

# TOWER NOTES

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

June 3, 2015

## Cause for Celebrations

The next two Sundays we will celebrate some special people and ministries.



On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the ministry of Tower Day School as we give thanks for and celebrate Tower Day School teacher Beverly Perkins who has taught at Tower for 24 years! We are so

proud of Tower Day School and its staff. I meet a lot of parents who have had children in Tower Day throughout the years who have high praise for the school and its staff. Beverly, like many of the teachers, has served faithfully for so many years and still, every time I see her in the school with children she always has a smile and upbeat attitude. She loves teaching and the children and it shows!!!

THANK YOU, Beverly Perkins and have a great and blessed retirement!

On Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the ministry of Barbara Langill, Director of Christian Education. Correction, a Certified Director of Christian Education! Barbara has worked in the Christian Education program for twelve years, taking every opportunity to grow and mature in this important work. She initially worked with Jill Couillard, equally sharing the work as a great team, serving the children in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. When Jill decided to step down in order to explore another line of work, Barbara stepped into the position full-time.

Barbara has been a great teacher, leader, and servant for the ministry of Centre Congregational Church. She has always had a big smile and an encouraging word and approach, She is a person who seeks to work in cooperation with the rest of the staff and congregation in order to make us all do a better job.

Barbara's love of children has always been obvious. She lights up when she greets every child, and has always been ready to welcome new children, making them, and their parents feel right at home.

We know her for her many roles, running the Christian Education program on Sundays and in Vacation Bible School. She has also been leader and organizer of our Senior & Junior High Youth Ministries.

Barbara has played a large role in the Confirmation Program of Centre Church. She, Kathi Martin, and I have worked together over the past several years to provide the best possible Confirmation Program that we can, along with many mentors and youth who have

## In the Sanctuary

June 7, 2015

10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Special Music by the Choir

Honoring Beverly Perkins, Tower Day Teacher

10:00 - Nursery (up to age 3) – Room 11

Older Children go to the Chapel

Congregational Meeting following the Service.

June 14, 2015

10:00 A.M. Celebration Sunday

Led by the Children & Youth

Recognition of High School Graduates

Celebration of Barbara Langill's Ministry

## In the Chapel

June 21, 2015

10:00 A.M. Chapel Morning Worship

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

10:00 – Nursery (up to age 3) – Room 11

10:00 - Kids Summer Sunday Camp – Library

June 28, 2015

10:00 A.M. Chapel Morning Worship

Message by Gage Whittier

10:00 – Nursery (up to age 3) – Room 11

10:00 - Kids Summer Sunday Camp – Library

contributed much of themselves. I could not have done it all by myself in the way that Barbara, Kathi and I could as a team.

Of special note has been Barbara's leadership of **Centre Church's Mission Trip Ministry!** Wow, has this been great, or what??? It has taken youth and adults to New Orleans, New Jersey, North Carolina, Maine, Joplin, MO, Lawrence, MA, and the Heifer International Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. Through Barbara's leadership, tremendous organizational skills, and expertise as a Travel Agent (from her past life), she has made it possible for us to be a blessing in the lives of countless people all over the country.

On a personal note, I have greatly appreciated Barbara's assistance to me in helping me to prepare worship services and messages that connect with children in meaningful ways. Her insight has been wise, creative, and very effective.

THANK YOU, BARBARA, and may you have a blessed retirement!

I hope you can attend our celebration of Barbara's ministry on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at which time she will help the children and youth lead the worship service. There will be a Celebration Luncheon in Todd Hall, immediately following the service.

Of special note has been Barbara's life-partner, her husband, **Jeff Langill**, who has also been a dedicated leader of Centre Church's Youth Ministries and Mission Trip Ministries. We thank you, Jeff, for all of the lives that you have touched through your own selfless service to the youth of our church and community. I knew that when I first came to Centre Church Jeff's commitment to the youth and youth ministry was a part of his heart, mind, body, and soul. THANK YOU, JEFF!

We give thanks to God for how both Tower Day School and our Youth and Mission Trip Ministries have served the greater Lynnfield Community, not just the membership of Centre Church. In our Youth and Mission Trip Ministry we have reached out to many youth in our community. The 30-Hour Famine, youth group activities, and mission trips have always included people from outside the church as a way of spreading the gospel and its call to discipleship.

When we celebrate the people who have been significant servants in the work of the church we are also celebrating the church. We have all been a part of this work and of supporting these special servants of our Lord. They have served on our behalf, and with us.

We ask God's blessing upon them as they move into new places in their lives. They will always be part of us and this church and we, also, will always be a part of them. God has brought us together, helped us to be faithful in ministry, given us what we need, and blessed our work with success.

We ask God to continue to guide us in our mutual ministry as we seek new people to serve in Beverly's, Barbara's, and Jeff's place. As scripture reminds us frequently, we give thanks to God for you, and will

continue to remember you in our prayers, Beverly, Barbara and Jeff.

Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ, Dennis

### **Congregational Meeting**

We will meet after Worship on June 7 to vote on a proposed budget for 2015-2016 and to act to extend the terms of the Officers and Ministry Team Chairs until the Annual Meeting in September.

Bruce Weaver, Moderator

### **Sunday Morning with the Children**

#### Our Nursery

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

#### Church School News

**June 7:** All children and youth are encouraged to attend this Sunday. We will be practicing for Celebration Sunday which will be on June 14. Please make every effort to be with us as we prepare for our special program.

If you will not be at church on June 7, but wish to have a part in Celebration Sunday, please let Mrs. Langill know.

