

The Scribe

September 2017

A ROUSING LAST ACT

While sorting through my bookcase at home, I found a book I bought several years ago on the discount rack. Originally priced at \$30.00 I was able to purchase it on sale for \$6.98. The book is about Benjamin Franklin's journey to France in 1776 to gain support for the American Revolution. Buying a book about Benjamin Franklin at a discount price is something of which I think our wise and venerated statesman would approve. Franklin is credited with saying, "A penny saved is a penny earned." (I read that the actual saying is, "A penny saved is a penny got." I like "earned." You choose your favorite.)



When Franklin landed in France in December of 1776, he was already 70 years old and not in the best of health, describing himself as "Old and good for nothing." But he also embarked on this journey and this mission that was so critical to success of the American colonies fulfilling a conviction he expressed. "Life, like a play, should finish with a rousing last act."¹ The book is titled, *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the Birth of America*. As I am only in the early pages, I look forward to being inspired by the rousing last act of this man whose life meant so much for our nation.

As we enter the fall, the church resumes our regular schedule of ministry, with a new year of Sunday school classes and GPS for our children (God's Path Seekers returns to having weekly meetings on Friday night). Our schedule includes youth group meetings on Tuesday night, numerous opportunities to be involved in our music ministry, two new weekly Bible studies called *Disciple Bible Study*, the return of our Diamond Lunches with worship, delicious food, and wonderful fellowship, our Presbyterian Women and their monthly gatherings, and special events like Homecoming Sunday on September 10th, *Kirkin' of the Tartans* on Reformation Sunday in October, and planning for the Christmas Bazaar which will be held in November.

¹Stacy Schiff, *A Great Improvisation: Franklin, France, and the birth of America*, p. 20.

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Benjamin Franklin had the conviction that life, like a play, should finish with a rousing last act. I wonder if you would join me in committing to pour yourself into the life and ministry of our church as if we were endeavoring to make this a year to remember, even a rousing last act.

When I use the phrase, “A rousing last act”, I am not intending to say this will be our last year as a church, and I am certainly not a doomsday prophet saying, “The end is near.” But the Bible seems to constantly encourage us to be a people who live in a perpetual state of preparedness. Jesus speaks often of the importance of servants to be doing the work of the master while he is away, because you never know what hour the master will return. Wise Christians have devoted themselves to making the most of every day, the most of every year.

It isn't just that we never know when our Lord will appear, or that we know when we will be in the final act of our lives. It is also the sense that every day is meant to be lived to the fullest. The psalmist beckons us to live in such a way with the words, “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Again we hear in Hebrews the encouragement to be fully engaged in following God each and every day. “Today if you hear His voice...” And Paul calls the Corinthians to action with the words, “Now is the day of salvation.”

What would it look like in your life if you made a commitment to living out your faith in God in such a way that this year would be a “Rousing last act”? What commitments would you make? What risks would you take? What passions would you pursue? What dreams would you dream?

Interestingly enough, as old as Ben Franklin felt when he landed in France in 1776, the man who described himself as “old and good for nothing” lived until 1790. His rousing last act lasted 14 more years. I believe those years were full of life and full of blessing because he desired to live each day, each year, to the fullest. It only seems right that we who follow Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, would seek to live our lives for Him in constant devotion and constant service. With hearts filled with the love of Jesus Christ, may we live in ways that make the days ahead of us worthy of being called, “A rousing last act.”

Wayne

We had a great turn out for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped to create this successful week! We could not have done it without your donations, support, time, and talent.



We are gearing up for a great fall! Join us for these dynamic programs.

- **Church Sunday School:** It is back to our normal school year routine starting on Sunday September 10th. At the 10 am service, we will have three classes for youth: the preschool and kindergarten class, the elementary school class (grades 1-5), and the middle school class (grades 6-8).

We are creating teams of teachers for each class and still have openings. Ideally volunteers would commit for at least a month at a time to ensure consistency for the children. We are also creating a list of substitutes.

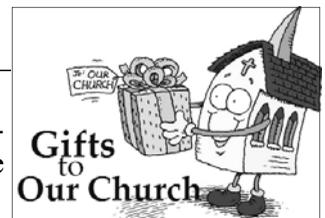
- **Youth Group/Teen Team** will be held on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 pm. Michael Walton will be there each week and would love to see you. Please join us when you can!
- **Gods Path Seekers (GPS)** will be held weekly from September 15th until November 10th on Friday evening from 6 to 8 pm for children in grades 1 through 6. Join us for dinner, fellowship, fun and a chance to grow in our faith as we seek to follow God's path for us!

