

July Worship
Sundays at 10:00 am

July 2026

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Worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM

In person & on YouTube Live

Minister's Message *Rev. Dr. Ann Rogers-Brigham*

Dear members and friends of First Church,

As we go into the month of July, I'm grateful for times to rest, renew and step back to remember, even ponder, our calling to follow the Way of Christ. We are people of the Book, we are people of the Covenant, we are people of the Heart!

What does that mean for us here at First Church? How does that look or feel or become internalized? These are my questions and I believe questions from long ago as people began to establish a new nation and weave everyday realities with the principles of their faith. Methuen is celebrating their 300th this year, and our nation is celebrating its 250th, so it is a good time to talk, to ponder, to listen to others, and, yes, to celebrate the journey of the church living in times past and in times present. I'm wondering how our calling to be a nation and our call to live the Christian life today are connected.

That last statement helps me segue into why I asked that we read the book, *Credo*, by Rev. William Sloan Coffin for our summer book study. First, Rev. Coffin tells us why he titles the book *Credo*. Credo means “I believe.” It comes from the Latin “kredo” and is translated as “creed.” In the church, we primarily use two creeds in our liturgy, The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. The best translation of creed is “I have given my heart to.”

What do we give our hearts to? To whom do we give our hearts? Or, we may ask, “Why do we give of ourselves?” Rev. Coffin is clear in the opening pages of *Credo* that he has given his heart to the teaching and example of Christ; however imperfect he knows himself to be. He’s quick to point out that “to love God by loving neighbor is an impulse equally at the heart of Christianity, Judaism and Islam.” (*Credo*, Preface, xv) For him, this is compelling. He said that in our fractured world religious people ought to move from truth-claiming to the function truth plays. This is not just for Christians to do but for all people of all faiths who call our country “home.”

Because our hearts are moved toward a vision of community here at First Church, we would agree, I believe, that we can learn from one another and work together towards common goals of justice and peace. We live in a world where we have many choices, but somehow this way of being is not about a choice, it is about the way we are drawn inward, upward and beyond ourselves. For us, It is about the call of Christ to be a people of the heart, a people walking together in spiritual harmony and welcoming all who are pilgrims along the way.

Rev. Coffin said it well in this quote: “We must guard against being too individualistic and elitist in our understanding of spirituality. Some Christians talk endlessly about the importance of one’s interior life and how we develop it more fully, forgetting that Christ is born to bring hope and joy also to whole communities of people —the exiles, the deported, the tortured, the silenced.” (*Credo*, pg 9)

I believe that women and men of long ago, many of them our spiritual ancestors here at First Church, will tell us that politics and faith were very connected. That’s because our faith informs our politics. Our Christian values tell us what is right and wrong, and we depend upon our faith to guide us toward living the Christian life with integrity and purpose. Truly, we believe that Christ was born to bring hope and joy to all people.

In closing, I share part of a long quote (*Credo*, pg 85) that begins with a question: “So where then in America does God dwell today? I would say that God dwells with those in America who feel geographically at home and spiritually in exile. God dwells with them for going about doing good, repairing a broken world, for opposing America’s entrenched fondness for subjugating nature in the name of progress and for keeping the faith despite the evidence, knowing that only in so doing has the evidence any chance of changing....God dwells I’m sure with all who in wonder, reverence and gratitude sing a new song in verse or prose, music and art, seeking to end the self-deception that tempts us all.”

Friends, we keep the faith and we give thanks for life together. Truly, God has called us in our time to craft, create, and construct for God and one another, for our community and the people who enter our doors, that which is sacred, special, that which is a gift of the heart. Every time I meet with you in circles of committee work or conversations in your homes or other gatherings, I sense you bring the gifts of your hearts to the life of the church. May our church home, wherever our physical living addresses are located, be a home for learning, living, and loving guided by our faith and Christian heritage.

May we create what is most sacred and holy together as we celebrate the anniversary of our nation and our city of Methuen this year. May we step up and step forward to offer our best, the gifts

of our hearts as we continue to craft a sacred space for all people to know God’s goodness and live God’s mercy.

