

TOWER NOTES

Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ)

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

May 11, 2011

I Was Just Praying...

(with acknowledgment to Mike Barnicle's "I was just thinking...")

...that God will help me be true to the calling that has been extended to me as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and as an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, pastor at Centre Congregational Church.

...in thanks for the wonderful people who give so much to support, encourage, help, and pray for our church staff and me.

...in thanks for our wonderful church choirs.

...that I will know when to say "yes," when to say "no," when to say "please, tell me more," "I'm sorry," "thank you," "Let me pray about it," "get back to you," and "Oh Lord, help me."

...for the people and communities of our nation who are suffering and losing so much as the result of storms, tornadoes and floods. Lord, have mercy!

...for the people of Japan and Haiti whose losses are so great and getting greater by the day.

...for our troops who serve in harms way all over the globe, seeking to protect our freedom and to bring that same freedom and peace to all God's people in the world.

...that Christians and other faith communities can work together to enhance the well-being of God's people., and in gratitude for the many ways that we are able to work together to be a blessing in our communities.

...that we can find meaningful ways through which to provide worship and spiritual growth for those inside and outside of our church communities.

...that the two Mission Trips we have planned for this coming spring and summer will be very successful and helpful.

...in thanks for the 5 confirmands who gave themselves to Jesus Christ this past Sunday, May 8th,

2011; ...in thanks for Kathi Martin and Jeff Langill who helped me directly with the class this year; ...for Barbara Langill who helped me in so many ways directly and indirectly; ...in thanks for the mentors who gave personal support and care to their confirmands this year; ...and for all those who made and shared meals with the class. (see confirmand and mentor names elsewhere in Tower Notes)

...for the children we baptize this month and next, that through us, they will come to know the love of Jesus Christ and some day choose to serve him as disciples.

...for all those who visit with us at Centre Church that they will be moved to join us as we seek to walk and serve together in all of God's ways.

In the Sanctuary

May 15, 2011

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

"The Shepherd"

Children may worship with their families before going to Rotation Workshops.

Nursery open in Room 14.

May 22, 2011

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

John 14:1-14

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

"Power Surge"

Children may worship with their families before going to Rotation Workshops.

Nursery open in Room 14.

...for all of our college students who are seeking personal fulfillment through their educations that they will realize their many gifts and skills so that they can serve God's people all over the world ...and for all of our children and their educational endeavors in classrooms, athletic fields, music rooms, and in social environs that they will grow safely, fully, and lovingly.

...that I will be able to stop worrying about the church's financial needs.

...that those who are suffering from the burdens of cancer, addiction, abuse, chronic illness, unemployment, would be freed, completely freed of these burdens to new life.

...that the Holy Spirit will move among us to call others to the Lord's service.

...that there will be no more terrorist attacks.

...that joy will come to each of you.

...that our first responders will be safe and successfully serve.

...and that all of you will join with me in prayer, generous giving, faithful service, wholehearted obedience to the Lord's call to each of us and all of us.

Lord, hear our prayers!

Yours in Christ, Dennis

Rotation Sensation

On Sunday, May 15, we will begin our new Rotation: The Great Commission. All children in grades PreK through 8th Grade are invited to join us.

Sunday, May 22, Rotation Sensation workshops continue learning about The Great Commission.

Nursery Care: Infants through age 3 are invited to join our experienced Nursery staff in Room 14 for stories and playtime during the church service. Pagers are available for all parents.

Congratulations to our Confirmands

The following 9th Graders were confirmed on Sunday, May 8:

Kelsey Claflin – Mentor, Judie Potter

Joseph Crowther – Mentor, Joseph Nasson

Will Durkee – Mentor, Thomas Hill

Baylee Priestley–Mentor, Carol MacKendrick

Mia Sievers – Mentor, Denise Weaver

Youth Group News

Both youth groups will be meeting Sunday, May 15 from 6-7:30 pm for an outdoor cookout. The High School Youth Group will be having a send off for the seniors and have special activities planned.

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

On Sunday, May 22 a year-end party is scheduled for both youth groups. We will meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and car-pool to Richardson's for mini-golf and ice-cream. Please RSVP for this event. Be sure to eat dinner before you come, as we will not be sharing a meal together. You will need to bring \$10.00 cash and a signed permission slip with you. Parents should plan to pickup **at Richardson's** by 8:00 p.m.

Thanks for Your Generosity!

30 Hour Famine

Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts for World Vision and the 30 Hour Famine. We were able to double our goal and have raised a total of \$3,220.00 to help end hunger.

Pennies for Peace

If you still have pennies collecting at home, bring them in! We will be sending in our donation on May 16.



