



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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Pastor Vicki Hammel's last Sunday will be August 19th

Please join us at **10 am on August 19th** as we thank Pastor Vicki for helping us through the lengthy process of choosing a Designated Term Pastor.

Vicki shared her expertise with us, she was always there to answer our questions, and to reassure us that we were on the right track. Her support led us to the goal of choosing Rev. Elva M. Pawle as our new Pastor, who will help us define our vision for the future.

Thank you, Vicki.

From the New Pastor....

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 9, I will officially “come on board” as your Designated Term Pastor. I’m very much looking forward to beginning our journey of faith together, and getting to know you.

My ministry is grounded in the belief that you and I, and all humanity, are created in the image of a loving God. This comes from the Bible’s book of Genesis, where God says, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness” (Genesis 1:26). Because we are made in God’s image, we are capable of love. We reflect God’s loving nature in relationships with one another, inspired by the movement of God’s Spirit. For me, ministry is building loving relationships where God’s Spirit can shine forth from us as individuals, and from our community as a whole. I am grateful for the opportunity to discover how God is at work among you at First Church in Millbury.

A little about me: I enjoy gardening, swimming, and paddling and rowing in kayaks and small boats. I also like to read and walk in all seasons. I am the mother of three adult children. My daughter Amy and her husband Sean live in East Longmeadow, with Amy’s daughter Lucy, age 14. Amy and Sean are expecting a baby at the end of August.

My older son Rob and his wife Kerith live in Stoneham, north of Boston. They have a son, Ola, age 5, and a daughter, Norunn age 2 ½. My younger son, Reggie, is an avid rock climber and alpinist. He will be moving to Colorado in the fall to be part of the climbing community there. I also have two orange tabby cats, brother and sister, named Sebastian and Cecilia. Cecilia likes to sit on my desk while I write my sermons.

It gives me great joy that I will soon be ministering among you. May God guide us as we live into God’s purpose for First Church Millbury.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Elva



August

- 2nd Beverly Stockwell
- 4th Timothy Bickford
- 12th Mark Frankian
- 14th Emileigh Beauregard
- 14th Ann Thurlow
- 15th Patty Frankian
- 16th Peter Jenkel
- 25th Sudan Dean
- 25th Martha Moore
- 25th Richard St. George
- 27th Noah Mejaour
- 27th Michael Orrell
- 29th Robert Pearson
- 30th Linda Lachance

Joys and Celebrations

- † Mark Lachance married Katie Sue Parker on July 3rd at Cape Cod.
- † Justin had safe return from Washington DC where he participated in the Jr Leadership Conference Program for one week.
- † Pleasure to have Dave Sauer and his grandchildren with us on Sunday mornings.
- † Thankful that the soccer team from Thailand and their leader were successfully rescued.
- † Birth of Ann Marie's great grandchild.

Obituaries

- † Rev. Dr. Lynn Anderson passed away on July 1st. He leaves his wife Rev. Shirley Anderson and his son Rev. Eric Anderson.
- † John (Jack) Swedberg passed away July 9th. He leaves his two daughters Lisa Swedberg and Kristen Wall.
- † Both men had previously been very active in our church.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

Prayers & Concerns

- † Dave's sister June
- † Family of young man who drowned in Millbury
- † Linda's friend Claudette who entered hospice
- † Barbara Pearson in hospital
- † Janice's friend Bill who had complications from knee surgery
- † Family of Jake's friend killed in Afghanistan
- † All those who died in Duck Boat tragedy
- † Leaders of our Country
- † All Military and first responders
- † Those who are hungry and homeless
- † Those who are lonely and heart sick
- † Those struggling with addiction
- † Our Church
- † Our Community
- † Our Nation
- † Our World

Parsonage Update

Our real estate agent, Maureen Army, had 35 potential buyers view the Parsonage. As a result an agreement has been signed to sell the property for the asking price of \$250,000 with a closing date of September 3rd. The Parsonage will remain a single family home.

Joan Greenwood, Treasurer



Mission Corner



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.
Deanna Murray



September 15th

Our church will be holding the Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 15th 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.

Children & Youth Piano Recital Thank You Note

"For most people in the world today, claims journalist Barbara Ehrenreich, "the experience of collective ecstasy is likely to be found, if it is found at all, not in a church or at a concert or rally but at a sports event"

Whereas, I understand the perspective of this insightful journalist, in many ways, our energetic Children and Youth Piano Recital, defied the odds.

For we together, the piano students, their families/friends and church members experienced collective gratitude and excitement as we applauded the performance of all 23 piano students.

Thank you to all church members and friends who attended and/or helped with the Piano Recital.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God . . ." (I Corinthians 11)

Heather & Helen Beauregard
Lydia Bove
Janice Fortin
Joan & Hunter Greenwood
Phil & Patty Nyberg
Linda Polissack
Jeri Stead
Kent Stowe

Sincerely,
Joyce Carpenter-Henderson
Organist/Music Director



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difference
in someone's life!**



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on Facebook. See all the
photos. It's a great way to
introduce your friends to our
Friendly Church on the Hill.

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