our choir director for the past few months and we are happy to welcome Kathy Cruson who has graciously agreed to direct the choir to the end of this choir season. While the choir takes a break for the summer months, the music program will carry on. We have some things planned for summer music but we always welcome participation!! It was so great to hear Kristen and Reid playing the bells!! Do you play an instrument? Would you like to share your musical talent with us this summer? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please see a member of the music committee or speak with Jan Bordeleau, our talented organist/accompanist. Please join us on June 18th as we celebrate our music program with Music Appreciation Sunday!! Our congregation is very fortunate to have such a wonderful music program to enhance our worship!

Here are the hymns that were chosen for June. We love requests! Let us know what you would like to sing!

June 4

- 3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
- 461 In Remembrance
- 648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 446 We've a Story to Tell to the Nation
- 764 The Trees of the Field



June 11

415 We are Called to be God's People
 664 Take My Life and Lead Me Lord
 598 Wherever He Leads I'll Go

June 18 Music Appreciation Sunday / Father's Day

143 This is My Father's World
 639 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
 404 Faith of our Fathers

June 25

665 Oh Master Let me Walk with Thee
 670 Make Me a Blessing
 624 His Eye is on the Sparrow

From the Prayer Team:

Let us pray for those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice, those fathers whose love and attention have been light in their children's lives.

Let us pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us pray for those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us pray for those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us pray for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us pray for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us pray for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us pray for those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us pray for those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.



And let us pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- *Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD*

Please feel welcome at our prayer group meetings on the fourth Sunday of every month at 11:30 after service and fellowship. This is a casual and safe place to raise prayers or just be a part of praying for others. Prayer changes things!

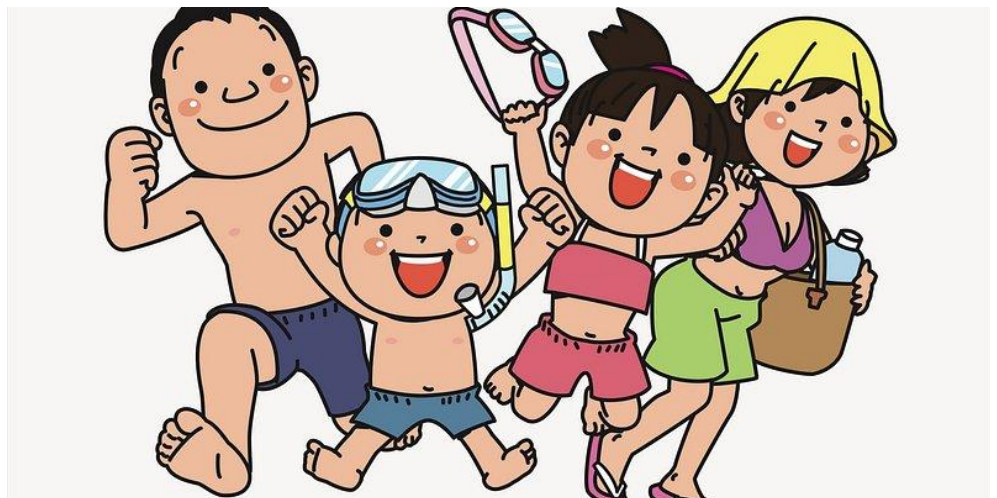
From the Christian Education Team:

Hello Church Family,

The CE committee had a combination of 7 different kids during the month of May for Sunday School. Over that time we worked together to put together puzzles, created our own sheep art and planted flowers for our mothers. As the summer vacation begins from school we will be taking a break from Sunday School as well. Our last Sunday together will be June 18th. We are very happy with the continued growth of children in our church community. If you have any interest in helping to teach or have an idea for the kids please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of CE. Our crew of teachers and kids hope to wrap up our time making a difference for our congregation.

Blessings,

Jeff Hamilton, Kristen Hamilton and Lynn Baker



Other News:

Hooksett Old Home Day

Before you know it Hooksett Old Home Day will be here! On Saturday, September 16th our church will have a booth where we can chat with the community and show how awesome our church family is! If you would like to be a part of the planning team or you would like to help out at the booth please let me know.

Blessings,
Kristen Hamilton



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