



# The Beacon

**First Congregational Church of Millbury, United Church of Christ**

Our Mission: To welcome and inspire ALL through faith, love,  
and fellowship according to Christ's example.

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## **Minutes of Council Meeting March 11, 2018**

Rev. Vickie Hammel opened the meeting with a prayer

### **Joan Greenwood Presented the Treasurers Report**

**Total Income \$3556:** Offering \$2797, AA 100, Yoga \$238, Misc. \$421.

**Expenses Total \$4986.27 :** Minister \$1000, Organist \$600, Secretary \$285, Alternatives \$252,  
Electricity \$361.07, Gas \$19, Phone 134.77, oil 2044.59, Water \$118.35,  
Deacons/Missions \$421.49

**Don Orrell:** inquired as to the number of **Pledge Cards** passed in:

16 Pledge Cards returned, but we have **30 units** that contribute regularly

**Richard Chenis** shared that he is scheduled for heart surgery tomorrow! Pastor Vickie gave a beautiful prayer for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery for Richard.

**Deacons Report:** Amy Peterson said profiles had been sent, no responses yet.

Deacons meeting at 11:30 am tomorrow to discuss Easter and Veteran's Sunday.

**Web Site:** Janice Fortin reported that the Church Web Site preparation by Audrey Rossow is proceeding

- Operations Manual is being prepared
- Password to website found
- Laptop updated and desk top available
- Old Web Site has been removed

**Building & Grounds:** Terry removed limbs from storm, will start preparing for Spring.

Terry, Dave, and Joyce did some shoveling, Adam Army has done some to earn school volunteer credits.

**Rental of Fellowship Hall:** Amy P. rented hall for \$80 for a Birthday Party. Amy took care of heat for the event. All went well. Terry kindly took the trash from the party.

Jim Mousseau will Email list of current charges for rentals. We will be discussing the charges at the next meeting.

**Cindy Bradway:** Will look into MassSave Energy Audit to address problems with the thermostat downstairs.

**Amy Peterson:** said some people mentioned that they were having difficulty hearing, so Terry is going to move the speakers downstairs to see if that solves the problem.

**Joan Greenwood:** is asking that the provider of our sign to repaint the sign before Easter.

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**Memorial Day Sunday:** Jim Mousseau said the Millbury Veterans would like to come to our church for Memorial Day Sunday. Deacons will work with Jim Mousseau on the details.

**Veteran's Golf Fund Raiser:** Voted to "Sponsor a Hole" for \$100 in the name of Roland LaChance. Donation will come from the Deacon's Fund.

**Parsonage:** Will be discussed in April.

**Leah Murphy:** She will check with Pastor Cliff from Federated Church concerning plans for a Maundy Thursday Service. Assumption is having an Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and has invited all the churches in Millbury to attend.

**Easter Music:** Choir will sing. Hannah Mejaour will play the trumpet. She will be paid \$150.

Meeting was Adjourned at 11:50 am.

## Annual Flea Market April 21<sup>st</sup>

Our church will be holding the Annual Flea Market on Saturday, **April 21th from 9 am to 2 pm.** Please gather your treasures and rent one of our inside tables for \$20. Call Jeri Stead to reserve a table. You can prepare your inside table on Friday night from 6pm to 8 pm. If you want to chance the weather, the outside reservation is \$10 and you will need to provide a table.

Refreshments will be on sale for you to enjoy. We will have a variety of muffins available and Ron's delicious Hot Dogs will be on the grill. There will also be a Church Flea Market Table and Bakery Table.

While gathering items for Flea Market Table, please keep in mind that we are unable to accept any T.V.'s, electronics, or clothes, and please set aside your favorite recipes for April's Bakery Table.



## WILDLIFE CONTROL



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5th Karen Kosiba  
 5th Donald Orrell  
 6th Sandye Hermans  
 8th David Sauer  
 9th Julia Fortin  
 11th Abigail Assad  
 11th Ryan O'Donnell  
 16th Dylan Enthoven  
 16th Donald Enthoven  
 21st Sara Jenkel  
 21st Paul Fortin  
 23rd Lynn Thurlow  
 24th Donald Pokraka  
 28th Donna Elie  
 28th Susan Witter  
 30th Charlotte Stockwell

† Those who live in despair  
 † Those who are hungry and homeless  
 † Those who struggle with addiction

## Joys and Celebrations

† Phyllis F. home  
 † Roland home again  
 † Kay improving daily from fall

## Special Prayers and Thank You

† Cindy B's son -in-law Matt deployed to Afghanistan for 1 year  
 † Amy P and Joyce O'C's grandson Jake deployed to Afghanistan for 5 months

**Special thanks...** to Terry for shoveling our walks and to Dave for plowing our driveway all winter. **Great job! Greatly appreciated!**

**Thank you...**all for the cards and get well wishes that I received during my recent illness. They were much appreciated. Happy to report I am doing fine now.

Jim Mousseau

## REFLECTIONS

As winter subsides and the snow finally melts away we welcome the first signs of Spring. The grey, bleak days are replaced by longer daylight hours and the warmth of the sun. Soon the crocuses, tulips and daffodils will be poking through the ground, tilting their heads towards the rays of the sun.

Such is the feeling at "the friendly church on the hill". The days of uncertainty and worry are over. We welcome the fresh new spirit of wholeness and happiness. We rejoice in the feeling of rebirth and new beginnings for our church. Our revitalization has begun.

There is a joyfulness that fills our hearts and puts a smile on our faces when we walk into our beautiful sanctuary. We feel the warmth of friendship and love from those that surround us.

We are a fortunate and blessed congregation. We pray for those that are less fortunate than ourselves. We pray for those that are suffering both physically and emotionally. We pray they can find peace in their hearts and in their minds. Let their be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

Amy Peterson

## Prayers & Concerns

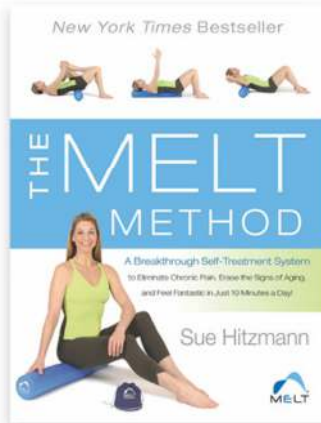
† Karen Bickford for the passing of her Mom  
 † Ann Thurlow for the passing of her daughter Beth  
 † Joyce's friend Mr Titus who suffered a stroke  
 † Pastor Angers and family in Auburn  
 † Steve B's mother ill in Fl.  
 † Larry Bernard  
 † Christine H's sister recovering from stroke  
 † Sonja in hospital  
 † Cindy B's grandsons  
 † Cindy B's youngest daughter  
 † Richard passed heart test  
 † Jay and family  
 † Jullian  
 † Our Church  
 † Our Nation  
 † Our Military



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**Where: First Congregational Church Millbury**

**When: April 23, 2018  
6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Fee: \$30**

**\*Limited to 15 participants**

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**April**



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**The Beacon**  
Deadline for May newsletter is  
April 15th. The BEACON is  
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class mail. It can also be  
downloaded from the church  
website. Copies are available at  
the back of the sanctuary.



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