

The Clapper

God
is still
speaking,

SECOND CHRISTIAN CONGREGATIONAL
United Church of Christ
Pastor: The Rev. Brad Hirst

July / August 2011
www.2ccucc.org
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Summer Worship Schedule July & August 9:00 AM

Join us this summer
from July 3rd through August 28th
for Sunday Family Worship Services
an hour earlier at 9:00 AM!
(Except July 10th, 10:30 AM at Fort Foster)

WORSHIP AT FORT FOSTER JULY 10, 10:30 AM

Once again we will be taking our praise on the road to share in worship and Holy Communion in the beauty of God's creation at Fort Foster. **There will be no service here at Government Street on that day!**

Please join us at the large pavilion at 10:30 AM on July 10 for worship, and then stay for a picnic following the service. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and drinks; you bring the side dishes. Bring a chair, sun screen, and your family!

We have reserved the large pavilion, but there will still be a fee at the gate (sorry!). It will cost you \$10 at the gate, *per vehicle* so carpool if you can! The gate opens at 10:00 AM.

Worship With Your Hands July 17th



Ordinarily we worship with our voices, with our hearts and minds, with our eyes and ears. Sometimes we might worship with an outstretched hand of welcome, or folded hands in prayer, or clapping hands in praise and appreciation. But on July 17th we're going to worship God with working hands!

The Church Council and the Deacons have decided to have a Sunday morning work day here at the church. We will begin at 9:00 with a little song and prayer, and then we will undertake a number of work projects around the church and out and around the neighborhood. We'll have opportunities for ALL AGES! Come prepared for your favorite task: painting, feeding, cleaning, vacuuming, praying, picking up litter, greeting our neighbors, opening our doors and windows – welcoming and learning and going out!

Please come to this very special *service* of worship. We'll have cold drinks, good coffee, delicious snacks, great fellowship. The only thing missing is you and your hands!

QUARTERLY MEETING Sunday, July 24th

In accordance with the Bylaws and Constitution of Second Christian Congregational United Church of Christ, the **Quarterly Meeting** of said body will convene following the worship service on **Sunday July 24**, for the purpose of hearing reports from officers and teams, and conduct other such business as might properly come before the membership of the church. We will also be electing representatives to the Church Council, including Liaisons for the Ministry Teams, and Deacons.



Dear Friends,

Wow! June was a *really* exciting month for me. Starting off the month with two wonderful weddings, adding in an amazing Kittery Block Party, and then hosting a terrific group of young adults with Bike & Build would have been great enough! But on top of that we were getting ready for the 6th annual Aggeman (sorry I missed all the fun on the mountain!) and Patty Higgins and I were preparing for our Maine Conference UCC Annual Meeting in Farmington. But wait, there's more!

The Fair Tide board, of which I am chair, was saying goodbye to our executive director, Joe Galli, who is retiring, even as we prepare for a major fundraising opportunity. My term as president of the Kittery Rotary Club begins in July, and I had the usual spring of Little League umpiring, York Association meetings, Unbinding the Gospel, and this year: *Financial Peace University*. Did I miss anything? Really amazing!

Still, I must say I'm not *unhappy* to see June in the rear view mirror. It was at times exhausting, but all the while exhilarating to see all the new and amazing ministry that is going on in and around 2CCUCC! And you and I both know well it's not just me; we are doing these things *together*. What makes ministry so rewarding for me is seeing people taking on new things and discovering new gifts they didn't know they had. But I am ready for a little change of pace, maybe you are too.

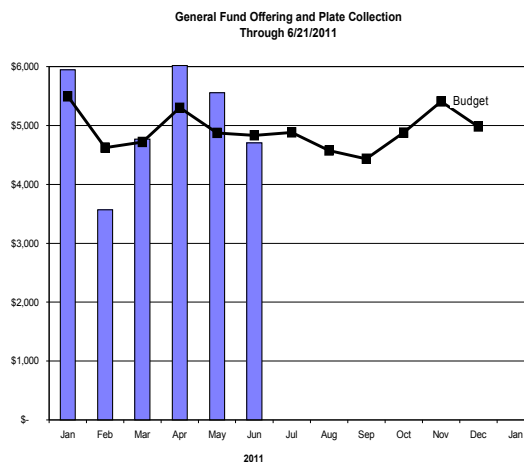
Summer is a great time for that. A little extra rest, a little slower pace, a bit more attention to those things that make us tick. So let's all make time for that. But let's not forget what we have started here. I feel a strong movement of the Spirit among us and a great deal of momentum carrying us forward into something new. Wherever you may go this summer, take God with you – or more precisely – know that God goes with you. I close with this benediction – some good words...

