



The CALL

The Community Church of Pepperell

The Rev. Priscilla Lawrence
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From your Minister . . .

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalms 34:8)

My mother gave me a wonderful cookbook with recipes from Biblical times. While writers of our Bible did not include specific recipes for the meals they mention, investigation into other sources - archaeology, commentaries, agricultural history - has revealed many such formulas. If anyone is interested in food such as Esau's Pottage, Ezekiel's Bread, Rebekah's Savory Stew, Queen Ester's Pomegranate Walnut Sauce, or some of King Solomon's Feast, I would be glad to copy some recipes for you. But what strikes me as particularly the issue is that not only are these exciting samplings in and of themselves, but the importance of taste and good food was as important to the ancient people as it is to most of us today. We all like to "satisfy our hearts with food and gladness"(Acts 14:17).

In this context, I would like to share a recipe given to me by Peggy Godwin. Cakes, and especially the ingredient of honey in those cakes, are frequently mentioned by the biblical writers spanning both the Old and New Testaments.

Many years ago Peggy gave me the following treasured recipe in handwritten form. While I recognize it is not one from Biblical times, it does reiterate for us the necessity of good tasting food in our lives that spans over many generations. Peggy was a marvelous cook and enjoyed using the finest and freshest of ingredients in her culinary delights.

In honor of and in memory of Peggy included here is her recipe for her

Coffee Cake.

1 cup scalded milk
1 pkg yeast dissolved in 1/4 cup warm water
1/3 cup sugar
2 eggs well beaten
1/3 cup butter
Flour (about 3 3/4 cups)
1/2 Tsp salt
Add sugar, butter, and salt to scalded milk, when lukewarm add well beaten eggs and yeast and enough flour to make a thick batter. Cover and let rise until double in bulk. Cut down. Beat thoroughly (dough hooks on a mixer, if you have them). Spread evenly in buttered pans 1/2 inch thick. Spread with topping. Let rise. Bake 40 minutes --- 10 minutes at 400 degrees, 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Topping for two 9 inch cakes.

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup honey
1/2 cup crushed nuts (pecans or walnuts)

Stir and bring to boiling point over low heat. Spread on coffee cakes that are ready to bake.

Also take with you . . . some cakes, a jar of honey and go to him . . . 1 Kings 14:3.

Reverend Priscilla

Education Commission

June will be a very exciting month for our Sunday School students and the Education Commission-

- June 7th will be the graduation ceremonies for our Confirmation Class
- June 14th will be Teacher's Appreciation Day where we recognize our Sunday School teachers for all their efforts during the school year. The annual Church picnic will be held after Church that day - remember all our parishioners are invited not just our Sunday Schoolers.
- June 21st will be Children's Sunday - always a fun time to watch the skits and games prepared by each of our Sunday School classes.

And although this school year will soon be drawing to a close, we are already looking ahead to Sunday School this summer and next school year. That's right we will be having Sunday School in August when Church resumes after the summer break. And Rally Sunday, the first Sunday of our 2009-2010 school year, will be on September 13th.

Mike Resch
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Happy Birthday June!

Ethan Marple
Emily Hannon
Mia Phillips
Ben McMaster
Hannah Verre
Eric Pratt
Brittany Dennis
Alison Tourtellot
Chris Schott
Drew Bupphaves
Deanne Rogers
Eric Smith

Happy Birthday to our Sunday school students who celebrate their birthday this month. Our best wishes for a wonderful year at your new age! May God bless you with much happiness. If your child's birthday is not recognized please stop by the church office to ensure that we have your child's date of birth on file. Thanks!

Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission met on May 4th at 7:00pm and began with a prayer from Reverend Priscilla Lawrence.

Attendees: Paul Vieira, Rev. Priscilla Lawrence, Patrick Melampy, Bill Minckler, Rich Douglas

The Stewardship Commission has started cleanup of the church grounds. A work day is scheduled for 8am on Saturday May 30th. The parking lot lines will be repainted and the grounds cleaned up. Please help the Stewardship Commission and bring a broom. The Stewardship Commission continues to investigate repair options for the damaged roof. If you have any questions or have noticed something that needs to be fixed, please bring it to our attention.

New brick orders are being taken, look in Sunday's bulletin for an order form or pick one up in. Order forms may be dropped off in the church office or given to anyone on the Stewardship Commission.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1st, at 7pm.

Parish Personals

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2)

It is in this Spirit that we include all those who ask for our prayers

At Home ~ Den Connors and Gary Bickford

In Nursing Homes ~ Grace Enman, Dorothea Plunkett, Helen Elliott, Craig Elliott

In Assisted Living ~ Jean Gallant

Please pray for several of our members and friends having health problems and others facing new health issues. They may wish to have their names remain unmentioned, so as you pray for those listed, please pray for those who are not able to share their need with us.

We continue our prayers for those serving our country. Remember, if you have prayer concerns, we have a prayer book in the rear of the sanctuary, or you may speak directly to Rev. Priscilla.

