



Brookline Community Church

NEWSLETTER



October 2011

Message from the Minister

**“Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.”**

Romans 12:21

While we have experienced the cooler temperatures in the mornings over the past weeks, we would all agree that summer is over. As I was having breakfast with two accountability partners recently, two of us were sharing how much we desire summer to continue because it is our favorite season, while my other friend was saying how much she loves the fall season and is looking forward to it.

I share this with you to illustrate how three friends getting together to share the joys and sorrows of our summer with food and prayer all have different feelings about the seasons. Just like the interim time we are in, we all have different feelings about this season in our church's life.

Some of you see this time as an opportunity to try new things as you move forward. Some believe you can move forward by keeping everything the same. You are all right. The value of an interim time is found in how we all learn, or relearn, how to work together for the same purpose. We will be learning how to depend upon and trust God first while being interdependent of one another as we serve God together.

During our interim time together we will walk through the 5 developmental stages of an intentional interim. We will also come to know how much God loves His greatest creation. Each of us was created in His image. As God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness” (Genesis 1:26). God has a plan for each of us, a plan for good and not evil. The challenge is our willingness to learn what the plan is and then to be available to God to be used so the plan is fulfilled.

**“If You can use anything Lord,
You can use me.”**

Our interim time together is an opportunity to learn about God's plan and become available to God for His use. So, as we continue to move through the interim time let's learn more about loving, forgiving, and giving as God's way.

Stewardship month began October 1st. Even in this economy, God is active using His church to bring the world to the saving knowledge of the Good News. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior, desires a relationship with each of us, and we need to share that with all peoples. As you pray to determine what you will be giving for next year, remember what God has done for you through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Tithing is purposing in your heart how much you will give financially to participate in the work of God here at the Brookline Community Church. You make the decision with God if it will be 10%, 5%, 2% of your wages and then honor it. An **Offering** is above the Tithe, giving your resources to participate in the spreading of the Good News. An **Alms** is using your God-given talents to come along side one another or even a stranger in revealing the love of Jesus. We will continue to learn more about these three forms of giving.

The Lord has great plans for the Church of Brookline in revealing the authentic love of Christ to each of us and to the community and the world at large through us. There is excitement in the air as we sing “If You can use anything Lord, You can use me.” So, how do you plan on being involved in God's work here in Brookline, passively or intentionally?

“If You can use anything Lord, You can use me.”
May you have many blessing to your day, as Jesus reveals His love for you.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Renee

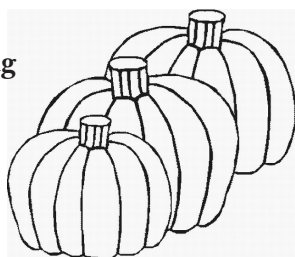
Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 16 Deacons Meeting**
8:30 a.m.
Worship Service
10:00 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 23 Finance Meeting, 2012 Budget Planning**
8:30 a.m.
Worship Service
10:00 a.m.
Music Sunday/Bell Choir practice
11:15 a.m.
Trustees Meeting
11:15 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 30 Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Christian Ed. Meeting**
8:30 a.m.
Communion Service
10:00 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 8 Trustees Meeting**
7:00 p.m.
- 13 Cabinet Meeting**
8:30 a.m.
Worship Service, Heifer Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Calendar of Events continued

NOVEMBER continued

- 20 Deacons Meeting**
8:30 a.m.
Worship Service
10:00 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service**
7:30 p.m.
- 24 Thanksgiving Day**
- 26 Deacons to decorate sanctuary**
- 27 Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
Music Sunday/Bell Choir practice
11:15 a.m.
Trustees Meeting
11:15 a.m.
Jam Session
11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.



Transition Team

Our Transition Team is in need of one youth member and a person who knows the church history very well. When we have those two members we will start the process. Our Transition team is a subcommittee of the Pastoral Search committee. What that means is one member of the Search committee is on the Transition Team. The Search committee will be faithful to what they were called to do, which is to bring forward a candidate as a settled Pastor. The Transition Team will work with Pastor Renee to include the congregation in walking through the five developmental tasks that will assist the Search committee in completing their bringing forward a candidate.

The five developmental tasks are:

1. Coming to terms with our church history.
2. Developing a new identity.
3. Evaluating our government structure and making changes as needed, as well as evaluating the need for person changes in positions where needed.
4. Re-establishing and maintaining a relationship with the denomination(s) we are affiliated with.
5. Preparing for the change of a new settled Pastor.

So stayed tuned, your participation will be appreciated, valued and needed.

Board of Deacons

Organist Needed

The Deacons are looking for someone to play the organ and piano during Sunday services. If you or someone you know is willing to do this please let one of the deacons know.

New! Just for Kids ...