Summer blessings and God’s peace that passes all understanding guide us and keep us,
Rev. Ann Rogers Brigham

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Thank You for Time Away

Beginning July 20th - August 14th, I’ll take some vacation time and continuing education time for retreat and renewal. My first week, I will be in Jakarta, Indonesia, at the Jakarta Theological School for the Assembly of the International Association for Women Ministers. This continuing education time is appreciated! Our focus will be on learning about the challenges of women in ministry in a Muslim context. Of course, the opportunity to gather with women in ministry from around the world is a gift and blessing. After this time in Indonesia, I plan to journey to Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. I lived in Southeast Asia for a few years, so, a part of me feels like I’m going home. I will be able to visit a very dear Thai friend with whom I shared ministry when I lived in the Bangkok. Thanks for your prayers for this long journey.

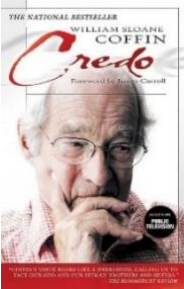
And thank you, to Mike Boutin for filling the pulpit the three Sundays I’m away: July 26th, August 2nd and August 9th. Pastoral emergencies will be covered by two ministers who are willing to be on call for me: Rev. Dave VanArsdale (Retired UCC Minister in Andover) and Rev. Eleanor Prior (Priest, St Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Methuen). If you need their contact info, please reach out to Roberta Jurovich (Office Manager) or Becky Smith (Chair of Diaconate).

~ Rev. Ann



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Book Study Continues through Sunday, July 19th



We will continue to provide an opportunity for reading/discussion of the book, *Credo*, by Rev. William Sloane Coffin July 5, July 12 and July 19. This study is open for you to drop in and be with us on any Sunday! No reading ahead —just come with an open mind and heart and desire to love the questions! (AND, love your friends who may have a different view than yours)

Isn’t it wonderful to be the Church? Hope to see you in July for book study and conversation about the Christian walk.



Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

We hope you will join us!

We like to see you in the congregation on Sunday mornings, but for those who cannot attend in person, worship will be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@firstchurchcongregationalm1729).

An Order of Worship will be emailed out by the Friday before the service. If you do not receive this email, please let the church office know at firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com.

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Prayer Requests/List

We print a Prayer List in the Sunday worship bulletin. To have someone included on the bulletin prayer list, please let Roberta, in the Church Office, know at 978-687-1240 or firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com. No request is too big or too small! Thank you.



If you, or someone you know, is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Rev. Ann at amrogersbrigham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

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Breakfast with Ann

Breakfast with Ann will take a break in July and August and start again on Sept 9th.



May Group for Breakfast



The Church & Chapel School Office will be open most Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, through Labor Day. Roberta will continue to check emails and phone messages regularly. Rev. Ann will keep her regular office hours, Monday – Thursday, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, unless at an outside appointment.

Do not hesitate to use the answering service to leave a message. They send your message via email to the Church Office and will help locate the Pastor if there is a pastoral emergency.

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Psalm for Marking our 250th as a Nation

We give thanks to you, O Beloved, for You are kind, your steadfast love endures forever!

Let every nation proclaim "Your steadfast love endures forever."

Let all the people cry, "Your steadfast love endures forever,"

Let those who reverence You sing, "Your steadfast love endures forever."

Out of my distress I called upon You, You answered, setting me on a new path.

With You beside me, I do not fear. What can others do to me?

You live within me and answer my prayer as I face the fears that well up from within.

It is better to abandon yourself to the Beloved than to trust in yourself alone.

It is better to surrender to Love than to seek the riches of the world.

When all my fears surrounded me, I acknowledged your Presence within me.

When they surrounded me on every side, I gave thanks for your Companioning Presence.

They surrounded me like bees, they threatened to overwhelm me; in your strong Presence,

I faced them! Though they arose like an army, you stood firm beside me.

You are my strength and my song; You are my Counselor and my Friend...

I shall not give in to fear, but I shall live in peace and give witness to your saving grace.

