

First Congregational Church
of Millbury, UCC
148 West Main Street
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The Beacon
June



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Deadline for July/August
newsletter is June 20th. The
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also be downloaded from the
church website. Copies are
available at the back of the
sanctuary.



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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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Dear Friends,

After worship on Sunday, May 16, Deacons Heather Beauregard, Karen Bickford, and Audrey Rossow and I brought brown bag lunches to the members of Worcester Fellowship, and worshiped with them. The Fellowship is a ministry with people in Worcester, some of whom have homes and some of whom who do not have homes (www.worcesterfellowship.org). They meet Sundays at noon, in front of All Saints' Episcopal Church on Irving Street.

It was a hot day, and as we rode past the new Polar Park, I found myself dreaming of lazy summer afternoons watching baseball games. But after we arrived, I tried to focus on the task at hand: delivering the lunches prepared by all the Deacons: Jeri Stead, Linda Polissack, and Janice Fortin, along with the three who made the trip with me.

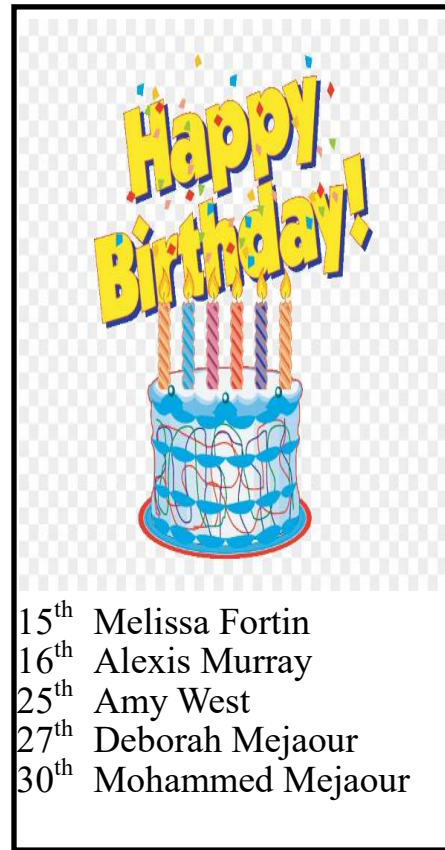
The Deacons of Worcester Fellowship: one named Tom and one named Ron, set up a table and we placed our bins of lunches, bottles of water, and granola bars alongside. Gradually people showed up. One of the Fellowship members brought flowers from the church in Sterling, where the Fellowship's Pastor, Zach Kerzee, serves as Associate Pastor. Since he had been with that congregation that morning, it was a while before he arrived.

As soon as he arrived, Pastor Zach greeted the folks who had gathered. He crossed the street to help a man who had fallen. Once the man's needs had been addressed, he greeted us and thanked us. Then our simple service began. I felt God's Spirit moving among us. Pastor Zach encouraged us to name the reasons we were there and the burdens we wanted to lay down. We heard the parable of the Good Samaritan and reflected together on what it means for a follower of Jesus to be a neighbor. We lifted up prayer concerns and gave thanks to God for the food that had been brought and the hands that had prepared it.

The Fellowship Deacons had explained to me that before the pandemic, they would share bread and juice for communion. Now, the food we had brought served as communion, blessed and shared in remembrance of Jesus.

As I drove home, I felt blessed to have been part of that community. Worshiping with them renewed my conviction that church is wherever two or three or gathered in Jesus' name. As Jesus said, "whenever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). Church can be in a beautiful building. Church can be on a mountaintop or on a lakeshore. Church can be in a hospital room or in a nursing home. Church can be on a city sidewalk.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Elva



- 15th Melissa Fortin
- 16th Alexis Murray
- 25th Amy West
- 27th Deborah Mejaour
- 30th Mohammed Mejaour

Deacons Fund

On Communion Sunday at First Church, the first Sunday of the month, the Deacons take a special offering for the Deacons Fund, which is a fund to provide assistance to members in need. Envelopes marked DEACONS FUND are in your bulletin. Donations may also be made using the envelope any other Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Spirit, think through me till your ideas are my ideas.

~Amy Carmichael
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Remember our shut-ins with a note or a card.....

Mr. Jay Stockwell
110 Hartness Road
Sutton, MA 01590

Chris Rudge
8 Carlstrom Lane
Millbury, Ma 01527

Bill Crandell
Care One at Millbury
312 Millbury Ave
Millbury, Ma 01527

Kathleen (Chase) Rozenas
102 Hayden Pond Road
Dudley, MA 01571

Beverly Stockwell
8 Colonial Drive Apt C
Millbury, MA 01527

Mrs. Kay Lachance
32 Davis Rd.
Millbury, MA 01527



Prayers & Concerns

- † Our Community
- † Our Country
- † Our World
- † All Military Men and Women
- † All First Responders
- † Our Church and our Ministry in Millbury and beyond
- † Ron Stead's sister in law Kathie Stead
- † All who are suffering from COVID 19 and their families
- † Health care workers and essential workers, providing care and support for those with COVID 19.
- † Christine Hamer's brother Bill, in a long term care facility in Pennsylvania
- † Steve and Heather Beaugard and family. Steve's mother Helen, who had been living in Florida, entered into the life everlasting on May 6.

For a June Day

Give me a hill where the world is still and green with growing things;

Give me a brook with a laughing look, a bird that early sings.

Give me a day that starts away with dew upon its feet;
Buttercups and a bee that sups upon a clover's treat.

Oh, give me a morn with June is born, my feet, a hill to climb,

And I'll look abroad and see where God has walked, this summertime.

~Francis Stockwell Lovell



✿ Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are joyful songs!
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares.
Read down the second column to see the sentence from Psalms.

- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER

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Answer: _____!

Make a Snack:

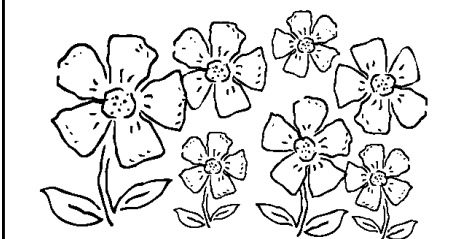
Praise Posies

You will need:

- ✿ 1 tube of refrigerated biscuits
- ✿ 5 teaspoons of jam or jelly
- ✿ kitchen scissors
- ✿ measuring spoon (1/2 teaspoon)
- ✿ baking sheet

How to make:

- ✿ Make 5 cuts on the edge of each biscuit. (Don't cut all the way to the center.)
- ✿ Press the center with your fingers or thumb to make a dent.
- ✿ Fill the center with jam or jelly (1/2 teaspoon).
- ✿ Bake at 450° for 8-10 minutes or until golden.
- ✿ Share them with a friend while they're still warm!



Answer: Praise the Lord!