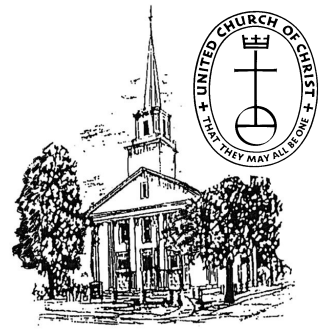


THE UNION COURIER

Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
The Rev. Gail Miller, Pastor

P.O. Box 233, 218 Main St.
Groton, Massachusetts 01450



May 2009



Dear Congregation:

In June, I will have been your Pastor for three years and your Settled Pastor for one year. As I take stock of where we are, I find that, at the same time, things still feel new (I am still learning names, discovering your gifts and interests), and things seem familiar (what we do each month or each year has fallen into a good rhythm).

When I made the transition from Interim to Settled Pastor, I/we realized that there was no “job description” for the Pastor. The Church Profile, which the Search Committee had compiled back in '05-'06, had pieces of information throughout, which articulated the interests of the church as you looked for your new pastor; but there was no concise and complete articulation of what the church wants or expects in its pastor.

Also, when I became the Settled Pastor, the new Pastor Parish Relationship Committee had just been formed. Its purpose (as defined in the church's By-Laws) is *to support and maintain an open relationship between the Pastor and members of the congregation. It also helps the Pastor and members of the church share ideas, hopes, dreams and interpretations of mission.*

We felt that, as a newly formed group with a new charter, we should spend some time together working on something that would give us a foundation for going forward. Developing the job description seemed the perfect venture. And so, with the blessing of the Deacons and the Church Council, we began meeting last September (meeting at least once a month, often twice) with this goal.

Early on, we realized that a traditional “job description” did not fit the task at hand. Pastors are not hired; we are called. And, though much of what we do and who we are is “professional,” the pastorate is not a profession, it is a vocation. (“Vocation” comes from the Latin, *vocare*, which means *to call*. The word *voice* is related to this Latin root.)

And so we began thinking from a theological and pastoral perspective, seeking to capture the uniqueness of the relationship between a pastor and a congregation. We were drawn to five major categories: Faithfulness, Leadership, Education, Compassion/Pastoral Care, and Connecting with People/Relationships. These are the Primary Callings for the Pastor; and from there we sought to articulate specifics within each of them. (see pp. 2-3)

We discovered that some things could be categorized in more than one Calling. And so there are places of redundancy, as well as places where we simply made a choice as to where an item would go. Often we opted for vague language, saving specifics for places that needed specifics. This was because we want this document to stand the test of time. We do understand that it is open to revision through the years, but felt that, in order to serve us well, it ought not need too much ongoing revision, especially in the near future.

While the Pastor Parish Relations Committee “owns” this document, now that it is finished, it stands by itself and becomes the primary vehicle for me to guide my ministry with you. Obviously, doing all of these things to the fullest all of the time is impossible. It is the nature of parish ministry that in any given week, month, or even year, some of these Callings require more attention, time and energy than others.

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Primary Callings for the Pastor ***Union Congregational Church***

Introduction

These Primary Callings have been written in lieu of a job description. The calling of a Pastor is more similar to a marriage between the Pastor and Congregation and less like an employee/employer relationship. After spending most of a year in thought and prayer, we, the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC), believe that these five Primary Callings articulate two things: first, the crucial traits and responsibilities that the Union Congregational Church wants and needs in a pastor; second, a set of clear, Christian-focused priorities that will help guide the Pastor in her/his ministry. We believe that this document will help guide the Church and the Pastor in the years ahead as they grow together as Christians.

- 1) **Faithfulness:** *We know that at our core, we are a congregation of faith. We are looking for a deeper, more faithful relationship with God and that our Pastor, to be effective, must first be faithful. Therefore, we expect the Pastor to:*
 - a) Live and demonstrate a deeply faithful Christian life faithful to the traditions of the Christian church as expressed through the United Church of Christ and the Union Congregational Church.
 - b) Study Scripture both individually and in conversation with others.
 - c) Stay connected to sources of inspiration and new ideas to maintain and grow their personal faith and ministry.