~ Psalm 118
(Psalms for Praying, by Nan Merrill)

Greeting from the Chair of the Church Board:

As we move into the warmer months, the Church Board and our committees are busy planning for our upcoming year. At our May board meeting, we discussed how we can better lean into our mission – ***Seeking God, Caring For Each Other, and Improving Our Community***. I also challenged each of our committees to look beyond the four walls of our church to learn from other churches to deepen our spirituality and to drive our growth, engagement, and service to the community. I asked our committees to reflect on their mission and to set goals for the upcoming year. In the months ahead, we will be highlighting new initiatives from our committees and the ways in which you can help.

As always, there is a lot happening in the life of our church:

- Our Outreach Committee is hard at work planning our Back-to-School program. This Outreach program helps 75 children in the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood get the clothes and supplies they need for school. This is an amazing initiative with a direct and meaningful impact on our local community. If you haven't done so before, I encourage you to get involved. Please speak to Lisa Ferry if you'd like to join the team.
- Our Trustees will be overseeing a number of projects this summer, including replastering of the interior sanctuary arches (thanks Mike – for securing a matching grant from Festival of Trees), removing the knob and tube wiring in Phillips Chapel, installing installation and upgrading our lighting to LED bulbs throughout the church - all in an effort to become more energy efficient (most of which will be offset by grants from MassSave).
- Our search for our next settled pastor continues. We have received 12 profiles and invited 8 candidates to interview with us. We have one active candidate that we are meeting with in person. We welcome your prayers as we search for our next settled pastor. If you have any questions about the search process or would like to share any information with the committee, please speak to me or another member of the search committee.
- Rev. Ann will be leading a book study on Sundays after fellowship through July 19th to discuss the book, "Credo" by William Sloane Coffin. You can come to any of the sessions; each Sunday we'll be reading some of the passages and inviting discussion. (It is not necessary to purchase the book as readings will be distributed each week). This is an opportunity to deepen your faith while enjoying the company of others in our community.
- Rev. Ann and the Diaconate have been carefully tending to our flock – our parishioners. Please let us know if someone you know has fallen ill, is grieving, or could use a card, call, or text. Our community is here to support you, especially in a time of need.
- The Chapel School has completed its 68th year of service to the community! Enrollment is underway for next year, so if you know of a family with children looking for an amazing (and affordable) preschool experience, I invite you to connect them with Gina or Roberta. Tours are happening regularly.
- As you may have heard, Mike has applied for a grant to the Sisler Foundation to support the complete restoration of our 1886 James E. Treat (Opus 2) pipe organ in time for our 300th anniversary. If you feel moved to support this effort, please consider a contribution to the Organ Restoration Fund. Every gift, regardless of amount, helps to sustain the music and ministry of our church.
- Speaking of our 300th anniversary, it is right around the corner. If you're interested in helping us plan our celebration, please speak to Becky Smith or Rich Rolón about how you can get involved.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the other members of the Church Board with any questions, feedback, or ideas. We would love to hear from you!
I thank you for all that you do in service to God and our community.

~ Steve Boyko

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Prayer for Our Nation **as We Mark our 250th Anniversary**

Dear God, we pray for the unity of our nation. Heal the wounds of division and discord. Foster in us a spirit of reconciliation and mutual respect so that we may come together in our shared humanity to seek the well-being of all your children. Lord, in these times of uncertainty, help us to remember that our ultimate allegiance is to your kingdom. Fill our hearts with love, compassion and a relentless commitment to justice. Empower us to be peacemakers, bridge builders and advocates for truth. In your infinite wisdom, guide our nation's leaders. May they govern with righteousness and compassion. Grant them the courage to seek the common good over partisan interests, and the discernment to make decisions that foster peace and justice for all. May they be compassionate toward the vulnerable and the marginalized, working tirelessly to ensure that every voice is heard and valued.