Music Survey

Please take time to fill out a short survey about our Music Program by this Sunday, May 15th. Survey Forms are available on the small table in the narthex and can be returned to the survey box there. The congregation's input will help assess what parts of our music program are most meaningful and beneficial to our worship services. This information will be useful in planning upcoming music programs and funding. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on this.

--Linda Ladd for the Deacons

Graduates?

Please send us news of your special graduate - 781-334-3050 or office@centre-church.org. We love to share good news!

Congratulations!

We rejoice with Mary McCarthy who was commissioned as a Care Minister for Centre Church through the P.A.L.M. (Pastor Approved Lay Ministry) Program which is a ministry of the New England Pastoral Institute, Salem NH. Mary took this ten week course in order to become a trained lay minister caregiver at Centre Church. She requested and received the support of the Diaconate and Rev. Bailey. We are proud of Mary who answered God's call to the special ministry. If you are interested in learning about this training, you may speak to Mary, Rev. Bailey, and/or look up the program on the web: <http://www.nepastoral.org/center/palm.html>

Write On! Secret Pen Pal Program!

We are looking for adults and kids interested in being secret pen pals over the summer. Here's all you need to do:

- 1.) Pick a secret code name for your letters
- 2.) Send and receive at least 4 letters or post cards from June-September
- 3.) Meet your secret pen pal at an ice cream social in the fall.

Want to sign up? Call or e-mail Barbara Langill at 781-334-3050 or christianed@centre-church.org with your name, summer address, phone number and a secret code name that you want to use.

From the Mail Box

Dear Friends at Centre Church,
You are the best! Many, many thanks for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. The flowers delivered by Pinky Warnock brought spring time into our apartment. Dennis, special thanks to you for your visits. -Ginny Richardson

Dear Friends,
Your continued presence in my life through your cards, flowers and visits is a great blessing to me! Thank you so much for your care. - Priscilla Hahn

More thank you notes than we have room for have been received for the Easter plants that were delivered. We so appreciate the volunteers who made those deliveries and those who donated plants for that purpose. They were much appreciated!

Shopping Cards

Our shopping card program goes on hiatus during the summer, so please plan ahead. Order cards now for all your summertime needs.

Sandi Watson and Debbie Cotting,
Shopping Card Coordinators

Middle School White Water Rafting

10 youth and 4 adults spent the weekend Whitewater Rafting on the Deerfield River with Zoar Outdoor. We ate a picnic supper on the way out, made s'mores around the campfire, and spent the night sleeping in cabin tents before squeezing into our wetsuits and heading out on the river the next morning. Many thanks to our chaperones Rick and Nancy Miller and Kathy Delaney for making it a great trip for everyone. -Barbara Langill

Stock Sales

This July, 9 youth and 3 adults will be traveling to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina. We invite you to "share" in this experience by purchasing stock in our Mission Trip. All shareholders will receive a stock certificate and an invitation to a shareholder dinner in the fall where our youth will give a presentation of their experiences. Shares will be on sale this Sunday after worship or you may use the enclosed order form.

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers

May 15: Head Usher-Jeff Law. Greeters-Marcia Stevens and Pinky Warnock. Provide Altar Flowers-Tony and Judy Lucia. Deliver Altar Flowers-Marjorie Potter and Laurel Caputo. Coffee Hour-Kathi Martin, Deb Newman and Laurel Caputo. Lights Out beginning May 13-Rick Carey.

May 22: Head Usher-Deacon. Greeter-Marjorie Potter. Provide Altar Flowers-Betty and Clayton Conn. Deliver Altar Flowers-George and Perry Hayden. Lights Out beginning May 20-Jeff Langill.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School will be held this year from August 8-12. Registration forms will be available soon for children up to age 10. Volunteers (age 14 and above) are needed to help.

INVEST IN OUR YOUTH: BE A MISSION TRIP SHAREHOLDER



With your help, the youth of Centre Congregational Church will be traveling together with their adult leaders to New Orleans for a week this summer to help with the ongoing rebuilding efforts.

We invite you to “share” in this experience by purchasing “stock” in our Mission Trip. For just \$20 per share, you will be helping our youth and adult volunteers give New Orleans families in need a decent home and hope for a better future.

All shareholders will receive a stock certificate and an invitation to a shareholder dinner at Centre Church in the fall of 2011 when our youth will give a presentation of their experiences.

Please consider investing in this worthwhile mission by using the order form below. All donations are tax-deductible. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Brittany DeSantis, Chris Flood, James Langill, Matt O’Brien, Kerry Morrissey, Johnathan McCarthy, Samantha White, John Potter Furey, Marissa Taylor

Stock Order Form

I would like to take “stock” in the future of the youth of Centre Church and “share” in their 2011 Summer Mission Trip to New Orleans.