Toddler room attendants are needed for the 10 am service. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in working with the youth, please contact Roxanne Tisch or Jonathan Shay.

If you have questions/comments/suggestions, please contact

- Jonathan Shay at (401) 322-1997, e-mail: jonathan.shay@mysticseaport.org;
- Roxanne Tisch at (401) 559-3149, email: roxanne.tisch@gmail.com; or
- Michael Walton at (240) 491-1119, e-mail: michaelwaltongold@gmail.com.

In August, the Church received generous gifts from the estates of Virginia Farquhar and Shirley Harter. Shirley was the sister of Dutch Greene.



How wonderful to receive these reminders of two families who have been so important in the life of our Church. Their kindness continues to bless us.

Leaving a gift for the church in a Will or Trust is a wonderful way to contribute. It costs little now, but provides the satisfaction of knowing that when you have passed on, your gifts will continue the work of God through our Church and its mission in our community. Gifts of any size can make a difference.



Coach Mike's Corner . . .

In July a group of our teens attended Bible camps at Massanetta Springs and Montreat.

The theme of this year's conference at Massanetta Springs was "All Together Now." Teen Team members James Smith, Blake Kelley, A.J Faustino and Teagan Smith were active participants in the conference. In reflecting on the camp each our teens had an enjoyable experience learning about God, meeting new people and bonding with each other. They were sad to leave, but excited to keep the momentum going as they returned home!



Massanetta attendees in the photo are: Holly Karnes, Blake Kelley, Teagan Smith, and James Smith.

Similarly, our high school students gained value knowledge and formed new relationships with their peers from other states at Montreat. This year's theme was "A Missing Peace." Mirabel Michaud-Hall, Andrew Yu and Blake Kelley represented our Teen Team!

We would like to thank you, the congregation, for your support in making these trips happen. It's through your donations that these trips are made affordable for our young men and women. Please know that the experiences gained at conferences such as these have a last impression on the hearts and minds of those that attend. We cannot thank you enough! We would also like to thank the adult chaperones that attended this year's conferences, Holly Karnes and Jennifer Michaud. Your contributions were invaluable!

Mike Walton

Mission

Pancakes with a Purpose

In support of **Family Housing Support (FHS)** four churches in the community hold pancake breakfasts **each month from 8 to 10 a.m.** Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast with all the trimmings (donations accepted).



First Saturday

Cross Mills Baptist Church
4403 Old Post Road
Charlestown

Second Saturday

Dunn's Corners Church
221 Post Road
Westerly

Third Saturday

Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal
4150 Old Post Road
Charlestown

Saturdays, September 16th, October 27st, November 18th

Babcock Presbyterian Church
25 Maxson Street
Ashaway

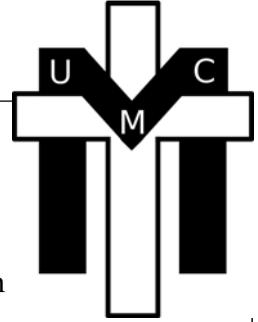
UPDATE: FHS began as a grass roots community effort in June 2013 and currently funds three emergency family apartments. Since the opening of the original apartment, we have served 17 families: 19 adults and 33 children. Most have moved on to transitional programs or permanent housing. These are positive numbers!

Our goal is to raise \$60,000 a year to sustain the three apartments and to cover the cost to offer these families the wrap-around social services they need to get back on their feet. Each family we help lives in a temporary emergency apartment that is fully furnished and provided with all utilities.

In addition to these essentials, the WARM Center partners with FHS to provide the wrap-around social services to each family member. The combination of housing and social service support has been the key to successfully helping families become self sufficient.

—Jamie Silva, Director of Housing Services, WARM Center





Mission Trip to Camp Mechuwana Winthrop, Maine

A team of nine people joined Bruce Loeckler on the yearly mission trip in August to work in the Winthrop, Maine community.

Thank you to all who bought stock and helped to support our outreach in Maine!

Our mission team had wonderful and varied work/play experiences this summer in Maine. The team broke into three groups for the work we did. Many worked to install vinyl siding on a small storage building at the Maine Home for Little Wanderers in Waterville, ME. The building our team worked on will free up space in an existing building which will be used for classes and offices.

Some worked on staining clapboard siding to be put up on a new building at the camp itself. Work we do at the camp helps to keep it in compliance with State regulations. The cost to pay someone to do this work is prohibitive for the camp. A portion of what we pay to attend Mechuwana Camp provides scholarship money for underprivileged children to be able to spend a week at a Christian summer camp.

