

TOWER NOTES

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

May 21, 2014

Tribute to Sally Ann MacDonald
Director of Tower Day School
1984 to 2104

This past Sunday, we celebrated the work and person of Sally Ann MacDonald, who has been the Tower Day School Director for 29 years. She will be leaving her work with Tower Day at the end of this school year, to pursue another direction in her career and work with children.

We are extremely grateful to Sally for her dedication, hard work, gentle nature, and loving care of children, parents, and staff. She, and her excellent staff at Tower Day, have made it what it has been and is today, an outstanding educational institution in Lynnfield. Many people came to express to her their gratitude this Sunday, in worship and then, afterward, during the reception in Richards Hall following the service. It was great to see Rev. Mark Strickland, Pastor Emeritus, and his wife, Rev. Nancy Strickland, Rev. Marilyn Rossier and her husband, Stan Rossier. In addition, there were so many other alumni, parents, and staff of Tower Day whose lives Sally has blessed in the last 29 years.

Sally has set for us an excellent example of how we can live out our beliefs and values through our vocation. She is a person of great integrity and character. She shows respect for every person of every age.

As Jesus once said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:13-16) Sally has been an instrument through which the imperishable gifts of God's Kingdom have freely flowed through her to so many over her years of service, as an educator, mentor,

supervisor, friend, colleague, and teacher.

We ask God's blessing upon Sally as she finishes her work with Tower Day and prepares for her final graduation. We ask God to bless Sally as she prepares for a new focus in her career of service to children and their families.

We also ask God's blessing upon the continuing work of Tower Day School. We know that the staff will continue to provide the same high level of education and care of children that it has for so

In the Sanctuary

May 25, 2014

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Sacrament of Baptism

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Nursery and Pre-K – K Class

Gr. 1-8 Plant Flowers on the Lawn

June 1, 2014

10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

Nursery and Pre-K – K Class

Grades 1-8 Rotation Workshops

Sermon by the Rev. Jamie Howard

Followed by Congregational Meeting

June 8, 2014

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Children's Sunday

Nursery in Room 11

Message by Pre K – Grade 8

Followed by Ice Cream Social

many years. And, we ask God's blessing upon as we continue in our search for a new director to lead Tower Day. May God bless that person as God has blessed Sally in her work with us.

Thanks to the Tower Day Staff and the Tower Day Parents, as well as our church leadership, for organizing such a wonderful celebration of Sally's work this past Sunday, May 18th.

This will be my last Tower Notes until I return from my sabbatical in mid-September. Thanks for all of your best wishes. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May God bless Rev. Jamie Howard as she serves as your pastor in my absence.

May the grace of God and love of Jesus Christ be with you,

Dennis

Sunday Morning With the Children

Nursery

Our Nursery, located in Room 11, is open each week for infants through age 3. Experienced staff and volunteers are on hand to welcome children for story time and play.

3-5 year old class

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us each Sunday at 10 am in Room 14 for a class just for this age group. On Sunday, May 25, the children will begin in their classroom and then join the older children outside for flower planting.

Rotation Sensation

Sunday, May 25 Flower Planting Sunday. All children, grades PreK-Grade 8, are invited to join us as we plant flowers outside the church. Please bring trowels, watering cans and wear garden-friendly clothes. Children will begin in worship with their families and then leave after Children's Time.

June 1: All children and youth (grades PreK-8th), are encouraged to attend this Sunday. We will be practicing for Children's Sunday. Please make every effort to be with us as we prepare for our special program. If your child will not be at church on June 1, but wishes to have a part on Children's Sunday, please let Mrs. Langill know.

June 8: ALL children and youth, leaders, shepherds and nursery care givers are invited to join us for a special Children's Sunday! Our children and youth will be participating in the service. There will be a recognition of all volunteers. A very special Ice-Cream Social will be held on the front lawn following the service. Please plan to join us for this end of year celebration.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 1, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

Items to be considered:

- Proposed Budget for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year**
- Ratify extending the term of the Officers and Ministry Team Chairs until the Annual Meeting in September.**

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

Confirmation

Congratulations to the following 8th & 9th Graders who were recently confirmed:

Allison Marie Carey, Raden Elizabeth Sorli Hawk
Peter Joseph Look, Laura Sue Mucci
Andrew Michael Seelig, Matthew William Seelig
Caitlin Mary Timmons, Margrett Rose Weaver

Lobster Roll Sale

This coming Sunday, May 25 is your last chance to order your scrumptious Lobster Roll. It's Centre Church's Famous Recipe (with or without mayonnaise.) Only \$10.00.

Don't miss out! Must order in advance. Your order will be ready for pick up after church on June 1.

News From Around the Parish

Our congratulations to Eric and Paige (Whittier) Beckman upon the baptism of their daughter, Charlotte Grace on May 11. Her proud grandparents are Gage and Dotty Whittier.

Our congratulations to Steven Schedin who graduated from Boston College with an MBA. He will continue to work at Fidelity in Boston.