Passages –

Funerals/Gravesides

*Peggy Godwin
Barbara Scott*

Memorial Bulletins

Do any of the following days hold special memories for you, your family or your loved ones? Listed below are some of the Sundays throughout the year for which the Church can purchase special pictorial bulletins.

What better way to remember your special day or to memorialize a loved one than to make a donation (suggested donation is \$25) to the church to purchase the bulletin cover and have the memorial printed in the bulletin? The following special bulletins are available for memorials:

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| New Year’s Sunday | Palm Sunday |
| Maundy Thursday | Easter Sunday |
| Pentecost | Mother’s Day |
| Memorial Day Sunday | Music Appreciation |
| Children’s Day | Father’s Day |
| Rally Sunday | Reformation Sunday |
| Veteran’s Day Sunday | Stewardship Sunday |
| Thanksgiving Sunday | Christmas Eve |
| First, Second, Third or
Fourth Sunday in Advent | |
| World Wide Communion Sunday | |

Please call the church office or speak with Rev. Priscilla or Linda Mangini if you are interested or have questions.



Outreach Commission News...

Outreach sponsored TOOLS & BLANKETS special mission offering on Mother's Day, May 10th...

We raised \$73.00

Thank you to those who made a donation to this worthy cause.

We ran our coffee and donut table at the Memorial Day parade on May 25th **We raised \$405.00 !!** 100% of the proceeds will be going to the Montachusett Veteran's Outreach Center in Gardner Mass. A special thank you to Bruce Newell, Nancy Hynes, John Francis, Rev. Priscilla, Patrick and Jane McLampy, Peter Mangini, Georgette Rogers, Faun MacDonald and Sky Minckler and all others who made this event possible with your donations, assistance with set up, assistance at the table and assistance with break down. This event could not have occurred had it not been for your support!

JUNE 6th 10am-2pm we sponsor a car wash in the parking lot of the church. The money will be raised for Loaves & Fishes at Devens, MA.

www.loavesfishespantry.org

We are in need of enthusiastic car washers!!

Please see Linda or Deb if interested.

Your Outreach Commission: Ashley Dennis, Deb Dennis, John Francis, Linda Mangini, Bruce Newell. Members at large: Lynne Davidson and Jessica King.

Organ Recital

One June 17th, 2009 at 8pm Jeff Wood, a former organ student of mine, will be performing at the Methuen Memorial Music Hall on the former Boston Music Hall organ. Some of you may not know Jeff but he grew up in the Community Church and his dad was one of our former Choir Directors. Jeff was a member of both the Cherub and Junior Choirs and he began his organ career learning to play the organ on our own sanctuary organ. He is an incredibly talented musician as many of you know. I encourage you to come hear him and also to see this magnificent organ as well.

You will find more information on the website www.mmmh.org and also on the bulletin boards in the vestry and by the church office. If you are interested in carpooling, please let me know or give me a call at 978-433-5404.

Sincerely,
Liz Cataldo

Membership Commission

The Membership commission had an informal meeting on Sunday May 24th, 2009. This Sunday was our last Donut Sunday of the church year, and it was a success. It brought sweet rewards to those who stayed around for Memorial Day Weekend.

We discussed our upcoming Luncheon for the new Confirmation Class. We look forward to officially welcoming seven new members into our community through this rite of passage, as well as eating the food afterwards. The Luncheon celebration will be held on June 7th, directly after the Confirmation service downstairs in the Vestry. Any donations in food or drinks would be greatly appreciated – A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Vestry.

The Ad Hoc committee for the ALS walk this fall in Pepperell is also working on their event. Sign-up registration sheets are available from Jill Buchholz along with other members of the Ad Hoc committee. The walk will be held in September, 2009, and the route will be about three miles through Pepperell.

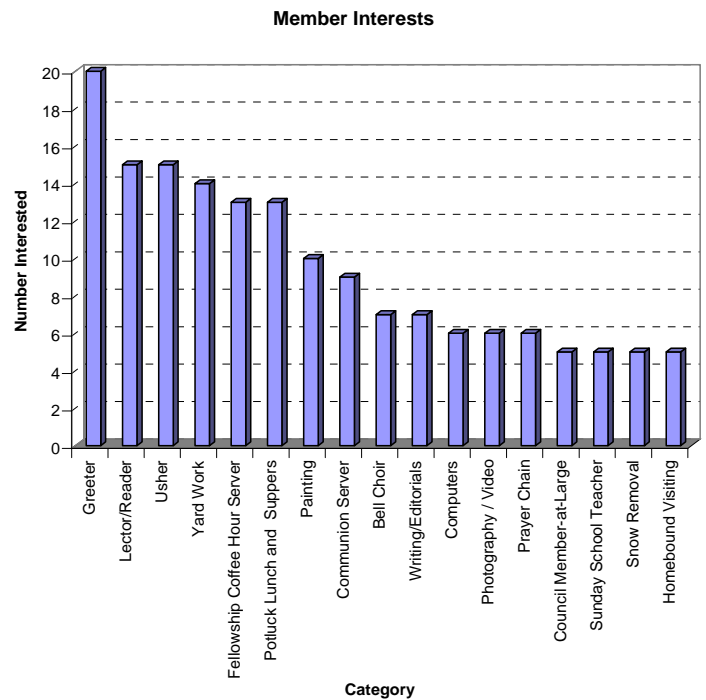
The Membership Commission will not meet again until sometime in August. At that next meeting, we will prepare events for the new church year. We look forward to seeing the church family again in September!