- 2) **Leadership:** *We believe that, as Christians and as a congregational church, there is a difference between leadership and responsibility. While the Pastor is responsible to lead us, we are responsible for carrying out the ministries of the church. The Pastor's role is to observe, challenge, lead, inspire, and remind us to live our faith in real ways in our daily lives. Therefore, we expect the Pastor to:*
 - a) Witness to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and model a Christian life.
 - b) Continually challenge the congregation, collectively and individually where possible, to hear God's word more clearly; to see the Bible's teachings in new and more personally relevant ways; to grow spiritually.
 - c) Provide educated and inspired leadership for the congregation mindful of the diversity of the congregation and the broad range of ages among us.
 - d) Understand the importance of children to this congregation and connect with them as a role model in their lives.
 - e) Oversee the selection, development and training of the leaders of the church, especially the Deacons.
 - f) Maintain and encourage the openness and welcoming atmosphere of Sunday worship.
 - g) Consistently bring new ideas to the church to keep the flock engaged, inspired, and renewed.
 - h) Consider special initiatives to inspire people and encourage growth in their lives as individuals and in our life together as a church.
 - i) Provide leadership in these three primary areas:
 - i) Worship (including administering the sacraments, weddings and funerals).
 - ii) Administration of the church (including oversight of paid staff).
 - iii) A process of evaluation, analysis and encouragement for improving the ongoing ministries of the church.

Primary Callings for the Pastor **Union Congregational Church** *(continued)*

- 3) **Education:** *We believe that everyone benefits from having a Christian role model. We also believe that the growing faith of our adults is the most effective way to ensure the growth of our children's faith. We understand the role of our minister to be Pastor and Teacher and that the two roles are inexorably linked. Therefore, we expect the Pastor to:*
- a) Establish with the Christian Education Committee annual educational priorities and goals for all ages and provide ongoing support of this ministry.
 - b) Teach and lead some regular adult education offerings.
 - c) Teach and lead confirmation class.
 - d) Seek out and train lay leaders for ministries.
- 4) **Compassion/Pastoral Care:** *We believe that, as Christians, we ought to love and care for each other to strengthen us so that we can love and care for all people. Therefore, we expect the Pastor to:*
- a) Strive to live a balanced life to provide the emotional "elasticity" needed to handle the unexpected.
 - b) Be emotionally mature, keeping appropriate boundaries and maintaining a healthy perspective on parishioners' issues.
 - c) Lead funerals and minister to the grieving.
 - d) Provide pastoral care around life changing events (baptisms, weddings, confirmation)
 - e) Teach congregants to care for one another and for others; how to "love thy neighbor."
 - f) Make pastoral visits, phone calls to people in need.
 - g) Develop and support "caring ministries" in the church (such as prayer shawl ministries or a prayer chain).
- 5) **Connecting with People/Relationships:** *We believe that we grow in our faith by being in Christian relationship with others. Therefore, we expect the Pastor to:*
- a) Foster the incorporation of new members into the life of the congregation.
 - b) Encourage all organizations and ministries of the church to carry out their work with an emphasis on welcoming others to participate in the mission work of Christ.
 - c) Understand the constituencies and diversity of our congregation and minister with sensitivity and in a welcoming manner to all people.
 - d) Actively seek feedback from various individuals or ministries throughout the year to provide him/her with guidance and inspiration (as well as an annual review).
 - e) Attend and participate in meetings of the church, particularly Church Council, Deacons, Congregational Meetings, and other committees and ministries, as needed, to provide support, guidance, and to facilitate relationships.
 - f) Participate in outreach ministries to and in the community:
 - i) Maintain an ecumenical collegiality in the community.
 - ii) Maintain a pastoral role in the community.
 - iii) Participate in denominational events and activities.

Written by the PPRC (Kristin Ansted, Steve Legge, Halsey Platt, Gail Miller) with input from the Christian Education Committee, the Deacons and the Church Council. April 15, 2009

From the Pastor *(continued from p. 1)*

And so this month, the Deacons will begin the process of leading us through an annual review — this document being our primary text. Ideally a congregation doesn't simply "review the Pastor." Since our ministry together is shared (we are Congregationalists after all!), we ought to think together about how WE are doing; how the ministries of the church are faring; how OUR growth as Christians is going. This, however, is a big undertaking that requires planning and preparation - something we are not yet ready to do. Perhaps in the coming year or two we could take this on.

And so, for now, the Deacons will lead the review process through the Church Council and Committees of the church. It will begin at the May Church Council meeting and will take a couple months (at least). (see article this page)

I am extremely grateful for the careful and prayerful work of the PPRC (Kristin Ansted, Steve Legge, and Halsey Platt), as well as the thoughtful comments from others along the way. This is a wonderful statement of our relationship as Pastor and Congregation and a hopeful road map for our future together. I am blessed to serve among you.

