



# 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 April 2018**

- \*Joan Greenwood presented: Monthly Treasurers Report for March 2018  
Total Income was \$9328      Total Expenses were \$3944
- \*Jim Mousseau is going to have the furnace at the parsonage checked.  
-He also has called someone to check the lift as the door won't open at times.
- \*Deacons are going to review Church Rental Fees and will report their recommendation at the next Council Meeting.
- \*Joyce Carpenter-Henderson: Gave information on the upcoming Youth Concert that her students will present.  
-Will look into hiring a musician to play the Trumpet on Memorial Day Sunday and Christmas.
- \*Sound System-Still not dependable. We are going to have it looked at and possibly get a new microphone for the pulpit. Vicki knows of a Sound Expert who could assess our present equipment.
- \*The bill for the Yearly Board of Health Certificate will arrive in May. Our current one expires in June
- \*There was a discussion of the process that the Deacons are going through as we interview candidates for a part time minister.
- \*Joan Greenwood is trying to get the Sign Maker to repair our church sign.
- \*Linda Polissack is looking into hiring a violinist for Mother's Day.
- \*Next Council Meeting will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> after church- all are invited.

### **Update on Pastoral Search**

We would like to keep you all informed on the Deacon's progress with our pastoral candidates. We have interviewed two ministers so far and are interested in them both. They both had interesting views and one had an especially good energy. We have just received two more profiles to review and then we will interview those that we feel are appropriate for our church and congregation.

We owe a giant thanks to Janice for keeping this process running smoothly and setting up the appointments and making the arrangements with each candidate. Also for being the contact person for us with the UCC.

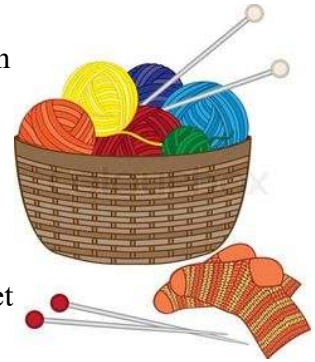
**Enjoy the little things. One day you might look back  
and realize they were the big things.**

## Mission Corner

I want to thank everyone for their generosity for all the coat donations on Palm Sunday. Alexis brought all the donations to Grace's Garments for me and they were overwhelmed with the amount! They are forever grateful for all our church donates to their cause.

The church was beautifully decorated on Easter Sunday with all the tulips and lilies. Thank you to all who ordered to make our church look springy and beautiful.

Just a reminder that we have started knitting/crocheting/looming again. We meet every other Tuesday at Cindy Bradway's house. We have experienced people who can teach anyone interested how to knit, crochet or use a loom. We have supplies to help you get started- no need to bring anything but yourself!



If interested may contact Deanna at 508-865-6069 or [murrayapplegang@aol.com](mailto:murrayapplegang@aol.com).

### Welcome Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 27th

On Memorial Day Sunday we will be welcoming Veterans from our community to join us at our 10 am Service.

100 years ago, 1918, WWI ended. In remembrance of those who served our country in the "Great War", we are going to display our church's WWI Service Flag that was discovered in our steeple five years ago. It has 16 blue stars, two covered with Gold Crosses and one covered with a Gold Star.

The Gold Star represents a man who lost his life during the "Great War". His name was William Higginson and we now know his "story". William was brother to Charles Higginson, Amy Peterson's grandfather.

Chris Sinacola, a historical columnist, recently discovered a letter sent to Charles which tells William's "story". This letter will be read during the Memorial Day Service on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.



- 1st Forest White
- 4th Thomas Murphy
- 5th Joan Greenwood
- 6th Robert Jerszyk
- 6th Laura White
- 8th Debra Grandone
- 8th Christine Hamer
- 9th Joseph Kosiba
- 10th Terry Bickford
- 10th Martin Jenkel
- 10th Jim Fairbanks
- 11th Robert Larose
- 15th Eva Aubin
- 18th Jean Orrell
- 18th Erik Wahlstom
- 23rd Karen Bickford
- 24th Abigail Thurlow
- 24th Cindy Bradway
- 25th Joyce O'Connor
- 25th Naomi Swanson
- 26th John Davidson
- 27th Cristie Adams
- 27th Colin Minor
- 28th Danielle Demers
- 28th Michael Murray
- 29th Kimberly Rudge
- 30th William Witter



† Our Nation  
 † Our Military  
 † Those who live in despair  
 † Those who are hungry and homeless  
 † Those who struggle with addiction.