The deacons have brand new clipboards and pencil boxes filled with crayons and colored pencils now available for children to use during services if they are looking for a way to stay occupied. These supplies, along with plain paper and coloring pages, can be found next to the table across from the doors into the sanctuary. Please encourage your children to use these supplies for drawing rather than the offering envelopes that are placed in the pews.

Also ...

Please sign up to assist with services!

Stewardship

Our Pledge Drive for 2012 has begun! Please look for your Stewardship Booklet in the blue box in Fellowship Hall or in the mail this coming week. Please fill out and return the form in the back of the booklet by November 1st. Thank you for all you have done this year and for all you will do in the coming year!

Top Ten Ways to Involve Children in Stewardship:

1. Eat leftovers.
2. Wipe your feet.
3. Ride a bike or walk for short errands and exercise.
4. Treat possessions as valuables.
5. Use e-mail rather than long distance.
6. Share clothes with a sibling or parent.
7. Harvest what you plant, share what you harvest.
8. Shut off lights and appliances not in use.
9. Consolidate car trips; read a book while you wait.
10. Recycle everything from cans to clothes.

Newsletter Submissions

The next newsletter will be available on Sunday, December 4th. Please submit any articles to Carol at ccherian@charter.net by November 30th. Thank you.

Board of Christian Education

Children's Corner



Calling all children...

We had a great turnout on Rally day, but our fun has just begun!

Each Sunday we will have some more fun with stories, crafts, games and we may even learn something.

Come join us ... we would love to see you.

Teaching Sunday School

Our hope is that our interest in the love of our Lord will be shared with our children. To do this we need our congregation to help with our Sunday School.

Our Sunday School Superintendent will provide all the materials required. Teachers will bring with them their love of Jesus Christ and teach with the help of the Holy Spirit. May you pray and find direction into our Sunday School.

If you would like more information, please contact Sheryl Ellis at:

ellisjs1@charter.net or call 603-595-0541



Handbell Choir

Our children from Pre-k to 6th grade are welcome to join the bell choir. All interested children will meet each Music Sunday at 11:15. The children will play on various Sundays and special occasions. If interested please stop by on the 2nd floor classroom.

Music Sundays are:

September 25th

October 23rd

November 13th

November 20th

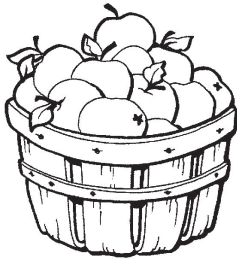
December 11th

January 22nd

Youth Group



Fifteen members of the Youth Group went Apple Picking at Washburn's Windy Hill Farm on Saturday, October 8th, and nine members spent the following Sunday afternoon preparing and baking 4 apple pies and 6 apple crisps. One of the crisps was enjoyed by the youth themselves, then they delivered all the other baked goods to community members. A wonderful time was had by all and the apple treats were much appreciated by the recipients!



The Youth Group meets every Sunday evening at the church from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

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Thank You from Reverend Smith

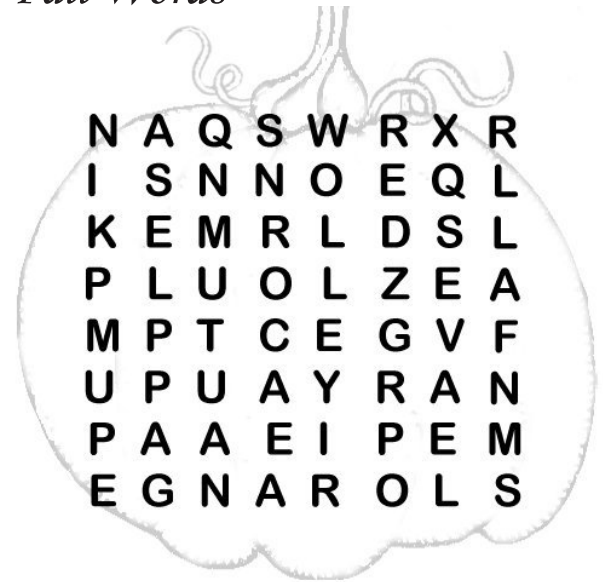
Both Sally and I appreciate the use of the parsonage for the time we were waiting for our new home to be finished in Farmington, Maine. When we first started this project we thought the house would be built in Canada and then it would be moved to Maine and we would move in. Not the case. The land where it was to go needed a lot of fill, then the foundation, then the house and then a legion of people to finish this, that, and everything else. All of the people involved have been very careful to do a good job and that is good but it takes time. During this time you kindly let us stay on...and all we can say is a very big **THANK YOU!**

For all you are and for all that you have done—Thank You.

Sincerely,

David and Sally Smith

Fall Words



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APPLES
AUTUMN
FALL
LEAVES

ORANGE
PIE
PUMPKIN
RED
YELLOW

