

# TOWER NOTES

Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

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*We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church*

**June 30, 2010**

Dear Friends at Centre Church,

It is with regret that I accept the resignation of Jill Couillard as one of the Co-Directors of Christian Education. She has, along with Barbara Langill, done a great job creating, leading, mentoring, and guiding our Christian Education program for the past eight years. Jill has also been in charge of the Middle School Youth Group with which she has also done a great job!

We will sorely miss Jill's presence in these roles. I will miss her as a very helpful, supportive, and cooperative staff member. Jill has always been willing to pitch in to help out other members of the staff to do a better job, even filling in when one of us is out. She has been a great help to me with the Confirmation program, helping me to organize it. Jill is a person of deep and abiding faith, shown in how she is always willing to listen and be supportive to anyone who has come to her attention.

Jill is leaving to take a full-time job as a legal secretary in Boston. We congratulate her on her new position and wish her well. Barbara and Jill have been a great team! Thanks be to God! Please join with me wishing Jill well and God's blessings, with our gratitude.

Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

P.S.: We plan to dedicate one of our Sundays in September to express our gratitude to Jill.  
P.S.S.: Our Christian Education and Youth programs will continue. Parish Council is working with Barbara Langill and Kathi Martin (Chair of Education Ministries), to lead us through this time of transition. In Jill's honor I share the following because Jill has helped Centre Church create and sustain a caring and loving community of faith:

## GIFT

by Roberta Porter

It is no small gift to be a faith community,  
to worship, to witness,  
to walk the way of love  
in the name and strength of Jesus.

And in community,  
when brokenness and sorrow come  
those in need are surrounded  
with prayer and compassion.  
Our caring goes beyond ourselves,  
and the stranger, in many places,  
is touched  
by the healing love and grace of God.

In our failures, in our busy forgetting,  
we are forgiven, renewed  
to continue to be the hands and feet of Christ --  
no small task,  
no small gift.

## **July Worship Services**

**9:00 A.M. in the Chapel**

**July 4, 2010**

Message by Alyssa Langill

**July 11, 18, and 25, 2010**

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

These brief, informal services are followed by punch and fellowship in the Fireside Room.

### A Note of Thanks

Just a note to let you know that as of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, I am resigning as Co-Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. For the past 8 years, I have enjoyed working at the church and have been thoroughly rewarded by the position which I have served. I would like to thank Dennis Bailey, Barbara Langill and Susan Spear for making it so easy to go to work each day and for the well-wishes I have received.

I feel blessed to have been a major part of getting our Workshop Rotation Model up and running for our Christian education program 7 years ago. I am also very fortunate to have had a chance to lead the Middle School Youth Group for the past 8 years. I have had the privilege of working with so many wonderful volunteers. This position has allowed me to grow and get to know people I may not have ever had a chance to sit with and talk with.

I look forward to worshiping with all of you on Sunday mornings and thank everyone for their support over the years. Although I will miss seeing my friends in the office each day, I am grateful for the new opportunity I have received. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you and to be a part of your child's faith journey.

Joyfully, Jill Couillard.

### Thank You for Shopping With Us

A Big thanks to everyone who participated in the 2009/2010 shopping card program. Because of your support, we were able to raise \$2,477.48 for the church's operating budget. The shopping cards are on sabbatical until the fall; see you in September!

-- *Debbie Cotting, Sandi Watson, Phil Triffletti*

### News From Around the Parish

We rejoice with David and Marylee Riester upon the baptism of their son, Benjamin Albert Riester on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Correction: We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Priscilla Power and Kathi Martin upon the death of Priscilla and Kathi's mother, Jean Spencer of Wakefield on May 20.

### Summer Sunday Adventure: Essex River Cruise - REVISITED Sunday August 15, 2010

Back by popular demand: The Essex River Cruise/Woodman's/Peking and the Mystics adventure.

The Essex River Cruise is a narrated 1¼ Hour Cruise from 35 Dodge St., Essex - the Essex Marina - down the Essex River to the ocean on a large safe and comfortable vessel with a restroom and bar aboard.

The Cruise leaves at 4:00 PM and runs to 5:15 PM. We have chartered the small boat – the Essex River Queen I for up to 43 people!!

Please call in to sign up you and your friends now! Call Chuck Cotting, 781-593-3120, or Susan Spear, 781-334-3050, to make your reservations! Chuck will have Sign Up sheets on Sundays.

The cost is \$18 each  
for the Essex River Queen I.

If you have signed up and paid your deposit, please send the other \$8 to Susan Spear at Centre Church.

If you have not signed up yet, please sign up soon – the more, the merrier! Send in your \$18 right away!

Then: Join up at Woodman's [just around the corner on Rt. 133] for dinner. Chris Parker's A Capella Group, Peking and the Mystics, will be performing at Woodman's. Dinner will be on your own, so you can pick the food you want. There is a very large tent just at the back of the restaurant that can seat up to 120 people and, hopefully, we can all eat together.

