



Brookline Community Church

NEWSLETTER



September 2011

Message from the Minister

The month of August has ended; students have started school; we are beginning to feel the change from summer to fall. I have felt welcomed as we have begun our ministry life together. I am excited about getting to know each of you and completing the work of interim ministry with you. Transitions are part of life and bring wanted as well as unwanted change into our lives.

The Israelites, as they crossed the Red Sea, probably had the same feelings some of you may feel right now as I have arrived. There was excitement, relief, grief, caution, questions, and fear of the unknown for the Israelites when they came to the reality that life as they knew it had ended. Yet, they also experienced a great deal of apprehension with concern of what it meant to start again with an opportunity to actually have a say in preparing for the future life ahead of them.

The Israelites struggled with the reality of trying to do things the way they always had and found themselves frustrated with the reminder from Moses that God had a plan and getting to the Promised Land was a sure thing. Yet, everyone experienced the time they spent in the unknown territory differently.

As we progress through this transition each of you will have different emotions toward the process. It is important that we come together in a safe space to express our thoughts and feelings about the past and the future. This is critical to moving ahead as a church and making sure no one is left behind.

I will be meeting with the Pastoral Search Committee soon and hope we will begin congregational forums where each one of you will have the opportunity to express yourself. The use of forums will decrease the grumbling all of us are capable of doing when walking through the unknown and instead will encourage the development of empowerment of each other and the trusting in God's plan.

As we move ahead, some activities you all should be excited about: Rally day, September 18th and the return of church services beginning at 10 a.m. ; also

on September 18th, for anyone interested in singing, playing an instrument during worship, or participating in sacred dance, we will be having a jam session after church, all are welcome. September 24th there will be a Communion class for all ages at 4 p.m. at the church. Soon we will also begin our Stewardship campaign together.

Know that God is our guide through His Holy Spirit as we learn together, love one another and serve together.

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6) NASB

Loving Jesus,
Pastor Renee

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

4 Communion Service
9:00 a.m.

11 Worship Service at Lake Potanipo
9:00 a.m.

18 Worship Service, Sunday School Rally Day
10:00 a.m.

Jam Session
11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.

24 Communion Lesson
4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

25 Worship Service
10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.



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.

Also . . .

Please sign up to assist with services!

Board of Trustees

Our lawn has been reseeded



The Trustees would like to thank Pepperell Dpw for donating 5 yards of composted mulch to our lawn reseeded project. There are mulch samples in baggies in Fellowship Hall if anyone would like to take one—it's great stuff! If you would like more information about Pepperell Dpw please contact Judy Cook.

Thank you also to Barbara and Tomasz for helping to prepare the area and for spreading the mulch.

A lot of work has gone into restoring the lawn after the damage due to lack of water last summer . . . please, please, please do not walk on the grass while the seeds are taking hold! Thank you!

A Warm Welcome . . .

Please take the time to welcome to our new Sunday School Superintendent, Sheryl Ellis.

Sheryl has lived in Hollis for 6 years. She is married to Jim, an Air Force retiree who works at Hanscom Air Force Base, and has three sons, one granddaughter, and two dogs. She has degrees in Computer Science and Business and works at MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington, MA. Sheryl loves murder mysteries, bingo, and traveling, but her passion is teaching children about the love of God in a fun, friendly and meaningful way.

Sheryl feels that all children should be exposed to the possibilities of the love that Jesus has for us, and that there should be a connection between God, the child, the church, the family, and the community. She believes that Sunday school should include crafts, games, music and lots of the Holy Spirit. Sheryl wants to make Sunday school a fun and rewarding experience that will keep the children coming back for more.

She is really looking forward to September and meeting all the children of our church.

Board of Christian Education

Children's Corner



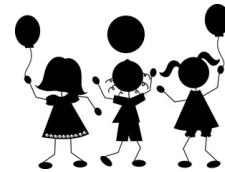
Calling all children...

Come see the ways that Jesus shows us his love!

We will start sharing our joy in our Lord on September 18th with a Rally Day of games, songs, and fun.

Each Sunday after that 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

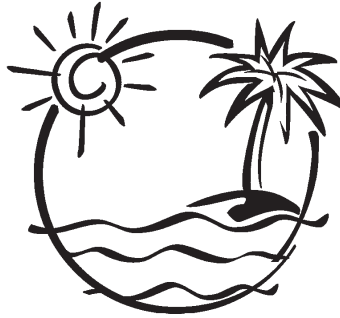
Lesson About Communion

Everyone get excited! Pastor Renee has offered our children a wonderful opportunity. She will be giving all of our children (and any adults who would like) a lesson in the complete meaning of communion. This will make the taking of communion more meaningful for the children. She is offering this lesson on **September 24th at 4:00 p.m.** at the church. It should take until about 5:30 p.m. and then we will enjoy some snacks in Fellowship Hall. If you can, please try to take advantage of this great gift she is offering.

Youth Group



The Youth Group will be ending the summer with a
Family Beach Day!



If you are going to be around Labor Day weekend consider meeting other Youth Group members and their families at

Hampton Beach State Park

When:

Saturday, September 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Where:

Hampton Beach State Park

For more information about the location and to help you plan your trip you can visit the website:

<http://www.nhstateparks.org>

When you enter into the beach area there should be a bunch of covered tables and a bathhouse. Please look for other Youth Group Families in that area.

This event is an opportunity for us to share some time together at the beach. However, each family is responsible for their own transportation, food/drink, and supervision of their children/teens or any friends that might accompany you.

Looking forward to some better weather and a fun day at the beach!

**Regular Youth Group meetings resume on
Sunday, September 18th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the church**

Newsletter Submissions

The next newsletter will be available on Sunday, September 25th. Please submit any articles to Carol at ccherian@charter.net by September 21st. Thank you.