

# TOWER NOTES

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

**June 8, 2011**

## **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT: Pentecost**

*When was the last time that you felt  
filled with the Spirit?*

Graduations this time of year can fill us with lots of spirit. A new job, a wedding, birthdays, the anticipation of going off on summer vacation.

Some of the times that I have felt filled with the spirit have been:

- ▲ In High School, when, as a drummer, my band was going to play for the High School Dance.
- ▲ The anticipation of getting my first car.
- ▲ Graduations from High School, College, Graduate School.
- ▲ The news that I was being offered the chance to be pastor of each of the three churches that I have now served. On one of these occasions, I stopped my car, got out, and danced on the side of the road so that I could fully realize and express my excited spirit.

Of course, there are many, many more.

Spiritually, we have times that are filled with the Spirit. On the occasion of **Pentecost**, "The Birthday of the Church," celebrated this Sunday, June 12th, we remember how the Spirit has been active in our history, and pray for its continued activity in our lives.

**The brief history of Pentecost:** It means fiftieth day (now, the 50th day after Easter). It was the second of three great Jewish Feasts. It was a day of gratitude. It was a day of thanksgiving for the completion of the harvest.

After Jesus ascended into heaven he appeared again, on Pentecost, in a little room somewhere in Jerusalem where people from every nation had gathered to celebrate their harvest. Suddenly, the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) filled the room allowing people from every nation to be able to speak and understand each other. Even though they were there with different intentions and motives, they were now able to understand each other, and work together to fulfill God's will.

This is one of the most exciting, spirit-filled things about the church that I love. We come together

from different places, with different intentions, motives, and find a way of working together through the power of the Spirit of God, or Holy Spirit. We listen to each other, we respect each other, we visit each other, we endure together, we sweat and pray together, celebrate together, and build a common experience of faith out of our many different backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences.

I get even more excited when we work together with other churches, other clergy and church members, and faith traditions to worship and serve God in special ways, strengthening the church of Jesus Christ even more. And yes, when different faith traditions come together, we also come with different understandings, beliefs, practices, and intentions. But, I have experienced with

## **In the Sanctuary**

**June 12, 2011 – Children's Sunday**

**10:00 A.M. Morning Worship**

Sacrament of Baptism

Message by the Children of the Church

Followed by Ice Cream Social

**June 19, 2011**

**10:00 A.M. Morning Worship**

*Acts 2:1-21*

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

"Disruption Leads to Birth"

Children may worship with their families.

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## **In the Chapel**

**June 26, 2011**

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

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

"God in Motion"

Children may worship with their families.

great joy how the Spirit can help us lower our boundaries, put aside our egos, spiritual and otherwise, to work together for the common good of God's intentions for us.

As I think about the upcoming tenth anniversary of 9/11, it is my hope and my prayer, that our community of Lynnfield will be guided by this Pentecostal Spirit to work together to serve to remember those innocents and heroes who died that day. We remember them, their acts of heroism, their lives, their dreams, how they served us in life and how memories of them continue to inspire and serve us today and for years to come.

**We plan for our community on Sunday, September 11, 2011:**

**1) 8:30 am a brief remembrance** in front of Fire Headquarters around the time American Airlines Flight #11, flying from Boston to Los Angeles, CA, hit the WTC, killing all 92 passengers and crew on board.

**2) 3 pm to 7 pm, a reading of the 911 names remembrance** on Lynnfield Town Common, reading and remembering all 3,000 plus people who died that day. If you would like to participate in the reading of some of the names, please send me your name, phone, and email.

**3) 7 pm: a service of remembrance**, with music, speaker, Katherine Bailey, wife of the late Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who died on United Airlines Flight #175 when it hit the WTC, and prayers.

If you would like to participate and support these remembrances you may contact me via email, phone, letter. You may provide financial support by writing a check to: "*Lynnfield 911*," and send it to: Centre Church, c/o Rev. Dennis Bailey, 5 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940. The Savings Bank has created a special account for us to use to cover the expenses of this event and the Lynnfield Rotary has already donated funds as a show of support.