If you need a ride,  
please let Chuck or Susan know!

**Hosted By  
Your Membership Ministries Committee**

## **Work Day at Church July 10<sup>th</sup>**

I've scheduled Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> as a work day at church starting at 8 AM. Among the projects we need to accomplish include weeding some garden beds, painting the lower kitchen cabinets, other small painting projects and removing more trash from the basement due to the floods. Come for an hour or all 4. All help will be appreciated. For information contact me at 781-598-5678 or [pcjohnson@meei.harvard.edu](mailto:pcjohnson@meei.harvard.edu).

Phil Johnson, Chair, Finance Ministries

## **Fun at the Beach**

This week, June 28- July 1, 20 children are having fun while learning Bible stories at Beach Trek Vacation Bible School. Under the direction of Brittany DeSantis, the children are making crafts with Allie Parker, hearing stories with Barbara Langill and Vanessa Holz, playing games with John Potter Furey and enjoying yummy snacks with Jill Couillard. Classroom leaders are Samantha White, Emily Couillard, Krista Christensen, and Karina Chipouras. Many thanks to all who helped make this week a success.

## **New Orleans Mission Trip**

Fourteen High School Youth and four adults are heading to New Orleans July 24-30 to help with the rebuilding efforts there. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Many thanks to all who supported our fundraising efforts. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in the fall.

## **From the Mailbox**

Dear Friends,  
There are simply no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy everyone at Centre Church has extended toward our family when our Mother passed away.  
Thank you to everyone for your sympathy, support and concern when they were needed so much.

Kathi Martin and Priscilla Power

## **Bits 'n Pieces**

During the summer months we put garden flowers on the altar each Sunday. If you have anything in your yard that you would like to share in this way, please contact Susan Spear in the Church Office. (781-334-3050)

## **WANTED**

### **Items currently collected in the Missions Pantry**

Non-perishable food items  
(for Haven From Hunger)

Pull tabs from cans  
(for the Shriners)

Travel-size toiletries  
(for Lynn Shelter)

Used eyeglasses  
(For Lions Club)

Used Cell phones  
(for HAWC)

## **Thanks to Our Volunteers**

**July 4:** Ushers: Carrie Pericola and Leslie Carey.

**July 11:** Ushers: Margaret Waugh and Leslie Carey. Punch: Marjorie Potter and Norma Holloway. Lights Out beginning July 9: Phil Johnson.

**July 18:** Ushers: Jeff Law and Bill Seelig. Punch: Jack and Donna Marino. Lights Out beginning July 16: Drew Taylor.

**July 25:** Ushers: Margaret Waugh and Bill Seelig. Lights Out beginning July 23: John Walsh.

## *Our Opportunities*

Sun., July 4	9:00 am	Morning Worship – Chapel
Mon., July 5	----- 7:30 pm	Office Closed – Independence Day Alanon & Alateen – Richards Hall
Wed., July 7	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Bread & Roses Meal Preparation Women’s 12-Step Mtg. – Richards
Fri., July 9	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Sat., July 10	8am-Noon	Work Day – Basement & Outside
Sun., July 11	9:00 am	Morning Worship – Chapel
Mon., July 12	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Richards Hall
Wed., July 14	7:00 pm	Women’s 12-Step Mtg. – Richards
Fri., July 16	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Sun., July 18	9:00 am	Morning Worship - Chapel
Mon., July 19	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Richards Hall
Wed., July 21	7:00 pm	Women’s 12-Step Mtg. - Richards
Fri., July 23	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Sun., July 25	9:00 am	Morning Worship - Chapel
Mon., July 26	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Richards Hall
Wed., July 28	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women’s 12-Step Mtg. – Richards Parish Council – Pastor’s Office
Fri., July 30	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office

Our love and prayers are with Ray Couillard and Elva Batchelder recuperating from eye surgery; Rev. Bailey’s mother, Betty Whitcraft, St. John’s Herr Estate, 200 Luther Lane, AL8, Columbia, PA 17512. (new address); Arthur Pyburn, Rosewood, 22 Johnson St., Peabody, 01960; Ginny Davis at Country Manor Rehab. and Nursing, 180 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950-3519 978-465-5361; Marion Barnes, Harborside; Cedar Glen, Danvers; Barbara Bean, Emeritus at Cherry Hill, Danvers; Abbott Cofran (Annabel Aldrich’s brother), Meadow View, North Reading; Glady Davis, Haven Health Care, Derry NH; Carolyn Furey, Overlook Masonic Health Ctr., Charlton; Hal Holappa, Veterans’ Hospital, Bedford; Helen Miller, Edgewood, North Andover.

**Next Tower Notes - week of July 26.  
Summer Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.**

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