“Go now, my friends, though into the unknown future, believing that we go in Holy Company. And may the Holy Spirit guide and guard us, Christ Jesus speak clearly into the challenges, and the Eternal God create a new way before us. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!”

Blessings and Peace,

Brad

From the Treasurer:



The black line at the top of the chart represents the monthly target to meet budget. The vertical bars represent the actual offerings received each month, as of June 28.

Don't Take a Vacation from Pledging!

The summer is a great time to slow down, and maybe even take a vacation. We miss seeing the pews filled on Sunday, but understand taking time to get away is a good thing. However, the work of the church continues even in the summer. The worship and pastoral needs of Second Christian, our work in the broader community, and the wider mission of the United Church of Christ all go on, and they are supported by the faithful giving of the people in the pews, whose generosity never takes a vacation.

Thank you for remembering to give generously even on Sundays when you are away. This is especially important for those who pledged and whose contributions we depend on to meet our financial needs. Thank you for sharing so that our church may continue its work even in slower days of summer!

Strengthen the Church Update



Thank you for your generous gifts to the Strengthen the Church special offering. As of June 26 we have collected \$365.

If you would like to donate, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you are giving to Strengthen the Church.

Church Council Highlights - June 20

Finance Report: Income is over budget by \$122, expenses over budget by \$873.05 leaving the budget over by \$751.05. There are no concerns at this time.

Unfinished Business

Aggieman Triathlon: Angelo is set for cooking. Ernie is confident that all is set.

Nominating Team: Edith Morgan expressed interest as Welcoming liaison; Priscilla deRochemont interested in Communications liaison. President, Vice President, CFO and Scribe are all open.

Block Party: Raised almost \$500 at bake & yard sales.

Oil Pre-Buy: Church uses approximately 3500 gallons. Charlie will get quotes on both pre-buy and payment plans.

Church Heating System: Only one bid in. No bid on asbestos removal to date. Deadline of June 30 given to those interested in bidding. Finance Team to find source of money.

Church Work Day: July 17 come to Sunday service ready to work around the church. Small prayer service followed by work around church and community.

On Demand Hot Water Heaters: Ernie to get one for bathrooms this week. Kitchen will have to wait for new furnace.

Car Care Clinic: Malcolm is looking for help with shade and food. August 20th at 10:00 – 2:00.

Ministry Team Updates:

Learning: Eliot Congregational Church is offering VBS.

Diaconate: Unbinding the Gospel groups will lead service July 31 and August 7 in Brad's absence. Deacons are looking to have Paul Nickerson preach in the fall with an all church workshop after service.

Going Out: Table of Plenty is changing some of its policies. July 21 is the next serving. Hilda Fife Scholarships are available and due September 1.

Trustee: In the parsonage the light over the kitchen sink and caulking in the bathroom need to be fixed. This will be addressed on the work day.

Next Meeting: July 24 Quarterly Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Higgins, Scribe pro tem



The Church Council Needs You!

Hello Fellow Church Members,

I am writing to you to ask for something really large. I am asking you to pray for the incoming council. As of today all positions of the Executive Council are open. This includes the positions of President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Scribe. Please pray for who will fill these positions. If you would like to serve, please contact Mike Badger (439-8732) or Tom Baran (439-8815).

In Peace,
Patty Higgins

Deacons Meeting Highlights – June 14

Unfinished Business

Two *Unbinding the Gospels* groups are meeting, Tuesday evening and Wednesday noon. Both groups doing well with nine meeting on Tuesday and six Wednesday. Edith Morgan and Linda Baran leading Hospitality; Pam Cooper and Nadine Donnell leading Research; Tom Baran and Mike Badger leading Strategy. Still a need for Prayer leaders (always).

The “Flocking” sheep in need of touch up (Spring shearing?) before pasturing. Mike to do touch-up.

Need for new Deacons to be elected at July 24 Quarterly Meeting.

Congregational Care Groups discussed – small informal groups to meet with Pastor at different homes during the year, day or evening gatherings depending on the group. Hosts needed.

New Business

Voted to change Sunday worship time at 9 AM from July 3 through Aug. 28, except for July 10 at Fort Foster which will be at 10:30.

Pastor's Report

Quarterly Meeting Sunday July 24 following worship.

July 17 worship to be a Church cleanup effort – informal worship with cleaning in and around church to follow along with area and streets around the church – Prayer Walk??

