



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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Successful Food Collection for the Senior Center

We had a very successful Food Collection on August 20th for the Millbury Senior Center. The generous donations of Goretto's Gift Certificates and Big Y, combined with the wonderful variety of food, will certainly help those in need in our community. We want to thank those who donated and those who worked on that Saturday. The weather was wonderful although hot, but we had fun gathering outside to do our duties. A lot was accomplished in a few hours.

Thank you everyone.

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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Alicen Murray
 5th Amanda Bradway
 11th Joseph Kosinski
 11th Jay Stockwell
 14th Jerilyn Stead
 16th Morgan Leveille
 20th Maura O'Connor
 20th Georgia O'Connor
 23rd Kay Lachance
 27th Dirk Enthoven
 27th Kristy Richards

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
 Beverly Stockwell
 8 Colonial Drive Apt C
 Millbury, MA 01527
 Mrs. Kay Lachance
 32 Davis Rd.
 Millbury, MA 01527
 Eva Aubin
 113 A.F Putnam Rd.
 Charlton, MA 01507
 John Davidson
 63 Raymond Schoolhouse
 Road
 Canterbury, CT 06331



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
- † 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.

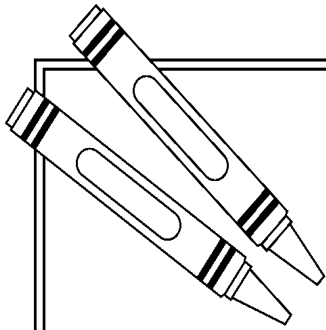


God is always looking for hands to use

Some years ago, an Irish physician, Dr. Alexander Irvine, wrote a book dedicated to his saintly mother. It was called *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*. The lead character in the book, a godly woman named Anna, lived and ministered to others as Dr. Irvine's own mother had done. The book tells of Anna going to the home of a neighbor who had just lost a son in a tragedy at sea. Anna and the bereaving mother visited for awhile, then Anna suggested that they have a prayer together. As their heads bowed, Anna reached out and placed her loving hand on the neighbor's forehead. When the prayer was over, the mourning mother said, "I think I felt His touch upon my brow."

Anna said, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and used it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

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 August 2000



Just for KIDS

Changes

There are many changes in the season of Autumn. The leaves may change color, the air may become cooler and we may go to a new classroom or school.

Find the Bible verse below. First fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle squares. Then transfer the words in the boxes to the matching blank lines below. To learn more, read Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Word List

is	under
for	season
and	heaven
time	activity
every	everything
There	

_____ a _____ ,
 1 down 6 down 1 across 10 across 3 across

_____ a _____
 9 across 2 down 10 across 8 down 5 across

_____ " _____"
 7 across 4 down

Answer: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."

Fun with the Sun!

Before we had clocks and watches, people told time with sundials. Make a sundial to tell the time.

You will need:

- * a stick about a foot long
- * a permanent marker
- * a watch
- * 10 or 12 small wooden stakes
(Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors work well.)
- * a bright, sunny day

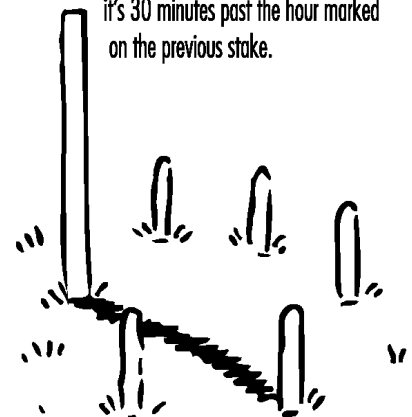
How to make it:

1. Choose a sunny area outside.
2. Place the stick in the ground.
3. When your watch is on the hour (ex. 1:00, 2:00, etc.), place a small stake at the end of the shadow made by the stick. Write the time on the stick with the marker.
4. After an hour has passed, put another stake in the ground where the shadow is now. Write the new time.
5. Continue this way throughout the day.

You now have a sundial!

How to read the time:

See where the shadow of the stick points. If it points to a stake the time is the time written on the stake. If the shadow is halfway between two stakes, it's 30 minutes past the hour marked on the previous stake.



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Address Correction Requested

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September



Worship and Church School: 10:00 a.m.
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**Resolve to
make a
difference
in someone's life!**



To add an event, please
email
Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com

Remember to check us out
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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Deadline for October
newsletter is September
18th. The BEACON is
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class mail. It can also be
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website. Copies are available at
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