Overflowing with Easter Joy,



The Reverend Gail L. Miller

A Message from the Deacons

Now that Gail has nearly completed her first year as our Settled Pastor, the Deacons have developed a review process, which will begin this month. Please make sure you read Gail's remarks in her "Pastor's Page" and the Primary Callings document as prelude to understanding this process. Mindful of the Communications Covenant adopted here in 2005, we want the process to be open and healthy.

We will be inviting members of Committees to reflect on the five Primary Callings and offer comments on Gail's ministry in these areas and on how the church is doing in these areas as well. Three Deacons will receive this information and then draft a detailed summary which will be discussed with Gail and the PPRC. Gail will also have a follow-up conversation with the entire Board of Deacons and the Church Council, so that Committee Chairs can "close the feedback loop" with their committees. We are expecting participants who provide feedback to include their names and the information gathered will be shared with Gail at the end of the process.

We feel that it is important for this process to be transparent and to encourage people to think carefully about how and what they say so that what we do builds up of the body of Christ in constructive and healthy ways. Learning not just to express, but also to "own" our opinions is the mark of a healthy church, which is what we want to be.

Should you have further questions, the Deacons are always available to you.

*Steve Boczenowski (Chair), Kristin Ansted, Greg Balligan,
Bonnie Biocchi, Dick Hanks, Brian Keese, Jr., Charlene Kelly,
Jeff Kubick, Barbara Lefebvre*



Our Church Family



Ongoing Prayer List

Our prayer list this month reflects your updates. Feel free to contact Pastor Miller or Carol at any time with further updates or additions.

Lincoln James Borak
Susan Bowers and family
Todd Dilley
Rebecca and Norm Hallock
Alexis Hughes

Dennis Lofgren
Camilo Malgeri
Sarah Quimby O'Neil
Ryan Pina
Roland St. Hilaire

Betty Sampas
Tony Sampas
Zoe Soroka

Prayers this Month

- ◆ Connie and Carl Haas and family, in the death of their daughter, Berit.
- ◆ Bonnie Martin and family, in the death of her stepmother, Harriet.
- ◆ Steve Legge, in the death of his father, Philip, in South Carolina.
- ◆ The Reverend Marvin Caldwell as she begins serving as Interim Minister to the First Congregational Church in Jaffrey, NH.
- ◆ Hasi, recovering from surgery.
- ◆ All who are seeking employment or who are burdened by the struggling economy.
- ◆ Carol Zaiatz' father, Roland St. Hilaire, who suffered a stroke and is recovering at a rehab center.

May Birthdays

5/1	Daniel Evans	5/14	Kyle Plausse	5/24	Drew Davenport
5/3	Keith Tomao	5/18	Meredith Dilley	5/24	Bill Gale, Jr.
5/4	Monique Meehan	5/18	Alicia Lavigne	5/24	William Thompson
5/4	Jocelyn Kelly	5/19	Mitchell Spencer	5/27	Kayla Loth
5/5	Charlotte Caiozzo	5/20	Mike Smith	5/28	Caleb Brennan
5/8	Deb Shields	5/20	Emily Spooner	5/30	Johnny Fortier
5/10	Rob Chase	5/21	Ginny Fraser	5/30	Georgia Tomao
5/13	Tyler Shute	5/21	Emily Hanson	5/31	Gregory Stratton

If we missed your birthday, it is not in our database. Please email unioncc@uccgroton.org to give us your birthday. Also, we would like to recognize significant anniversaries — would you share that information with us?

Easter with Our Cherub Choir



The Cherub Choir brought joy to the hearts of the congregation with their performance on Easter Sunday.



4th Annual Spring Artisan/Craft Fair Report

The Fair was a resounding success raising approximately \$1,200 for the church (almost double last year's total of \$678)! We have many people to thank!

All who helped the Sunday before the fair by taking apart the nursery. Set-up and clean-up: Tom Hanson, Mark Reznik, Steve and Deb Boczenowski, Don Kennedy, Halsey Platt and others.

Publicity: Bonnie Chase, Michele Emerle and all who posted our flyers far and wide. Crafters who provided crafts; Deb Boczenowski and Mary Hanson who worked the craft table. Amy Leonard, who entertained children and adults alike with her face painting.