**June 14:** ALL children and youth, leaders, shepherds and nursery caregivers are invited to join us for a special Celebration Sunday! Our children and youth will be participating in the service. There will be a recognition of all volunteers. We will also be recognizing our High School graduates.

### **Day Trip to New York City**



The Membership Ministries Team is exploring the idea of taking a bus for a day in NYC on Saturday, July 18. We would leave very early and arrive in time to shop, take in a matinee, see some

sights, etc.

If we can fill the bus, the cost would be \$44.00 per person. Let us know if you can join us for this fun day! Please contact the Church Office at [office@centre-church.org](mailto:office@centre-church.org) or 781-334-3050.

## Chapel Services at 10:00 This Year

On Sunday, June 21, we will begin our Chapel Worship Services. This year the time of the summer services will be 10:00 a.m. (not 9:00 am as in years past.)



## Summer Programs for the Children

This summer we will be offering Childcare during our Sunday worship service in Room 11 for infants and children 3 and under. Experienced staff and volunteers are on hand to welcome children for story time and play. The nursery will be open each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (not 9:00 a.m. as in previous years.)

Beginning Sunday, June 21, we are excited to be offering a Kids Summer Sunday Camp. Each Sunday during worship, children ages 4 and up are invited to join us in the Library for Bible stories, crafts, games and a snack. We hope your family will join in the faith-filled fun.

## Real Good Church – Book Review

Please join us on at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., June 10<sup>th</sup> as we review the book Real Good Church by Molly Phinney Baskette. This book highlights the struggles of a church and what they did to turn themselves into a thriving organization.

This discussion will be an opportunity to explore how we can attract new members and also present fresh ideas that would benefit everyone.

We will meet in the Pastor's Outer Office for our discussion.  
- Parish Council

## Flea Market

Thank you to everyone who helped make the church Flea Market on Saturday, May 16 such a success. The money raised will be split between the Youth Mission Fund and the Church operating budget.

Also, thanks to volunteers who helped at the Craft Table and to Lisa Gerbick who crafted duct tape flowers, bows and gift card holders to sell.

## Graduation News

Our congratulations to Brittany DeSantis who graduated from Syracuse University with a BA in Policy Studies. Her minor was Business Management.



Our congratulations to Dorsey Holappa's grandson, Hal S. Holappa III, son of Hal Holappa II, of New Canaan, CT who recently celebrated his High School Graduation. He will be attending Dickinson College in the fall.

Our congratulations to Kaley Wagner Pomeroy, daughter of Jake and Marlene Pomeroy, on her graduation from Crescenta Valley High School (CA). She will be attending the Univ. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA in the fall.

We will be honoring our Centre Church high school graduates in the worship service on June 14.

## Centre Church Facebook Page

Centre Church has a Facebook Page which is up and running thanks to Linda Ladd and Barbara Langill. To be invited to church events and see event pictures, like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/centrechurchucc>.



## Box Tops for Education

Even though the school year is winding down for Tower Day School, the collection of Box Tops from various food and paper supply products is ongoing throughout the summer. Each box top turned in is worth 10 cents to Tower Day.

Please check out the website [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) for a list of participating products or you will find the information on a poster on the bulletin board outside the Library.

## Thanks to Our Volunteers

June 14: Head Usher-Margaret Waugh.

Lights Out beginning June 12-Bruce Weaver.

June 21: Head Usher-Margaret Waugh.

Lights Out beginning June 19-David Borkman.

June 28: Head Usher-Annmarie Pendola.

Lights Out beginning June 26: Steven Richard.

## *Our Opportunities*

<b>Sun. June 7</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> 10:00 am 10:20 am 11:00 am	<b>Holy Communion- Sanctuary</b> Nursery (to age 3) – Room 11 Older Children – Chapel Congregational Mtg. - Sanctuary
Mon, June 8	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. June 9	7:30 pm	Deacons – Pastor’s Office
Wed. June 10	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Book Discussion – Pastor’s Ofc. Women’s 12 Step Mtg – Fireside
Fri. June 12	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
<b>Sun. June 14</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> 11:00 am	<b>Celebration Sunday - Sanctuary</b> Luncheon Reception for Barbara Langill
Mon. June 15	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon – Fireside Room
Wed. June 17	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg – Fireside
Fri. June 19	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
<b>Sun. June 21</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> 10:00 am 10:00 am	<b>CHAPEL Worship Service</b> Nursery (up to age 3) – Room 11 Kids Summer Sunday Camp –Libr.
Mon. June 22	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Wed. June 24	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg – Fireside
Fri. June 26	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
<b>Sun. June 28</b>	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	<b>CHAPEL Worship Service</b> Nursery – (up to age 3) – Room 11 Kids Summer Sunday Camp – Libr.

**Summer Office Hours 9am–12pm Mon-Fri starting June 15**  
**Next Tower Notes is the week of June 29.**

Our prayers are with Ginny Daniels at Rosewood, 22 Johnson St., Peabody, MA 01960, Denise Weaver recuperating at home, Bob Shorey at Aviv Center for Living, 240 Lynnfield St., Peabody, MA 01960, Annabel Aldrich, Helen Butcher, Marguerite Burns, Harvey Card, Marge Cole, Marion Edkins, Parker Holloway, Edie Richard and Barbara Warburg.

We remember in our prayers Jamie Stone in Kuwait, Michael Bruce in Bahrain and Johnathan McCarthy who is in training with the US Marines