

*FIRST CHURCH NEWSLETTER*

May 2018

**New Members** – On Sunday, March 18, Shirley Almquist, Elaine Bowyer, Anne Donahue, Maia Hay, Barbara Perkins, Carol Vecchi and Roberta Waite were welcomed as new members of the church.

Welcome to all of you!

Please speak with any one of the Deacons if you would like to become a member.

**Baptisms** – On Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Peter MacLean Dennis, son of Priscilla Trojano and Cody Dennis was baptized. Grandparents are Sharon and Steve Trojano; great grandparents are Alta Pratt and Judy Trojano.

On Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Emily Ameno Portal, daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Portal and Linneah Sean Anderson, daughter of Norma Anderson were baptized.

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Anthony Joseph Riccio, son of Tiffany and Anthony Riccio was baptized.

Blessings to Peter, Emily, Linneah, and Anthony!

**Births** – Samuel Peterson, son of Andy and Heather (Donahue) Peterson was born on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandmother is church member, Anne Donahue.

**Hostesses** – Coffee Hour hostesses are needed for June, July and August. If you would like to volunteer, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Starting in September, we will go back to assigned dates. If you are not on the assigned dates list, and would like to be, please let Jane Hatch know or you may call the church office.

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***Happenings in the Month of May:***

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday** – The following teens will be confirmed:

Allison Pratt, Chris Pratt, Caitlyn Ledin and Isabella Shea. Please attend church and support our youth.

Immediately following Fellowship Hour, we will have a **Chocolate Auction**. Please bring in your favorite chocolate item to be auctioned.

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Children's Sunday and All Church Picnic** – Hotdogs and hamburgers are on the menu!

All children please come to church by 9:30 a.m. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend the service and support our children.

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** – After 14 years of being our Pastor here at The First Church, this Sunday will be Rev. Ashton's last Sunday in our Pulpit. In her honor, we will host a Potluck Luncheon. Please see Jane Hatch and use the sign-up sheet to bring your favorite dish to share.

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***Happenings in the Month of June:***

**Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Lobster Roll Sale** – Please see Jenny Williams, or call the church office, to reserve your Lobster Roll Lunch! Price per lunch is \$12.00; please see the attached flyer for details.

**Craft Class** – A Craft class, to make crafts to be sold at our fair, will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please let Jane Hatch or Cindy Kwan know if you can help. Also, remember to bring your bag lunch.

**Congratulations Graduates!!** – The following are this year's graduates from high school and college:

Cameron Hay from the University of Mass, Lowell. Cameron is the son of Jill and Tim Hay, and grandson of June and Ronald Metcalf.

Kate Smith from Westfield State College. Kate is the daughter of April and Chris Smith, and granddaughter of Carolyn and Lans Anderson

\*Thomas Ketler from Old Colony Vocational Technical High School. Thomas is the son of Julie and Kenny Ketler.

\*Karen Dempsey from Bridgewater State University.

\*Erin Dempsey from Framingham State University

\*Jill Dempsey from St. Anselm College, Maine

Karen, Erin and Jill are the daughters of Judy and Steve Dempsey, and \*all four of these graduates are the grandchildren of Lois and Harry Ketler!!

*CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU – A JOB WELL DONE – AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE!*

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***Happenings in the Month of July:***

**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – Red White and Blue Auction** – Please bring in any red, white and/or blue item that day to be auctioned off. Food, flags, decorations, plants.....anything goes!!

All money raised will go into the church's general fund.

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**Farmer's Markets** – The First Church Farmer's Markets will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 4 until 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 4 until 7 p.m. **(A Lobster Roll sale will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> )**

Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 4 until 7 p.m. **(A Lobster Roll sale will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> )**

**\*\* Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.**

**Over 60's Walking Group** – Walk at your own pace. This group meets at the high school track every Wednesday morning at 8:30 and walks until 9:30 or a little later. Bathrooms are available on site.

**New England Village Fair News...**The dates for this year's fair are Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4 until 8 p.m., and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. We will have the *Travel Table*, again, full of gifts to sell. We ask when you travel to pick up a souvenir with the state and city printed on it, wrap it in brown paper and address it to the church with the city and state where it is from on the front. We had a lot of people looking for gifts for children, if possible can you pick up a gift for a child when you travel? **Please give gifts to Cindy Kwan, do not send to the church.**

### On Going Activities at The First Church

Third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All Church Committees Meeting

**(If there are any changes in these dates, it will be printed in the TODAY OR LOOKING AHEAD schedule of the Sunday bulletin)**

Monday's (second of the month) Kelley's Auction at 6:30 p.m. (preview at 5 p.m.) **(Watch the Today and Looking Ahead Insert in the Sunday bulletin for changes)**

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. Line Dance Instruction (through June 26<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Adult Yoga

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Qi Gong

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. "New Way of Life" Group

**Deadline for the next Newsletter is August 1<sup>st</sup> Please forward your "news" to Jane Hatch**

**"Courage is the power to let  
go of the familiar"**

**Author: Raymond Lindquist**