Faithfully,
Elizabeth McLampy

Ministry Commission

The Ministry Commission has begun reviewing responses to the Time & Talent Survey. Responses continue to trickle in each week and as of this writing we have received approximately 35 responses. We hope to receive many more. The purpose of the Time & Talent survey is to assist Ministry in collecting and maintaining resource data on members' interests, gifts, and talents. It is our hope that the information collected will result in some new faces becoming actively involved in the church. This information may also help members of the congregation to serve the church and the Lord in ways they might not have previously considered.

The bar chart below shows a tally of the most popular interests and talents cited so far. Members of the Worship Commission will be pleased to note that the top three categories are related to Sunday Worship service support. Twenty members of the congregation have formally expressed their interest in being door greeters. It appears that Stewardship has plenty of yard workers and painters to call on as needs arise. The Bell Choir should not lack for ringers as 20% of respondents have expressed an interest. It is a pleasant surprise to see that a significant number of respondents have shown interests in writing and photography. These talents will directly benefit our monthly newsletter, The CALL, as well as our website. Approximately 15% of respondents have expressed an interest in homebound visiting. This is something that Ministry will look into further based on the significant interest shown so far. More data will be provided in the fall.



Ministry requests that each person in the congregation please return a completed survey form. It is never too late to fill one out. We thank everyone who has returned their forms thus far. Survey forms are available downstairs in the Vestry or can be downloaded from the church website, www.pepperellchurch.org. Completed survey forms may be placed in the big grey box in the Vestry (by the piano) or handed to any Ministry member or mailed to the church.

Please don't hesitate to approach a Ministry member if you have questions. Questions can also be emailed to ministry@pepperellchurch.org.

-Bruce Tourtellot

Our church yard sale...

was held on May 9th and it was a great success!
We raised a total of **\$1,850.01**

The weather started out “iffy” but it did not dampen our spirits, the yard sale went on and the sun came out!

Thank you to all who worked the day of the event, to all who donated items for sale, to all who assisted before hand, during and after the event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!



Paul the Salesman!



Nancy keeping the rain drops away!

(Pepperell) Walk to Defeat ALS

If you visit “The Walk to Defeat ALS” website, you will learn that the annual walk is The ALS Association's signature event. Each year, over 100,000 people join together to raise funds in support of The Association's cutting-edge research and community-based patient services programs. In 2008, approximately 150 Walks were held around the country.

For two years, “Team Kim” – primarily members from the Community Church – has participated in memory of Kim Francis. This year, we have determined to organize our own ALS Walk in Pepperell, simply to keep our tribute local and more personal. This event is meant to honor and represent any community members or loved ones who have suffered from ALS – it is not meant in any way to be exclusive.

The walk, which is a 3-mile route, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26. It will begin and end at the Community Church, Three Townsend Road. Check-in will begin at 2:00, when walkers can hand in their donations. The walk itself will begin at 3:00. All are invited afterwards to join our rain-or-shine barbeque on the church grounds.

Please consider

- walking to defeat ALS
- sponsoring a walker
- contributing towards the barbeque
- helping on September 26th, either with registration, collection of funds or grilling.

Registration forms are available on our church web site and also in the vestry. Pre-registration is encouraged by June 21st in order to help us with planning. Please bring any questions or suggestions to Jill Buchholz, Catherine Tourtellot, Faun MacDonald, Pam Mariano or Georgette Rogers. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Community Church Crafters

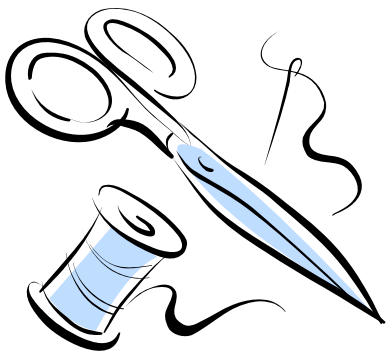
Please remember us when you are planting your gardens. We'll be looking for cucumbers and berries as in the past, but we're ready to try something different as well. It would be great if you could give me a call and tell me what you might have for us. Any favorites you'd like us to add? Let me know!



We also have painting, sewing, and knitting projects to share. You may do them at home or in small groups. We can provide the ideas and materials if you have the time. Give me a call and we can find something that fits your particular talent.

We will begin meeting in July and try to do some catch up. If you are interested in coming to even one workshop, let me know and I'll add you to our email list so you'll know when and where we will meet.

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All Comments Welcome:



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