I am convening a Lynnfield 911 Committee and the Lynnfield Clergy to work together, under God's Spirit, to plan and guide these special remembrances.

In Pentecost we recognize how God's Spirit moves among us to unite us, empower us, and to make us stronger. In remembering those who have gone before us, as we do in remembrances of 9/11, we remember their powerful spirits, and continue to feel their presence and strength.

And, in recognizing and remembering, God's Spirit fills us again, to move us to still greater purposes, greater things, in the work of God.

I pray God's Spirit is with you now and tomorrow, and that you will use that Spirit to work together with others of us to make God known and to fulfill God's intentions for us, the people of faith.

Yours in Christ, Dennis

I will be away June 29-July 8, attending the UCC General Synod #28 in Tampa, Florida and visiting family in Orlando. We need someone to preach and lead the worship service on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 a.m. in the Chapel. If you are interested, please contact me by June 15.

## Rotation Sensation

June 12: ALL children and youth, leaders and shepherds are invited to join us for a special Children's Sunday! Our children and youth will be participating in the service. Please plan to be at church by 9:30 a.m. so that we have a quick run through. We would like to invite all shepherds, leaders, and nursery care givers to attend as there will be a recognition of all volunteers. Everyone is invited to join us on the front lawn for an Ice Cream Social following the worship service.

June 19: Children are invited to worship with their families.

## Congratulations to our High School Graduates



Johnny Benevento, Gino Cohee  
Jefferey Couillard, Nicholas Critch  
Brittany DeSantis, David Ernest  
Matthew Forgione, Derek Gauvain  
Alexandra Hagerty, Lindsay Jodoin  
James Langill, Amy Look  
Evan Nasson, Will Parker  
Ariel Priestley, Martine Taylor  
James Wersackas  
Kyle Pomeroy of LaCrescenta, CA

## You Can Support the High School Mission Trip

This July, 9 youth and 3 adults will be traveling to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina. You can help them raise funds for the trip in 2 ways:

### Red Sox Raffle

Win two tickets to the Boston Red Sox vs. Milwaukee Brewers on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are 3 for \$10.00 or 9 for \$20.00. The raffle will be held June 12 after the worship service.

### Stock Sales

We invite you to "share" in this experience by purchasing stock in our Mission Trip - \$20.00 per share. All share holders 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.

Please call Barbara Langill in the church office for more information about either of these opportunities.

### **Leaders and Shepherds Needed.**

Rotation Sensation, the children's Christian education program, revolves around the model that children learn in different ways. Many volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the Workshop Rotation Model.

Leader positions are available for those who are interested in teaching workshops in art, storytelling, cooking, movie, computers, or drama. This is short 3-4 week commitment.

Shepherd responsibilities are available for those who wish to be with the same children each week, taking attendance and walking with the children to the workshop areas.

There are positions for everyone- high schoolers, aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, friends, etc. Please contact Barbara Langill to volunteer. With your help, we will ensure that next season will be another great year.

### **News From Around the Parish**

A memorial service will be held for Helen Miller, who died in November, 2010, on Saturday, June 11 at noon in the Chapel. All are invited.

As a way to show our support for Diana Gerbick and her family, whose house suffered serious damage from a fire last week, Centre Church is starting a fund to help with some of their needs during the repair and re-building time ahead. If you would like to make a donation, checks may be made out to "Centre Church" with Gerbick Fund in the memo.

### **From the Mailbox**

Dear Centre Church Friends,

Thank you very much for putting our daughter, Tracey, on your prayer list during her recent surgery for cancer. We all know how important prayers are in the treatment and in the healing process. We appreciate all the kindness, notes, phone calls and care expressed during this difficult time. Tracey's surgery went well and it is believed that they got all of it. She will not need radiation or chemo and we are so grateful for that news. It is wonderful to have such a caring church family.