As we lift the 250th anniversary of our country, we pray for every citizen and every public servant. We ask for your protection over our democratic processes and institutions. We thank you for our history and pray we will honor those who died for our freedoms. May we be a nation of people reflecting integrity, transparency and fairness. May we honor the dignity and worth of every individual created in your image. As we navigate through these tumultuous times, as our ancestors navigated through theirs, help us be reminded of the sacred duty you have entrusted to us — to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you, our God. May we strive to be your justice seekers and peacemakers in our church sanctuaries and with our civic duties.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace and our hope, we pray. Amen.



From your CE Committee:

We finished our Sunday School year with a wonderful Children's Day service which all the youth participated in. They are fabulous, they did a wonderful job as always. They are a true blessing to our church. Parents, you have wonderful children and we enjoy working and teaching them every week. Thank you for your dedication.

After finishing our year talking to the youth in Sunday School about Heifer International, the youth hosted a coffee hour. All donations from the morning were to go to buy a cow from Heifer for a family in need. They did a wonderful job with lots of goodies for everyone. We THANK everyone for the generous donations and with your help we can buy **3 COWS!!!** *Thank you all very much.*

We also have many members of the Congregation who help us through the year when we asked; we thank them all very much. A special thank you to Sheila Dube for running a coffee hour for us every week. Her mission feeds us all every week with drinks and sweets and creates a wonderful time to socialize with each other. We also wish to thank Alan and Bobbi Barlow for all the support of the CE program all year with anything we need weekly.

During the summer, CE has provided Busy Bags that will stay in the back of the church for youth to use during worship. At the end of the summer, the youth will be able to bring their bags home.

Please mark your calendars, September 20th will be Welcome Sunday, and our Sunday School program will begin for the 2026/2027 season. Watch for more information in the August Beacon.

Have a safe summer.

Blessings,

Mrs. B, Christine O'Connor and Sarah Pavlenkov



From the Outreach Ministry Team...

Back to School Project

Lisa Yarid-Ferry is once again leading the annual First Church sponsored Methuen Arlington Neighborhood Back to School Project this summer. With financial and volunteer support from community businesses and organizations, 75 children who attend the MAN Center are given backpacks filled with school supplies, a new outfit including jeans, a shirt, a hoodie, a pair of New Balance sneakers, and a hat knit by our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team. Snack bags to-go are provided by the Masons. The children pick up their donated items on “Mall Day” which falls on **August 15th** this year, at the MAN Center on Tenney Street in Methuen. The mayor provides free ice cream from an ice cream truck. Lunch is provided to the volunteers. Anyone is welcome to help us out on that day. It is a wonderful day for these children and the community. Please contact Lisa or Cindy Bateson if you are interested in volunteering.

Fall “Book It!” Book Drive

Five years ago, the Outreach Team at First Church began annual book drives, to help boost literacy skills in Methuen Public Schools children. Having donated books to all 4 grammar schools over the past 4 years, we will be collecting books for preschool students attending the Methuen Public Schools Early Childhood Center (ECC) this year. The ECC provides specialized education classroom programs for preschool children identified with special needs. Books are used in the classrooms to help the children progress in a variety of developmental skills. Parents are encouraged to read to their children at home as well. We will be providing lists of books and authors appropriate for preschool children before the start of our Book It! Book Drive. The Book Drive will run from **September 13th to October 4th**.

Lazarus House Walk for Hope Fall Festival

The 2026 Lazarus House Walk for Hope Fall Festival is coming up on **September 19th**. Funds raised help support programming for individuals and families facing homelessness and food insecurity. If you are interested in walking or donating to this cause, please speak with Becky Smith. More detailed information will be provided.

Clothing Drive for YMCA Kids Closet

This fall we will be holding a clothing drive from **October 11th through November 8th** to help restock the Methuen YMCA’s “Kids Closet”. We will be collecting “gently used” clothes for children wearing sizes 2T up through adult small and medium. Share this news with family and friends who may have children growing out of their clothing and looking to donate them. Watch for more information in upcoming Beacons and bulletins.