Kitchen Crew: Brian Keese Sr., Halsey Platt, Bebe and Bob Goudey, Steve Boczenowski, Loretta Hamilton, and Ken Lefebvre.

Bake Table: Mark Reznik, Meredith Dilly, Barb Lefebvre, and Jess Plausse sold the delectable goodies so many of you baked for us.

So if you crafted, baked, cooked, served, constructed, deconstructed, sold, advertised, organized, painted faces, shopped, ate, or otherwise contributed in some way - THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you!

—Mary Hanson and Bonnie Martin, Co-Chairs

Looking Ahead to the Fall Harvest Fair (September 26th)

First Meeting: Sunday, May 10th—Church Parlor

Please join us for a short organizational meeting after worship. This year's fair will be held September 26th and is the biggest fundraiser we have as a church. Fall may seem like a long way away, but it is closer than you think. A lot of work goes into making this fair happen, and we would like to invite all who are interested in finding out more about it to join us on the 10th. We have some new ideas this year and there will be handouts with 'job' descriptions so that everyone can get an idea of what to expect. This is a great time to ask questions, share ideas and get excited about this year's fair. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Hanson () or Bonnie Martin ().

Music Appreciation Sunday is May 17th

Hopefully, we will welcome back our newly restored organ with an all-time favorite prelude, Bach's Toccata and Fugue in d minor. Junior, Senior, and Bell Choirs will also lead worship. The Junior Choir will bring out their rhythm instruments for Martin's "Make Music", while the Senior Choir will sing an arrangement of the chorale from Saint-Saen's well known Organ Symphony. The whole musical day will be capped by a wonderful handbell concert in the evening, an opportunity not to be missed! This is a day to celebrate the talent we have in our church community and also to thank everyone in the congregation who has participated throughout the church year.

7:00 p.m. Handbell Concert in Sanctuary Merrimack Valley Ringers www.mvringers.com



The Merrimack Valley Ringers is an auditioned community handbell ensemble with 17 ringers who reside in various areas of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Tickets (\$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors/ students; children under 5 are free) are currently

available through the Church Office or from any Music Committee or Handbell Choir member. We will also be selling tickets during coffee hour May 3rd and May 10th. Childcare will be available for this event.

Organ Fundraiser

THANK YOU for your generous donations! As of April 24th, the Organ Restoration Project Fundraising effort has raised **\$11,525** with a total of **34 stops** adopted so far. Hopefully, the Sunday School "Make a Joyful Noise" collection cans have been noisy at your house! We would like the children to bring the cans to church on Music Appreciation Sunday, May 17th, so that we may get the coins counted and let you know what the children have raised by June 14th.

Christian Education



Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

7:30 p.m. in the Pastor's Office

If you are interested in joining Bible Study on Wednesday evenings, please contact Janet Kennedy.

OR

Thursday Morning Bible Study—10:00 a.m.

at the home of Rev. Marvin Caldwell—26 Court Street,

Our hymns are a vital part of our worship life and our everyday life. They provide easily remembered theological snapshots. Tunes and rhythms color the mood and meaning of Biblical stories influencing how we think of them and incorporate their messages in our daily lives. We'll look at selected Sunday hymns and the Bible passages they are based on. So much of our popular theology comes from our hymns, it will reward us to look at them more closely. Many of our well known hymns also have fascinating stories. Come join us for tea, cookies, and fabulous conversation.

Adult Education Opportunity Coming in June



Adult Forum for Parents: Talking to Children about Death Thursday, June 4th, 7:00 p.m., location tbd

Join Pastor Miller as we discuss how to talk with our children about death in ways that are honest and yet not overwhelming for them (or for us!). Watch your email and Sunday bulletins for more information as the date gets closer.

For The Children



Register for Vacation Bible School

August 11-13

Summer is almost here! Don't let your kids miss out on Vacation Bible School. This year's camp will focus on how Jesus accepts, protects and forgives us. Your kids will enjoy the curriculum of Son Rock Kids Camp, which includes music, games, crafts, storytelling, and science - all with a fun camping theme. The program will take place three mornings—Aug. 11, 12, 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon—and is offered to children entering grades 1-6. The cost is \$15 per child. Just fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it in to secure your spot. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Michelle Emerle at

OR



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Sunday, May 3, 10, and 17
Theme

Peter in Prison

No Sunday School
May 24—Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday, May 31 (June 7 and 14)
Theme

***Into the Bible: Timothy, Eunice,
and Lois***

From the Stewardship & Finance Committee First Quarter 2009 Financial Report

As we look at the first quarter of our operating budget, our income is less than we expected by approximately \$3,000. Both pledges and loose offering are lower than we had projected by the end of March. And our expenses are slightly more than we projected, most noticeably in the area of office expenses (a new service contract on our copy machine, now that we are producing the Courier in house), and building maintenance (a new entryway to the Parish House).