Name _____

Complete Address _____

Number of Shares _____ at \$20.00 per share.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to “Centre Church” with “Mission Trip Stock” noted in the memo.

Please mail this form and your check to Barbara Langill, Centre Church, 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940 or drop it off at the church office.



JuneFest at Centre Church – Fundraiser

Saturday, June 11, 2011

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the church lawn (weather permitting)

Membership is looking for volunteers to help out.

Flea Market Tables – You may either rent a table for \$30 (or \$25 if you provide your own table,) Contact Susan Lambe (781-334-2876)

Morning Coffee: muffins, donut holes, coffee, tea
Contact Laurel Caputo (781-245-3874) or Debbie Newman (781-246-2291)

Baked Goods and Food Table: cookies, cake, squares, bread, baked beans, candy etc.
Contact Debbie Cotting (781-593-3120)
If you can bake a pie or two, contact Meg Gulezian (781-334-4504)

Activities or Children Tables: fun activities for children
Contact Dotty Whittier (781-635-6225)

Plant Table: Plant sale – plants from Barbara Langill's family farm
Contact Dotty Whittier (781-635-6225)

Lunch: Bob and Myrna's Famous **Lobster Rolls**, Steamed Hot Dogs, Chips.
Contact Laurel Caputo (781-245-3874) or Debbie Newman (781-246-2291)

Pre-order lobster rolls by noon on Tuesday June 7

Raffle: Red Sox tickets donated by Mary McCarthy.
Contact Chuck Cotting (781-593-3120)

Set Up: Need help Friday June 10 starting at 1 PM
Need help Saturday June 11 starting at 7 AM
Contact Chuck Cotting (781-593-3120)

Clean Up Need help Saturday June 11 after 2 PM
Contact Chuck Cotting (781-593-3120)

*******Pre-Order lobster rolls by noon on Tuesday, June 7*******

Send check to Centre Church with your name and the number you want (\$10 each).
Pick up Saturday, June 11 after 9:00 a.m.

**We are very grateful to all who support the ministry of Centre Congregational Church.
Your gifts help to provide:**

A safe and welcome Christian place for worshiping and learning about, growing in and serving
God.

An Open and Affirming environment.

A great Christian Education and Youth Ministry program.

Staff support for the two groups we are sending on Mission Trips this year:

Young Adults to work with Habitat for Humanity, Portland, ME, May 23-28, 2011.

Teens to New Orleans to continue our mission to rebuild lives after Katrina, July 23-29, 2011

Free use of space for Boy, Cub and Girl Scout meetings, and AA meetings.

Tower Day School

Space for the New England Pastoral Care Institute

Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bailey's work in our Church and in the Community, as leader of the Lynnfield
Clergy Association and Chaplain, Lynnfield Fire Department

Lynnfield's Remembrances of 9-11 (tenth anniversary)

I/We wish to support Centre Congregational Church. Enclosed is my gift of:

\$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ Other _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

In memory or honor of: _____

Please make checks payable to: Centre Congregational Church

You may also make a pledge of weekly, monthly, or annual support and/or sponsorship.

Our Opportunities

Sun. May 15	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 pm 6:00 pm	Morning Worship - Sanctuary Nursery/Rotations Youth Choir – Choir Room Youth Groups - Basement
Mon. May 16	7:30 pm	Alanon & Alateen – FR & Library
Tues. May 17	12:00 pm	Get-Together Lunch - Hillview
Wed May 18	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. - FR
Thurs May 19	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Weight Watchers – Fireside Room Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Fri. May 20	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2nd Floor Office
Sun., May 22	10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Worship Service - Sanctuary Nursery/Rotations Youth Groups End of Year Party
Mon-Friday		Young Adults Mission Trip to Portland, Maine w/ Habitat
Mon. May 23	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – FR & Library
Wed. May 25	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. - FR
Thur. May 26	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Weight Watchers – Fireside Room Senior Choir – Choir Room
Fri., May 27	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2nd Floor Office

Our prayers are with Dorsey Holappa, Winchester Nursing Center, 223 Swanton St., Winchester, 01890; Ginny Richardson recuperating at home; Andy Gehret at Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD; Amy Allen; Olive Wood at Woodbriar, Room 204B, 90 West St., Wilmington 01887 – 978-658-5393; Barbara Bean at Daniels House, 59 Middlesex Avenue, Reading, 01867; Marion Edkins, Denis Edkins and Priscilla Kress at Renaissance Gardens, Peabody; Tracey Marino and Art Pyburn at home; Louise Allen, Marion Barnes, Glady Davis, Carolyn Furey, and Hal Holappa.

We also remember in our prayers Bob Trayers and David Tuttle who are in Afghanistan.

Office Open 9am-3pm Monday through Friday.

The next *Tower Notes* is the week of May 23.