Pastor on holiday July 25-Aug. 8. *Unbinding the Gospel* groups to provide worship leadership – Tuesday group July 31, and Wednesday group August 7.

Next meeting July 12 at 7 PM

Going Out Ministries

Table of Plenty

Many thanks to all of our Table of Plenty team members who served on May 26. Shepherd's pie continues to be a hit with our guests and workers alike. Our team's next serving date is Thursday, July 21. See Laurie Rowan if you're interested in joining our crew for this valuable service to our community.

Hilda Fife Scholarships

Scholarship applications are available. Completed applications are due back at the church or to a committee member by September 1, 2011.

Scholarships will be awarded during our worship service on the Sunday following Thanksgiving. See committee members Jean Briggs Badger, Judy Jumper, Edie Niles, or Laurie Rowan if you'd like an application.

Church World Service Kits

While we've sent in our kits for this year, it's not too early to start collecting kit items for next year. We have ten baby blankets, but need the rest of the items for baby kits. Flyers listing the contents needed for each of the four types of kits (school, hygiene, baby and emergency clean-up) are available in the vestry or from Laurie Rowan.

Remember Food for Footprints

July 10 & August 14



Thank you for your continued support of Footprints Food Pantry. They have been very busy at the Pantry, and in May alone they assisted 455 adults and 196 children with 872 bags of food. During the summer months when children are out of school there is an even greater need for donations. Footprints particularly needs:

Kid's snacks including fruit roll-ups and small boxes of raisins, juice boxes (in the cardboard boxes not foil), pancake mix, syrup, cereal, Spaghetti'Os, canned tuna, macaroni & cheese, toothpaste for children, and non-grocery items such as aluminum foil, wax paper, and plastic wrap.

Footprints is a non-profit pantry run by volunteers only, and it is wonderful caring people like you that help them to serve those that need a helping hand.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

In response to frustrated comments from those unable to hear during large group meetings and presentations, the

Doorkeepers have authorized the purchase of a portable sound system from the Raffle Fund. The new speakers and mixer are light weight enough to move around wherever we need them.

Thank you, Doorkeepers, for helping us to be more inclusive, allowing everyone to participate in the life of Second Christian Church.

Kittery Coffee House THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Kittery Coffee Houses. Between September and June they collected \$9,196! This money was donated to a variety of causes including to help with medical bills, families in need, non-profit organizations and our own general budget.

And their charitable work continues! Shades of Grass along with the Friends of Fort McClary will be hosting the Fort McClary Music Fest on Saturday July 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 at Fort McClary Park in Kittery. Admission is \$7 and proceeds to benefit the park as well as Footprints Food Pantry. Bring a Picnic! Bring a Friend! There's plenty of room for picking and grinning! For more information please call (207) 703-2069.

Aggieman Triathlon

I can't believe things went that well relatively speaking. The weather challenged us at every turn. Can't say enough about the support we had working for us on the mountain. It's nice to show up mid-race to a smoothly operating machine on the summit.

Please extend my thank you to everyone that lent a hand.

~ Ed Harvey

Thank you for your generous gift of \$150 to the UCC Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief fund. It supports the relief efforts of our partners in Japan and CWS. To follow the relief response visit Japan Earthquake 2011.



“Singing in the Rain!”

Hollywood in the 1920s is the setting for this zany, warm-hearted romantic comedy. You remember the plot, you love the characters, you know *the song!* Join us on Thursday, August 11 for the Adult Fellowship annual outing to Hackmatack Playhouse in Berwick and potluck dinner!

We will gather at the home of Priscilla & Orville at 6:00 PM for a potluck dinner, and then will head over to Hackmatack to see a performance of the musical “Singing in the Rain!” Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited. A sign up sheet is available in the vestry. For more information, please speak to Priscilla deRochemont (207-698-7806).



Pilgrim Lodge Retreat

Our annual retreat to Pilgrim Lodge this year will be on August 26, 27, and 28, a little later in the season than

in previous years. Many of you have already told me you will be going, but we do have room for more! As always, the weekend is a great time, with canoeing, hiking, swimming, ping pong, singing, playing games, no-talent talent show, our Sunday morning church service at the lakeside Chapel and more.

The total fee for food, lodging, and life guard for the whole weekend is: \$59.00 for adults; \$33.00 for ages 12-17; \$31.00 for ages 5-11; and children under 5 are free. Traditionally we all bring juice, and either desert, cold salad, or breakfast bread. There is a place on the registration form to sign up for one of these. I have your names if you’ve told me you’re going, but even if you’ve let me know, it would be helpful to fill out the registration form, noting names and ages, and what food you’d like to bring to share. The forms will be in the vestry.