Other financial activity this quarter includes:

- ◆ Advance payments for the Youth Mission Trip to New Jersey, which will be partially reimbursed through fundraisers and payments from participating families.
- ◆ Missions and Outreach disbursements to One Great Hour of Sharing (\$543) and a few lagging 2008 Christmas Angel Fund donations (\$250).
- ◆ Organ restoration expense of \$15,730 and receipts of over \$10,360 in donations. (We expect to make a final payment of \$17,270 for this project in May.)

The good news is that we have not yet needed to make any withdrawals from our endowments. (We will begin to use endowment funds to make the final payment for the organ repair and to repair/paint the steeple this spring/summer.)

The Stewardship and Finance Committee appreciates the efforts you have made to keep your pledges current, to support the Organ Restoration Project, and to manage your committee expenses in these tough economic times. A spreadsheet with the first quarter church budget is on the tables at the back of the sanctuary, if you would like more details. And we are always available, if you have further questions.

Yours in Peace,

*Bob Goudey, Committee Chair; Janice Flynn, Treasurer;
Phil Pratt, Collector; Don Kennedy, John Gervais*

Upcoming Family Ministry Activities



Hiking on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

Hike and geo-cache up Gibbett Hill to the Castle. Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bug spray (and sunscreen if it's sunny!). We will carpool over as parking is limited. The event will be cancelled if there is rain.



Family Bike Ride Sunday, June 7th*, at 2:00 p.m.

Family bike ride for all ages on the Rail Trail! Meet on Broadmeadow Road here in Groton at the dirt parking lot near the Rail Trail at 2:00 p.m. Bring your bike and water for the ride! The event will be cancelled if there is rain.

*Correction — previously listed as June 5th.

If you have any questions regarding either of the above two events, please contact Julie Platt at or by email at

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you to everyone who donated this year. We took in \$543, which is over \$100 more than last year.

Sri Lankan Blanket Project

We are happy to report that the blankets made it to their destination. We hope to hear from the program when they need more. Thank you again for all your help and support in making this mission possible.

Relay For Life of Greater Ayer, MA

June 19 – 20, Ayer High School Track

One day. One night. One community. The Relay For Life is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight it — all right here in our community.

Please join Brian Keese and his son, B. J., the co-captains of the Faith in Action Relay Team, which our church is sponsoring. You can help in two ways. You may sponsor them and/or join them in what promises to be a fun and important fundraising event. Please see either Brian to offer your support in whatever way you can.

Tote Bags for Breast Cancer Project

May 13 at 7:00 p.m., meet to begin sewing at the church.

We will have samples of the bags we will be making and patterns available at coffee hour after worship on May 10th. We will also accept donations of fabric at that time. Each bag requires about 3/4 of a yard of fabric. You may join us to work on these as a group or take a pattern home and work on them on your own. The bags will be used by the American Cancer Society to fill with information to be given to women following breast surgery. We will also be making small pillows to place in the bags to add comfort while wearing a seat belt in the car following surgery. Even if you do not sew you can help.

Please join us. Feel free to contact Debbie Boczenowski (), Anne Larsen () or Cassie Sampas () with questions and/or to help us in this effort.

**Missions and Outreach
Committee:**

—Anne Larsen (Co-Chair)
—Debbie Boczenowski
—Sue Houde

—Cassie Sampas (Co-Chair)
—Marvin Caldwell
—Edie Tompkins

Youth Mission Trip Update



Many Churches, One Mission

July 5 to July 11—Keansburg, New Jersey

Ten youth and two adults from our church will serve with 55 others from Groton (Shepherd of the Valley and Sacred Heart/St. James). A few slots are still available!!!

Upcoming Fundraisers on June 6th

- ◆ **Car Wash** at the Prescott School (tentative time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon)
- ◆ **Yard Sale** here at UCC from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. (see Charlene Kelly for more information regarding contributions: Will you be cleaning out your cellar/garage? Do you have something that you want to get rid of but is too nice to throw away?)
- ◆ **Spaghetti Supper** in our Fellowship Hall (tentative time: 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.)

