



Brookline Community Church NEWSLETTER



June/July 2015

Message from the Minister

I was reading recently that wild strawberries are tiny because there is no point in putting energy into growing bigger. So much sweet yumminess in one place will bring all the wild creatures swarming to eat up the berries as soon as they ripen. It took human cultivation (including wild creature management) to get the luscious red mouthfuls that we enjoy from our backyard gardens and local farms.

Summer can also be a great time for cultivating the wild nuggets of faith that have sprung up in your life. We've started adding household prayers for both morning and evening to the back of the weekly prayer list. For those of you who wanted a bit more prayer in your life, but weren't sure where to start, try reading these aloud. They're based on that week's scripture readings.

We're looking for lay leaders for worship and singers in the band, so if you'd like to try a different kind of experience in worship, both in the church and at Lake Potanipo, let us know. We'll get you to the right place. Coming into closer contact with parts of the worship service can change the way you experience them for a lifetime.

Enjoy worship and fellowship during the summer. The easier pace of life allows us to see more of the places where cultivating our faith will cause it to increase ten-fold. It's a harvest that will give fruit forever.

In faith,
Reverend Catherine
minister@bccnh.org
(603) 673-7511



Help Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Fourth of July bell ringing at the church on Friday night (7/3) at 11:45pm. Please contact Rev. Cath if you are available.



BCC SURVEY

The Deacons are conducting a survey of the congregation. Your input is important! Please fill out and return the survey as soon as possible.

Contact Rev. Catherine or any deacon for a copy of the survey. There are also copies on the table by the side door at the church.

Thank you!

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 5 Communion Service at Lake Potanipo**
9:00 am
- 12 Service at Lake Potanipo**
9:00 am
- 19 Worship Service**
9:00 am
- 26 Worship Service**
9:00 am
Finance Meeting
10:00 am

AUGUST

- 2 Communion Service at Lake Potanipo**
9:00 am
- 9 Service at Lake Potanipo**
9:00 am
- 16 Worship Service**
9:00 am
- 23 Worship Service**
9:00 am
- 30 Worship Service**
9:00 am

Children's Corner

Our Children's Faith

Formation program is open to all children age three (by September 30, 2015) through Grade 12. Sunday School will start again in the fall on September 20th, 2015.



Take-Home Meals

From our church to your kitchen . . .

Take-Home Meals

We are taking a break from making meals during the summer (it's too hot in the kitchen!) but we still have meals available to purchase. These are perfect for those long summer days when you just don't want to cook! Contact Megan or Carol to get some Mexican Lasagna, Stuffed Shells, Beef Enchiladas, or Chicken Tetrizzini. Containers cost \$10 each and serve 2-4 depending on appetite.

Contact info:

Megan King: 673-2846 or kingmegan7@gmail.com

Carol Cherian: 672-8960 or ccherian@charter.net

Board of Outreach



Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for our backpack drive for the 2015 Backpacks for Back to School campaign of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter! We had a great selection of items to bring to NSKS.

Board of Deacons

Sunday Service Participation

Please sign up to help during worship services as Lay Reader, Greeter, Ushers, or Acolytes, and/or to host coffee hour. Youth are more than welcome to be lay readers.

Videotaping Assistance

If anyone is interested in assisting with video taping our weekly services please speak with Russell Haight.

Our current Deacons are: Barbara Haskell-Higgins, Melanie Levesque, Carol Cherian, Russell Haight, Mike Santoski, and Deacon Emeritus Art Fenske.

Board of Trustees

Many thanks!

The Trustees would like to thank Peter Bretschneider, who not only volunteered his power washer to wash the back of the church but did the washing himself. The previously moss, mold and mildew-covered wall now looks fantastic!

Parsonage Update:

A new tenant has moved into the parsonage to resume the process of repairing and improving the building and grounds.

Summer Plans

In the slow summer months, we will be looking into getting the church and the parsonage professionally inspected and getting estimates for making repairs to the clock tower.

Our current Trustees are:

Sanjay Cherian (temporarily), Clarence Farwell, Hank Ward, & Steve Martinos.



WE WANT YOU

Individuals who are looking for a way to become more involved or to find a different connection with the Holy Spirit!

OPEN POSITIONS:

Clerk

Assistant Moderator

Chair of Trustees

Deacon

See Rev. Catherine for more information.

*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

~PSALM 113:3

Destiny Africa performing at The Brookline Community Church on Saturday, June 27, 2015