Hope to see you there for a fun-filled weekend of fellowship and worship on the shore of beautiful Lake Cobbosseecontee. If you have any questions, see Elaine Hansberry (207-439-6731).

Car Care Clinic & Cookout

Saturday, August 20 we will be holding a car care clinic and cookout. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to a function outside of the church where they will meet other members of our church family. Almost everyone has a car, and everyone with a car has a question. I have enlisted the help of the best car mechanic I know, Guy Maloof. Guy and I will try to answer your questions and some that are commonly asked. We will also dispel some myths and shed some light on things. We hope to give everyone some one on one time with a mechanic to talk about your car.

Pass the word and join us for a day of fellowship, learning, fun and food!

August 20th 10:00 AM -2:00 PM

Location: the dirt lot just past RT 95 S on ramp on Old Dennet Road, Kittery

For more information contact Malcolm Heal at malcolm887@gmail.com

Church Turnaround

Can you feel the change in the wind lately here at Second Christian? Several people have mentioned it to me and described it as a renewed excitement and enthusiasm - and it is contagious.



I saw it last Tuesday morning as a group of early risers gathered to send off the Bike & Build riders on their cross-country trek. It was evident at the top of Mt. Agamenticus last Saturday in the downpour when I saw lots of smiling faces and enthusiastic workers preparing for the finish of the Aggieman Triathlon.

Perhaps you have some ideas about where this new wind should be sending us. Please share those ideas with the Turnaround Team: Brad Hirst, Tom Baran, Nadine Donnell, Pam Cooper, Edith Morgan, and Mike Badger.

Financial Peace University Saving Suggestion

Here's an example of how our savings can add up: Instead of buying a coffee everyday for \$5, invest that money at 12% from age 16-76 and you will have over \$19 MILLION!

The Book of Life...

*We celebrate the wedding of
Hannah Cooper & Tyler Brown
June 11, 2011
Hannah is the daughter of Pam & Ron Cooper*

Notes of Appreciation...

Thank you for honoring me at your church, and letting me into your church family. I also greatly appreciate the very thoughtful gift, it will be very useful as I continue my journey to college.

Thanks again!
Lindsey Contella

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Thank you for all of your hospitality and graciousness. The kindness we show to others is made possible by the kindness shown to us. To perpetuate these acts is the greatest thing we can do and we want to thank you for making it all possible.

Sincerely,  
The ME to SB Bike & Build Team

(To follow our new friends on their journey visit their website at [Bike & Build](http://Bike & Build).)

**It's Not Too Early to Start Planning for the Evergreen Festival!**

Just a friendly reminder that we need lots of crafts to sell, so whether you quilt, paint, sew, make jewelry, or whatever...Help! Now is a great time to start working on those projects.

Or help us with our wish list: yarn, nylon netting, china cups and saucers, and wooden furniture that can be painted.

If have questions please contact Melanie, Valerie or Cheryl. Thanks for all your help!

**Keep in Touch!**

Going away this summer, but want to stay up to date on what's going on at Second Christian? No Problem! Thanks to our webmaster, Larry Hansberry, you can log on to [www.2ccucc.org](http://www.2ccucc.org) for updates on our Calendar, Church News, and Prayer List pages! Or ...



**Lectionary Readings for July & August**

- July 3 Gen 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Ps 45:10-17 or Song of Sol 2:8-13, Zech 9:9-12, Ps 145:8-14, Rom 7:15-25 a, Matt 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 10 Gen 25:19-34, Ps 119:105-112 or Isa 55:10-13, Ps 65: 1-8, 9-13, Rom 8:1-11, Matt 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 17 Gen 28:10-19a, Ps 139:1-12, 23-24 or Wisd of Sol 12:13, 16-19, Isa 44:6-8, Ps 86:11-17, Rom 8:12-25, Matt 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 24 Gen 29:15-28, Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128, 1 Kings 3:5-12, Ps 119:129-136, Rom 8:26-39, Matt 13:31-33, 44-52
- July 31 Gen 32:22-31, Ps 17:1-7, 15 or Isa 55:1-5, Ps 145:8-9, 14-21, Rom 9:1-5, Matt 14:13-21
- August 7 Gen 37:1-4, 12-28, Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, or 1 Kings 19:9-18, Ps 85:8-13, Rom 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33
- August 14 Gen 45:1-15, Ps 133 or Isa 56:1, Ps 67, Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matt 15:10-20, 21-28
- August 21 Ex 1:8-2:10, ps 124 or Isa 51:1:6-8, Ps 138, Rom 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20
- August 28 Ex 3:1-15, Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b or jer 15:15-21, ps 26:1-8, Rom 12:9-21, Matt 16:21-28

**Summer Schedules**

Pastor Brad will be on holiday July 25 through August 8. Pastoral care will be provided by Rev. Pat Smith of Union Congregational, York Beach (207-363-4821). Please feel free to call on her should the need arise.