Outreach Ministry Team – *Cindy Bateson, Team Leader, Lori Bennett, JoAnn Crosby, Ken Peck, Marilyn Peck, Marie Rubino, Carole Silva, John Silva and Becky Smith*



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round and always welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of this ministry. Knitting or crocheting experience is not a prerequisite to becoming a member. Come for the fellowship and someone will be glad to help you if needed. Please contact Bobbi Barlow for more information.

Prayer Shawl will meet on **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM**
in the parlor of First Church Congregational.



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Enjoy your summer!!

Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

Tuesdays in July

Join us for early summer morning walks on the Merrimack River. We will try and beat the heat by walking **an hour earlier at 9:00 AM in July and August.** We will be walking at the Raymond J. Martin Riverside Park at 971 Riverside Drive in Methuen, which provides lots of shade on a safe, flat looped walkway. Tuesdays in July are 7/7, 7/14, 7/21 and 7/28.



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Methuen's Independence Day Celebration

– including fireworks –
will be Saturday, July 11th
at The Loop
from 5:30 – 10:00 PM



A spectacular fireworks show (roughly 9:30 PM), live music, food trucks, family-friendly games and kids' activities.

This city-sponsored event.



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A Poem for July Days

“When I Am Among the Trees”

by Mary Oliver

*When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.”*

Emergency Contact Request

If, heaven forbids, you were injured at church, and you couldn't speak for yourself would your church family know who to reach out to and let them know?

At the May Diaconate meeting, we discussed this very topic. We are looking to collect names and phone numbers for emergency contact purposes only. This is completely voluntary, so please don't feel that you have to supply this information. Any information provided will be kept private and only accessible by Roberta (our FCC Office Manager), the Minister (currently Rev. Ann) and the Diaconate.

So, please do consider providing an emergency contact. We hope and pray that we will won't have to use it but will feel better knowing who we should contact on your behalf.

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Emergency Contact Information

Complete and Return to the Church Office.

Your Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact #1:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Number: _____

Emergency Contact #2 (if applicable):

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Number: _____

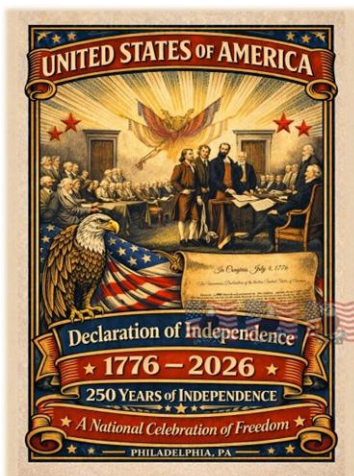
Thank you for helping us to help you!

Soup's On! Neighbors in Need

Many First Church members attended the 2026 Soup's On! Neighbors in Need fundraiser at the Indian Ridge Country Club on the evening May 30th. Non-member volunteers from our NIN Tuesday Food Pantry also joined us at the gala. Hundreds of people from the greater Lawrence area attended, making for a festive evening. NIN exceeded their \$150,000 fundraising goal, receiving a total of \$186,505. First Church was able to present a generous \$5000, using money from several funds under the Outreach account, which is well funded this year. Thanks to everyone in the congregation who has donated money to Outreach in the past few years. Each week, the Neighbors in Need organization delivers the food needed at our Tuesday NIN Food Pantry in order to address food insecurity in our community.



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Methuen's annual **Reading of the Declaration of Independence** is hosted by the Methuen Historical Society at Meetinghouse Hill on July 4th. The event invites residents and families to read a brief passage of the historic document, making it a community tradition wrapped up in the city's tricentennial.

Date: Saturday, July 4th

Time: 10:00 AM.

Location: Meetinghouse Hill
(located across from the entrance to Holy Family Hospital)

Note: Our own Church Board Chair, Steve Boyko, will be participating in the reading.