Blessings to all of you,  
Jack and Donna Marino

### **Calling all Gardeners!**

If you have flowers in your yard that you would like to place on the altar for a Chapel worship service this summer, please contact Susan Spear in the church office.

### **Thanks to Our Volunteers**

**Sunday, June 12:** Head Usher-Bruce Weaver. Provide Altar Flowers-Nancy Lauzon. Lights Out beginning June 10-Dwight Decker.

**Sunday, June 19:** Head Usher-Jeff Law. Lights Out beginning June 17-Steven Richard.

A big thank you to members of the Tower Notes Team who rotate the job of making sure that the newsletter gets processed for mailing: Liz Baud, Elouise Bjorkman, Harriet Holt, Nancy Loyd, Marjorie Potter and Marcia Stevens. Also, thanks to Elouise Bjorkman, Linda Ladd, Lola Leggett, Shirley Orr, and Dana Richardson for their specialized help with publication and delivery.

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### **Write On! Secret Pen Pal Program!**

Participants in the secret pen pal program have been mailed their instructions and the codename of their secret pen pal. There is a white mailbox in the doorway leading up to the church office where you can leave your secret pen pal letters.

You may also mail them to me by addressing the envelope to:

[your pen pal's secret codename]  
c/o Barbara Langill  
Centre Church, 5 Summer Street  
Lynnfield, MA. 01940

### **Vacation Bible School Registration**

Vacation Bible School will be held from August 8-12  
from 9:30 am - 12 noon.

The theme is the "Shake it Up Café, Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!" Registration forms are located on the bulletin board outside the fireside room, on the church website, or you may register online at <http://cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/centrechurchvbs>.

Children ages 4-10 are encouraged to sign up (bring a friend!) while older youth and adults are encouraged to volunteer their time.

Please contact Barbara Langill in the church office, or Samantha White, this year's VBS coordinator for additional information or to volunteer.

# JUNEFEST AT CENTRE CHURCH

Saturday, June 11, 2011  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rain or Shine



## Vendor Tables

Handcrafted jewelry and accessories

Vintage Treasures

Tupperware, Avon, Children's Books, Scented Candles and much more

Many Flea Market Tables

Baked Goods and Food Table

Plant Table

## Entertaining Children's Activities

### Red Sox Ticket Raffle

2 tickets to the June 17 Milwaukee Brewers Game  
with \$50 for parking and other goodies.

### Morning Coffee

Muffins, donut holes, coffee, tea.

### Lunch

Lobster Rolls (\$10), Steamed Hot Dogs, Chips

***This is your last chance to pre-order a lobster roll.  
Call the church office 781-334-3050.***

Be sure to stop in on Saturday.  
Help with our fundraising and have a great time!

Volunteers are always welcome!  
Call Chuck Cotting 781-593-3120 to offer your help.

## *Our Opportunities*

Sun. June 12	10:00 am 11:30 am	Children's Sunday - Sanctuary Ice Cream Social – Front Lawn
Mon. June 13	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scouts – Todd Hall Alanon & Alateen – FR & Library
Wed June 15	7:00 pm	Women's 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thurs June 16	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Weight Watchers – Fireside Room Diaconate – Pastor's Office
Fri. June 17	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Sat. June 18		Mass Conference Annual Meeting
Sun., June 19	10:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Worship - Sanctuary Children in Church
Mon. June 20	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Basement
Wed. June 22	7:00 pm	Women's 12 Step Mtg. - FR
Thur. June 23	5:45 pm	Weight Watchers – Fireside Room
Fri., June 24	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Sun., June 26	9:00 am	Morning Worship - Chapel
Mon. June 27	7:30 pm	Alanon/Alateen – Basement
Wed. June 29	7:00 pm	Women's 12 Step Mtg. - FR
Thur. June 30	5:45 pm	Weight Watchers – Fireside Room
Fri., July 1	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office

Our prayers are with Irene Allyn at New England Rehab Hospital, 2 Rehab Way, Woburn 01810; 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; Andy Gehret, 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.

**Summer Office Hours are 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**The next *Tower Notes* is the week of June 27.**

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