And remember, you can always contact Joy in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, and she can connect you to whomever you need.

JULY DEACON OF THE MONTH: Linda Baran      ALTERNATE: Nadine Donnell

**July Ushers:**

03 Tom & Linda Baran  
 10 Ernie & Sharon Wiswell  
 17 Bill & Betty Baran  
 24 Edith Morgan & Wanda Syphers  
 31 Tim & Kathy Runey

**July Greeters:**

04 Valerie Brock & Cheryl Beckert  
 10 Orville & Priscilla deRochemont  
 17 Larry & Elaine Hansberry  
 24 Laurie Rowan  
 31 Mike & Jean Badger

AUGUST DEACON OF THE MONTH: Tom Baran      ALTERNATE: Wilma Wheeler

**August Ushers:**

07 Orville & Priscilla deRochemont  
 14 Mike & Jean Badger  
 21 Lucille Melhorn & Robert McDonough  
 28 Dick & Judy Jumper

**August Greeters:**

07 Constance Herron & Helen Kiehl  
 14 Ed & Gwen Mossman  
 21 Ken & Patty Higgins  
 28 Paulette Beers & Wilma Wheeler

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers this month:*

|                  |                 |                 |                  |               |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Kathy Bales      | Molly Banville  | Lynda Buckinger | Carl Burbank     | Jim Carpenter |
| Jim Cole         | Carolyn Consaga | Vick Contella   | Sandi Folmar     | Sandy Garland |
| Beth Glover      | Sam Legasse     | Susie Legasse   | Mildred Leland   | Anna Lesswing |
| Laureene McQuade | Howard Moulton  | Gene Peresich   | Priscilla Reuter | Lezlye Shea   |
| Joanne Stokes    | Jim Thurlow     | Marie Trudel    |                  |               |

*If you are aware of anyone who should be added to or taken off our prayer list, please contact the [church office](#).*

**July Birthdays**

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| July 3  | Kristin Syphers<br>Laureene McQuade |
| July 6  | Casey Cole                          |
| July 7  | Sally Leland                        |
| July 10 | Pam Cooper                          |
| July 12 | Rich Clough                         |
| July 14 | Matthew Williamson                  |
| July 16 | Bobbie Contella                     |
| July 17 | Erica Brochu                        |
| July 21 | Dorothy Langton                     |
| July 24 | Ted Cole                            |
| July 25 | Sandi Folmar                        |
| July 28 | Constance Herron<br>George Leonard  |
| July 29 | Tim Runey                           |
| July 31 | Rebecca Cooper<br>Melanie Fetterolf |

**July Anniversaries**

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| July 2  | Jim & Ann Taylor        |
| July 7  | Rich & Ann Clough       |
| July 8  | Ben & Chris Wiswell     |
| July 9  | Jeff & Brenda MacKenzie |
| July 11 | Ernie & Sharon Wiswell  |

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|---------|------------------------|
| July 17 | Charles & June Rodis   |
| July 20 | Vick & Bobbie Contella |
| July 23 | David & Marion Raitt   |

**August Birthdays**

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| August 2  | Chloey Cole                   |
| August 3  | Mildred Leland                |
| August 5  | Tom Baran                     |
| August 8  | Caitlin Rooney                |
| August 9  | Wilma Wheeler                 |
| August 10 | Jackson Jones                 |
| August 12 | Alexander Clough              |
| August 13 | Mike Badger                   |
| August 22 | Jeff Folmar                   |
| August 23 | Edith Morgan                  |
| August 26 | Everett Tuttle<br>Leon French |
| August 27 | Jason Heal<br>Lucille Melhorn |
| August 28 | Bill Baran                    |
| August 31 | Valerie Brock                 |

**August Anniversaries**

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| August 16 | Everett & Laila Tuttle   |
| August 25 | Brad & Linda Hirst       |
| August 28 | Charlie & Nadine Donnell |