Keep your eyes open for upcoming newspaper articles, cable appearances, and flyers promoting our trip. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Goudey () or Michele Dilley ().



Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 25th

On Monday, May 25th, we will continue a long-standing tradition of selling refreshments in front of our church before and during the Memorial Day Parade. This is a wonderful way to meet and greet new and old friends. The Lefebvres and the Boczenowskis will be organizing this event, and here's how you can help:

- ◆ Join Ken & Barb, Steve & Deb, to staff the refreshment table. Setup begins at 8:00 a.m. and lasts until the crowds disperse (about 11:00 a.m.).
- ◆ Provide baked goods to be sold at the table. Just leave them in the kitchen on Sunday or bring them along on Monday.

And for those not staffing the table, please consider dropping by to say "hello" and have a cup o' joe. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Boczenowski at _____ or by email at _____



From the
Church Office
Administrator

June and Mid-Summer Courier

The deadline for the June Courier material is Friday, May 15th. Please be sure to email submissions to the Courier by that date.

Also, thinking ahead for the summer, we would like to do a **Mid-Summer Courier** that will incorporate information for **July and August** into one newsletter that will be mailed at the end of June. **Please submit items for July and August by Friday, June 19th, in order to be sure they get into this Mid-summer Courier. This should include any upcoming Sunday School information that will need to get to the Congregation prior to September.**

All submission to the Courier should be emailed to Carol at unioncc@uccgroton.org. Thank you.



Two-Drawer *Locking* File Cabinet Needed...

The Church Office is in need of a two-drawer locking file cabinet (with key). If anyone has one they are no longer in need of or want to get rid of, would you let the office know? Please call 978-448-2091 or email Carol at unioncc@uccgroton.org. Thank you.

—Carol Zaiatz

News from the Church Council

Something new to look for! The Church Council has asked the Buildings and Grounds Committee to remove the first row pew from the right side of the sanctuary, near the piano, to accommodate our wonderful handbell choir. The pew will be removed the week of May 11th. If you have further questions, please contact Leslie Row, Moderator, at _____ or _____

Thank You

Leon Avey and the B&G Team!

If you haven't come in the side door at the Parish House lately, please stop by. We have a wonderful new entryway, thanks to Leon Avey and some of the Buildings and Grounds Committee crew. Thank you so much for brightening up our Parish House! It truly is a "welcoming" entryway now!

—Gail and Carol

Just So You Know

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Ministers of Music: David and Permie Sears

Cherub Choir: Bonnie Marchesani

Handbell Choir: Cheryl Townsend

Church Officers

Moderator: Leslie Row

Treasurer: Janice Flynn

Clerk: Erica Davenport

Collector: Phil Pratt

Auditor: William Shute

May Deacon of the Month Kristin Ansted

Prayer List

Feel free to call the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list.

Booking Events

When planning meetings, fundraisers, etc., please call the church office to be sure the space is available.

Sermons

Copies of Rev. Miller's sermons are available in the wooden rack in the downstairs hallway.

Weekly News Email

Gail prepares the email to be sent from the Office Administrator's account, usually on Fridays.

Name Tags help us become friends. Please wear yours. Sign up on the nametag list on the small table in the vestibule, call or email the church office.

Committee Chairs

Buildings & Grounds:
Leon Avey

Christian Education:
Stefanie Lempp

Church Council Member-at-Large:
Jon Sjoberg

Diaconate:
Steve Boczenowski

Missions & Outreach:
Cassie Sampas Anne Larsen

Music:
Cheryl Townsend (see Handbell Choir)

Pastor Parish Relations:
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May 3rd - Holy Communion, Baptism

- ◆ Collection for the Food Pantry at Loaves and Fishes
- ◆ Sunday School in the Parish House
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. - Hike up Gibbet Hill (see p. 8)

**May
Sundays**

May 10th - New Members Join

- ◆ Sunday School in the Parish House
- ◆ Happy Mother's Day!

May 17th - Music Appreciation Sunday

- ◆ Junior, Senior and Handbell choirs in worship
- ◆ Children bring Joyful Noise offering cans to worship
- ◆ Sunday School in the Parish House
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. Merrimack Valley Ringers Handbell Choir Concert (see p. 6)

**Music
Appreciation**

May 24th - Memorial Day Weekend
(No Sunday School)

May 31st - Pentecost Sunday - Confirmation Sunday!
Sunday School in the Parish House (pre-school - 5th)