Our congratulations to Kristen DiFillippo who graduated from Lesley University with a Masters in Education.

We'd love news of your favorite graduate. Please be in touch with the church office with the details.

Mission Money

Please remember to bring back your M & M mini tubes filled with quarters. The donations received will go toward supporting our two Mission Trips. There is a basket in the Narthex for your filled tubes.

Musical Hysterics

Join us for a concert of funny songs presented by the vocal students of Noel Smith. This opportunity to support these students and enjoy an hour of music and laughter will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door (\$10-adults, \$5-students). Proceeds will benefit Centre Church's Raise the Roof Project.



June 8 Trolley Tour of Salem

We have rented our own trolley car for a special tour of historic Salem, MA on Sunday June 8 from 2-3 p.m. After the tour we will have time for exploring and a light supper. Any questions, please call Dotty Whittier (781-635-6225) or the church office.

Reminder

"Just a quick reminder to everyone - we are approaching the end of the Church's fiscal year on June 30. If you have not sent-in your contribution for MBA Dues (the orange envelope in your envelope packet), please take the time to do so. This reflects our commitment and covenant to support the Metropolitan Boston Association (MBA) of the United Church of Christ in their work. The dues amount is \$20.10 per church member. Also, please take a moment to look at your Pledge for the fiscal year ending June 30 to see if you are up-to-date. Thank you. Jeffrey C. Law, Treasurer

Flea Market

Thank you to everyone who helped make the church Flea Market on Saturday such a success. We are happy to report that we made \$710.00 which will be divided between the mission trips and the church operating budget.

Cousins Program

The Membership Ministries Team is starting a "Cousins Program" to ensure that visitors to our church are welcomed and followed up on. If you'd be available to be part of this program for a month, please contact Dotty Whittier (781-635-6225).

Lights Out Program

We have about a dozen faithful souls who volunteer to make sure the doors are locked, the heat is set, the windows are closed and all the lights are turned out every evening at Centre Church. We could use some new able bodied church members to come aboard! Generally it takes no more than 20 minutes per evening and the sign-up is for a week at a time. More volunteers makes for light work. Please contact Phil Johnson (pcjohnson@meei.harvard.edu or 781-598-5678) if you can sign up or have any questions. - Phil Johnson

Stewardship

Our Raise the Roof Campaign is officially ending. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please get the money in. With all the pledged money and donations in, we have raised enough for our new roof!! Thank you for your generosity!

It is time to get your pledge cards in for our new fiscal year which begins on July 1. Thank you to all who have returned them. If you have not, please mail it in or drop it in the offering plate.

Thank you!! Carrie Pericola, Stewardship

Engraved Brick Patio

Many people have asked me if there is still an opportunity to purchase an engraved brick for the patio at the rear of the church. I am taking orders now through June 30th.

The small bricks are \$50 and the large bricks are \$100. The small bricks hold up to 3 lines of 20 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). The large bricks hold up to 6 lines. Checks should be made payable to Centre Congregational Church and can be mailed to the church office.

This is a great way to memorialize someone you know or a family member. Or you can use the brick to thank someone special or record an important date. You may have a favorite Bible verse or inspirational quote. Or you may just want to put your name on the brick. Anything works!

If you have any questions you can get in touch with me at pcjohnson@meei.harvard.edu or 781-598-5678. - Phil Johnson

Our Opportunities

Sun. May 25 <i>Baptism</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Morning Worship – Sanctuary Nursery & Pre-K, K Class Children Plant Flowers on Lawn
Mon. May 26	----- 7:30 pm	Office Closed for Memorial Day Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. May 27	7:00 pm	Council – Pastor’s Office
Wed. May 28	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – Fireside
Thur. May 29	7:30 pm	Senior Choir – Choir Room
Fri. May 30	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sun. June 1 <i>Communion</i>	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion - Sanctuary Nursery & Pre-K, K Class Gr. 1-8 – Rotation Workshops Special Congregational Meeting
Mon. June 2	7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – FR & Library Education Ministries – 2 nd Fl Ofc
Wed. June 4	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Bread and Roses - Kitchen Women’s 12 Step Mtg – Fireside
Fri. June 6	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sun. June 8	10:00 am 10:00 am 2-3 pm	Children’s Sunday – Sanctuary Nursery – Room 11 Salem, MA Trolley Tour
Mon. June 9	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 - Todd Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. June 10	7:30 pm	Diaconate – Pastor’s Office
Wed. June 11	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – Fireside
Fri. June 13	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2nd Floor Office

The next *Tower Notes* will be the week of June 9.

**We will move to the Chapel on June 15
for Summer Worship Services at 9:00 a.m.**

Our prayers are with Liz DeSantis, Dayl Hufford, Barkey Gulezian, Jean Card, Harvey Card, Marion Barnes, Helen Butcher, Marge Cole, Ginny Davis, Marion Edkins, Rose Giunta, Parker Holloway, and Arliene Thorn.
We remember in our prayers William Lafferty who is serving in Afghanistan
