



# Brookline Community Church

# NEWSLETTER



May 2015

## Message from the Minister

Just when we thought winter would never end, the apple blossoms show up and the daffodils look so happy to see us. We have one more week of Eastertide, Ascension Sunday, before we step into what the church calendar calls Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time gets its name from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third – the counting numbers: 1, 2, 3 are called cardinal numbers) that we use to measure the distance from a certain holiday, in this case, Pentecost. The kids will be finishing the church year studying Pentecost, the day when the winds blew, and flames appeared, and the followers of Jesus realized that while Jesus was no longer with us in the body, the Holy Spirit was here on earth every moment.

During parts of the church calendar, we try to put ourselves back into the world that Jesus preached and taught in. During Ordinary Time, we try to bring the Scripture lessons into today's world. Going in either direction teaches us more about who we are and how we live out our faith. In either direction, the Holy Spirit is with us as we navigate a life of faith in the midst of apple blossoms and daffodils (and black flies that can't be far away).

Some of you have been working on stepping more deeply into your faith. If you are willing to try following the Holy Spirit, you might consider some of the open Church Committee positions (Clerk, Assistant Moderator, Trustee, Deacon). Of course that sounds like the minister trying to fill some vacant volunteer slots. But the reality is that most folks who volunteer with the church find their faith deepened as they become more aware of how God works every day through the most unlikely of instruments – us! It's a constant surprise and delight to me to see how God brings so many people so far beyond what they thought they could do.

Welcome to Ordinary Time, when so many important and vital things take place in our faith lives.

In faith,  
Reverend Catherine  
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## Calendar of Events

### MAY

#### 24 Finance Meeting

8:30 a.m.

#### Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

#### Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

#### 30 Take-home Meals Cooking Day

8:30-11:30 a.m.

#### 31 Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

#### Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

### JUNE

#### 7 Communion Service, Graduate's Sunday

10:00 a.m.

#### Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

#### 14 Cabinet Meeting

8:30 a.m.

#### Worship Service, Father's Day

10:00 a.m.

#### Sundae Sunday

11:00 a.m.

#### 21 Worship Service

9:00 a.m. \* Summer Worship time change \*

#### Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m.

#### Deacons Meeting

10:30 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.

#### Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m.

#### Finance Meeting

10:30 a.m.



### Summer Services at Lake Potanipo . . .

will be held on the first & second Sundays of July & August, at 9:00 a.m, weather permitting. BYOC (bring your own chair)!



## **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.

## *Board of Outreach*



### **Back to School in May??**

It's never too early to think of those we can help in the future. Beginning Sunday, May 24th, and continuing for the next two Sundays, Outreach and Sunday School will be collecting backpacks and school supplies for Kindergarten-12th grade for the 2015 Backpacks for Back to School campaign of the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter.

You can help by purchasing a backpack and/or items for boys and girls K-12 from a list that will be handed out in church or available on the Nashua Soup Kitchen website. You don't need to spend a lot of money to help - many items are available at the Dollar Store.

Outreach will also accept monetary donations/gift cards and we will do the shopping for you!

Please help if you are able...any donation, large or small, will help children start the school year with the supplies they need in the classroom to help them be successful.

## *Board of Trustees*

### **Power Washer Needed**

If anyone has a power washer that we can borrow in the spring to remove mold that is growing on back of the church wall, please notify one of the trustees. Thank you.

### **Our current Trustees are:**

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

## *Board of Deacons*

### **Sunday Service Participation**

The Deacons request that members of the congregation 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.



### **Calling all 2015 Graduates!**

We will be celebrating Graduate's Sunday during the worship service on June 7. Please let Reverend Catherine know if there is anyone in your family who will be graduating from college, high school, or 8th grade in 2015.

Our Children's Faith Formation program is open to all children age three (by September 30, 2014) through Grade 12.

### Sunday School Schedule

**Pentecost: The Holy Spirit in the World:**  
May 17 & 31, June 7 & 14

**Intergenerational Worship (no Sunday School)**  
April 5 & 26, May 24



**Last Day of Sunday School/Sundae Sunday:**  
June 14



From our church to your kitchen . . .

#### Take-Home Meal for May

This month we will be making Mexican Lasagna on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30 a.m. If you would like to help cook, if you can donate ingredients, or if you would like to pre-order please contact Megan. Containers cost \$10 each and serve 2-4 depending on appetite.

Contact info:

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

#### Still available:

We still have some containers of Stuffed Shells, Beef Enchiladas, and Chicken Tetrizzini left to sell.

Your participation in this fundraiser is most appreciated!



#### Brookline Breakfast Buffet ~ Thank you ~

Many, many thanks to all who donated food items and helped at the breakfast buffet on May 9, and congratulations to Karen Johnson, the winner of over \$100 in the 50/50 raffle! Our next breakfast will be held in September.

#### Request:

Would whomever put Betty Stone on the prayer list during the Good Friday Vigil please contact Reverend Catherine ~ she would like to know how Betty is doing.



#### My Grandparents' Generation

by Faith Shearin

They are taking so many things with them: their sewing machines and fine china, their ability to fold a newspaper with one hand and swat a fly.

They are taking their rotary telephones, and fat televisions, and knitting needles, their cast iron frying pans, and Tupperware. They are packing away the picnics

and perambulators, the wagons and church socials. They are wrapped in

lipstick and big band music, dressed in recipes. Buried with them: bathtubs

with feet, front porches, dogs without leashes. These are the people who raised me

and now I am left behind in a world without paper letters,

a place where the phone has grown as eager as a weed.

I am going to miss their attics, their ordinary coffee, their chicken fried in lard. I would give anything to be ten again, up late with them

in that cottage by the river, buying Marvin Gardens and passing go, collecting two hundred dollars.