Children's Day

Sunday, June 7th



Music Sunday

June 14th



Chancel Choir – Mike Boutin, Minister of Music

Sopranos:

JoAnn Crosby
Sue Newton
Marilyn Peck
Kathy Romano
Carol Sanborn
Haleigh Sanborn

Altos:

Bella Bane
Bobbi Barlow
Lynn Gibb
Sue Riedel

Baritones:

Chris Albrecht, Choral Fellow 2025-26
Bill Bennett
Lisa Yarid Ferry

Guest Singers:

Jonathan Bennett
Paul Delabruere
Michael Mitchell



First Church Bells

Paul Delabruere, Director
Shauna Colby
JoAnn Crosby
Karen Dorman
Lisa Yarid Ferry
Kathy Romano
Robyn Sliney
Becky Smith

Methuen Festival of Trees Annual Meeting

June 15th



A small group from First Church Congregational attended the Methuen Festival of Trees Annual meeting.

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**On Sunday, June 28th, following worship,
we celebrated the 90th Birthday of Don Towler.**



Listening to Summer

by Macrina Wiederkehr

*Out of her pastel green pitcher, spring is pouring forth summer, and I am listening.
Out of her youthful, energetic body summer is flowing, and I am listening.*

*I am listening to Earth leaning closer to the sun.
I am listening to the heat breathing through the gardens, drawing life out of seeds,
calling plants to fruition, whispering fulfillment to the flowers.
I am listening to the growing circle of life.*

*I am listening to the ripening in the orchards,
in the vineyards, in the garden, in the grain fields.
I am listening to the ripening in my heart.*

*I am listening to the summer of my soul, to the dance of life within me,
to the fruitful struggle of all that yearns for life,
to the perspiration that sweats out toxic poisons.
I am listening to the warmth of summer.*

*I am listening to the song of the gardener bringing food to the table.
I am listening to the meadow's promise of winter hay for hungry cattle.
I am listening to Mother Earth growing wild with multiple vitamins.*

*I am listening to summer songs of leisure and renewal.
I am listening to the sound of happy voices playing on the beaches,
shouting at the ball games, sharing stories on the porches.
I am listening to bare feet, laughter, and fishing poles,
to summer picnics and mosquitoes.*

*I am listening to the spaces in between the green.
I am listening to young birds testing out their wings.
I am listening to morning filling up with sunlight.
I am listening to the music of evening twilight.
I am listening to the night chant of a thousand tiny creatures.*

*I am listening to fruitfulness spilling forth from earth's rich womb.
I am listening to happy potatoes growing round beneath the ground.
I am listening to the green cathedral of the forest,
to the stars that peep through summer branches.*

*I am listening to spring handing over summer.
I am listening for the poetry of summer.*



**Congratulations
Alexis Murray**
on her induction into the
National Junior Honor Society
at the Tenney Grammar School
on Thursday, June 4th



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Nicolette Jurovich played "*Pepper*"
in the production of



on June 5th – 7th



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Decorating the activity bags
in the back of the sanctuary.

Has your child decorated theirs?

What's the REACH Ministry?

Do you know of someone facing surgery, recovering from surgery or living with a long-term illness? Do you know someone who has recently lost their job or could use financial support? Do you know someone who suffers from depression or is often down in the dumps around the holidays?



Maybe this person is you?

If so, we can help. Our new **REACH** Ministry wants to make sure that members of our community have a place to turn for support in their time of need. The term **REACH** stands for -- **R**eliable, **E**ngaging, **A**ble, **C**aring and **H**earfelt support.

Contact Judi Boyko or Pat King for more information, or speak to our Pastor.

The REACH team is looking for volunteers to help with home and hospital visits or to make calls or text those in need. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Judi Boyko for Pat King. Thanks.

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Happy Birthday!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

10 Jonathan Bennett
12 Marilyn Peck
13 Billy Bennett
14 Charlotte Pye
18 Rebecca Wright
19 Sarah Dockham
21 Gary Dockham
30 Judi Boyko, Henry Sanborn
31 Carole Silva



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 Scott Sanborn
05 William Bennett

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/2	Neil & Cindy Bateson	Married 38 years
7/24	Gary & Cathy Gable	Married 33 years

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

8/4	Ken & Marilyn Peck	Married 35 years
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July 2026						
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Dates and times are subject to change

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