



# 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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## Farewell to Pastor Vicki....

With hearts full of gratitude and especially love, we say goodbye to Pastor Vicki. For the past year Vicki has been our Pastor, our mentor, our leader, our life saver and especially our dear friend.

She guided us through the grey days and helped us find the sunlight in our church again. Vicki filled a deep void with her favorite hymns and wonderful sermons that taught us a lesson each week. Sermons that related to our daily lives and made us think of the good that God hands us on a daily basis.

With her love and support we learned to always look forward, and to never look backward. We were taught not to look in our "rear view mirrors".

With Pastor Vicki's guidance the Deacons were able to choose a new Pastor and prepare a new covenant for us all to live by with her.

We will forever be grateful for the countless blessings Vicki has bestowed upon each and every one of us and our beloved church. Thanks be to God!!!!!!

## Notes from the Organ Bench

*"In my eyes and ears the organ is the king of instruments"*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

This is the first of a series of articles about our beloved E. M. Skinner organ. My writings about the pipe organ are prompted by our church's web organizer Audrey Rossow inquiry about the instrument's beautiful sounds.

Our original organ was a George W. Stevens tracker organ and was installed at the back of our church sanctuary in the late 1800's. George Stevens (1803-1894) a pipe organ manufacturer. from East Cambridge, MA built over 800 pipe organs. Incidentally, George Stevens was also a politician and served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> mayor of Cambridge. He is buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery where my grandmother, Marguerite Carpenter is interred.

According to my current research, a few George Stevens pipe organs can still be seen and heard in New England towns and cities including Shirley Center, Gloucester, and Harvard (Massachusetts) and Wiscasset and Belfast (Maine).

Yesterday, I visited the Harvard Historical Society, and took pictures of the historic 1870 Stevens organ console and façade (pipes seen) HHS claims it to be the largest remaining single manual Stevens organ. In the future, I plan to exhibit pictures of both the Harvard organ and our own Millbury church organ.

It is important to note, that in 1923, at First Congregational of Millbury our church forebears decided to update our organ to better suit the sanctuary acoustics. The George Stevens casework was moved to the front of the sanctuary and a new E.M. Skinner pipe organ was installed. The huge façade organ pipes (face of the instrument) behind the pulpit was retained from the original Stevens instrument.

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Organist/Music Director





### September

- 1st Alicen Murray
- 5th Amanda Bradway
- 5th Ronald Rudge
- 7th Debra Minor
- 11th Joseph Kosiba
- 11th Jay O'Connor
- 11th Jay Stockwell
- 13th Cheryl Ordway
- 14th Jerilyn Stead
- 16th Morgan Leveille
- 17th Thomas Rudge
- 19th Kristin Wall
- 20th Maura O'Connor
- 20th Georgia O'Connor
- 23rd Kay Lachance
- 26th Roland Lachance
- 27th Kirk Enthoven
- 27th Riley Gobron
- 27th Meredith Gobron
- 27th Lani Riley
- 27th Kristy Richards
- 30th Ann Jenkel
- 30th David Wall

- † Hunter fell and is in Millbury Care One.
- † The Lachance Family on the loss of Kay's brother.
- † Our Church
- † Our Community
- † Our Country
- † Our World
- † All Military Men and Women
- † All First Responders
- † Those who are hungry and homeless.
- † Those who live with despair.
- † Those struggling with addiction.

### Joys and Celebrations

- † Stead family reunion in Maine
- † Robert getting married.
- † Joyce's piano students performing in Music Festival

**The best kind of people are the ones that come into your life and make you see the sun where you once saw clouds.**

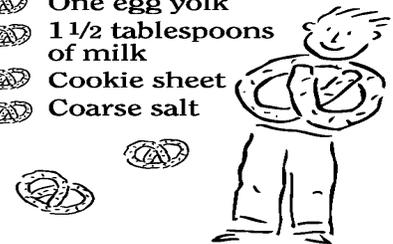
### Just For Kids

#### Make a "Prayer Pretzel"

Pretzels were first made by monks in Rome during the 5th century. The shape looks like a person's arms folded in prayer. You can make your own pretzels.

#### You will need:

- ☞ A roll of refrigerated bread stick dough
- ☞ One egg yolk
- ☞ 1 1/2 tablespoons of milk
- ☞ Cookie sheet
- ☞ Coarse salt



#### How to make them:

- ☞ Shape each piece of dough into a pretzel shape.
- ☞ Place on cookie sheet.
- ☞ Brush with a mixture of the egg yolk and milk.
- ☞ Sprinkle with salt. (You can use parmesan cheese, if you prefer.)
- ☞ Bake according to package directions.

### Prayers & Concerns

- † Nancy who has cancer.
- † Ann Marie's brother having surgery.
- † Donna whose husband passed.
- † Janice's friend Bill feeling better.
- † Robert laid off from his job.
- † Linda's friend and her friend's mother both ill.
- † Leah's niece Katie fell and broke shin in two places.



## Mission Corner



As Summer leaves us and Fall approaches please remember Graces Garments. As you put away your summer clothes and take out fall/winter clothes please consider parting with gently used items that you no longer wear. Graces Garments are in need of men/woman/children clothes of all sizes. Gently used coats and shoes are also needed. Thank you for your support. Graces Garments staff are very appreciative of our donations.

Just a reminder that our knitting/crocheting/loom group will be in full swing as fall/winter comes upon us. We are always looking for new people to join our group. We are working on baby hats and blankets for Visitation House in Worcester and winter hats for Elmwood St School children in need. Both Visitation House and Elmwood St. School are worthy causes and the items we make are greatly appreciated. Please join us on **Tuesday evenings** at our church **6:30pm**. We have supplies for your use. Please let me know if you are interested. Deanna Murray 508-865-6069 or [murrayapplegang@aol.com](mailto:murrayapplegang@aol.com).

## FLEA MARKET 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.

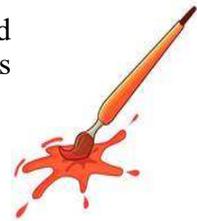
## GOOD TURNOUT FOR PAINT NIGHT

We enjoyed another Paint Night Fundraiser with Sue Dion of Inspired Painting and Instructions. Twenty-one painters attended and we received a donation from a friend bringing in a total of \$408.00.

Thanks to Paul F. for setting up, Jeri S. and Christine H. for providing delicious snacks and doing kitchen duty. The painters went home happy and were pleased to hear Sue has offered to return on **Tuesday, October 16th** for another Fundraiser. In October you'll be able to "Take your pick" of two Pumpkin Paintings. One will be an outdoor composition of pumpkins and birch trees or if you prefer whimsical pumpkins with a poker dot background. Keep an eye on the Church Facebook and Website for more details.

Thanks again to Sue Dion and everyone who supported this Fundraiser.

Janice



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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.

## **The Beacon**

Deadline for October  
newsletter is September  
16th. 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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