**Joys and Celebrations**

† Kay and Roland have both returned home

† Having Vicki's family join us for Easter

**Spring Wreaths**

We want to thank Cindy Cardone for the lovely wreaths that adorn the front doors of the church.

We appreciate her help in welcoming "Spring".



Cindy's generously shares her talent in helping us decorate for all the seasons.

**Easter Sunday a Blessed Event**

The sanctuary was a beautiful sight to behold on Easter morning with the colorful tulips and lilies decorating the windows and communion table.

Pastor Vicki lead a wonderful service and gave a memorable sermon.

Thanks to Joyce for the glorious Easter hymns, to Leah and Dave, our fabulous duo, John our amazing soloist and Hannah our fantastic trumpet player. All together these people filled the church with joyous music sent from Heaven above.



Most of all the sound of tiny children's voices and the patter of tiny feet brought a renewed life into the church.

**Prayers & Concerns**

- † Carol Krumsiek in rehab after fall and stroke
- † Peter Stead fell in bathtub
- † Christine H's friend with cancer
- † Gina and her son.
- † Janice 's cousin Butch with collapsed lung
- † Joyce's friend Marge
- † For the family of Larry Bernard
- † Jullian
- † Sonja now receiving hospice care at home
- † The Parkland students movement
- † The brave police officer in France who traded himself for a hostage and was killed
- † K-9 Officer Gannon killed in the line of duty in Yarmouth, Ma
- † Our Church



## Flea Market a Success

I want to thank all those who contributed to and attended the Flea Market. I appreciate all the hours that the various teams spent preparing for this event. Jim Mousseau and helpers, Cindy Bradway, Linda Polissack, and Christine Hamer organized the numerous items on the stage. On Saturday Jim Mousseau, , Heather Beauregard, and Amy Peterson sold the Flea Market treasures.

There was a wonderful display of baked goods on the Bakery Table due to the efforts of Janice Fortin, and Linda Polissack. They made numerous phone calls, and on Saturday, Audrey Rossow joined them to help sell the delicious donations on the bakery table.

The kitchen workers, Jody Stockwell-Jerszyk, and Candace Adams helped Ron and I feed all the dealers and guests.

All pitched in on the clean up, and we appreciate Terry Bickford stopping by to help put away all the tables and chairs!

The greatest success of the Flea Market was that we had a good time meeting and visiting with citizens of Millbury and the wider community, and that we earned over \$1100!

Thanks again,  
**Jeri**

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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG?

Hopefully Spring has finally arrived. Thanks to Paul F. and Terry B. for raking and sweeping away the Winter past. Before long we will be ready to begin planting Spring and Summer Annual Flowers to brighten our entrances.

## Paint Night Fundraiser a Success

Our Paint Night with Sue Dion was attended by 30 people. Many church members, women from Brierly Pond Village, people from Uxbridge, Sutton, Shrewsbury and Douglas attended. Sue's easy going, humorous style of teaching put beginners and experienced painters at ease and made for a fun evening. It was wonderful to see 2 and 3 generations of painters, preteen, teens and men in the group. Many people told us how much they enjoyed the evening and the delicious snacks and beverages. Numerous people expressed an interest in attending another Paint Night with Sue at our church.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped to make the event possible. Jeri S., Amy P., and Christine H. for providing refreshments, Paul. F. for set-up and take down, Julia F. for helping setup paint supplies and everyone who pitched in for cleanup.

We are so grateful to Sue Dion for her willingness to do the Fundraiser for us. She presented us with a check for \$517.50 to donate to our treasury. In addition, Sue has offered to hold another Fund Raiser Paint Night this year.

Keep an eye on the Beacon, Church Facebook, Website or the Chronicle for date and time. Don't miss out. Class registration is bound to fill up fast.

**Janice**





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difference  
in someone's life!**



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introduce your friends to our  
Friendly Church on the Hill.

**The Beacon**

Deadline for June newsletter  
is May 20th. The BEACON is  
distributed by email or first  
class mail. It can also be  
downloaded from the church  
website. Copies are available at  
the back of the sanctuary.



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