The third part of our team visited a local nursing home and helped bring joy to senior residents who rarely, if ever, have company. Most team members were able to participate in at least two of the work opportunities.

It wasn't all work though. On our day off, Wednesday, many of us went white water rafting. Others hit the laundromat and went miniature golfing. At the end of this day we all met and went to dinner at *Fast Eddie's*, a local drive-in restaurant reminiscent of the 1950's—complete with the appropriate music, and with owners of antique and unusual vehicles showing off their vehicles. Great fun was had by all!

The morning and evening devotions led each day by a different team member also enriched our experience as a mission team.

—Sheri Loeckler

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The following are a few statements expressing the teams' experience:

- Wayne: Loved working and joking with kids and watching them grow.
Pat: Became aware of the ripple effect—how far-reaching a small job today can be for tomorrow. Also, never be afraid to admit your mistakes.
Izzy: Everyone can contribute. Patience is a virtue.
Robyn: Enjoyed helping the older people at the nursing home with Bingo and painting with others on the team.
Sheri: Learned to appreciate some of the unexpected depth of our kids and how they think.
Jack: Liked making new friends and working with others to help people.
Evan: It's easier to make friends than you think.
AJ: Discovered that he's good at making friends.



Top row: Bruce Loeckler, Holly Karnes, Izzy Yarnall, Wayne Eberly, Robyn Loeckler, Sheri Loeckler
Bottom row: Evan Kelley, Jack Kelley, Pat Rychlec, AJ Faustino

Music Schedule



All are invited to take part in the music ministry of the Church. Please see or contact Andy Wallace if you are planning to join any of our awesome choirs: 860-961-4319 or email wallaceas4@gmail.com.

Adult Music Programs: All rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 7th.

- **Glory Ringers:** This handbell choir is for adult beginners. Ringing lessons, handbell notation, and basic music education are the focus of this ensemble. Beginners are welcome anytime. Rehearsals: Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:10 pm.
- **Community Church Ringers:** The ability to read music is necessary to jump into this ensemble as we regularly play HMA Level 3-4 arrangements. Rehearsals: Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:20 pm.
- **Chancel Choir:** The Chancel Choir is the primary musical ensemble of our church, providing weekly leadership during worship. Its role is to lead and encourage congregational singing and to present anthem offerings that inspire singers and listeners alike. Rehearsals: Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Youth Music Programs:

- **High School Bell Choir:** All youth grades 8 and above are welcome to participate in this truly energetic handbell program. The youth present music in worship several times each year. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 17th from 11:15 to 11:45 am.
- **High School Ring Out:** Saturday, November 11th in Amherst, NH from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Registration due by October 8th.
- **Youth Choir:** All children and youth are welcome to participate in this vocal program. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 17th from 11:15 to 11:45 am. The choir will sing in worship on Sunday, October 22nd.
- **Youth Bell Choir:** Our program for youth focuses on developing handbell ringing skills and musicianship. Open to youth in Grades 5 through 8. Stay tuned to bulletin announcements for rehearsal dates.
- **Chime Choir:** No musical knowledge or experience is necessary. Our program for children focuses on music education and gaining experiencing ringing hand chimes. Stay tuned to bulletin announcements for rehearsal dates.

SEPTEMBER 2017 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 3

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Reverend Dick Dannenfeler, guest preacher

Sunday, September 10

Homecoming/Rally Day

Sermon: *When All the Brothers Come Home*

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Sunday, September 17

Sermon: *None of Us Lives to Himself Alone*

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Sunday, September 24

Sermon: *Fruitful Labor*

Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30

Happy Labor Day! Symbolically Labor Day signals the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season. The fall season conjures up images of getting back to a regular schedule, going back to school, apple picking, football, and getting back to church. On behalf of Membership & Evangelism and the Session, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to church! Our September 10th “Welcome Home” church services will be extra special, including a slide presentation from this summer’s Vacation Bible School, anecdotes from members and friends about what church means to them, insight into the youth and adult mission trips that took place over the summer, information and invitations to participate in God’s Path Seekers (GPS), Sunday Church School, and the *Disciple Bible Study* series. We will enjoy some special music and some light fare will be served. We look forward to seeing you and catching up!



SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 10th!

New Bible Study Begins . . .

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 9 to 11 a.m.; Choir Room

The class will be using *Disciple Bible Study*—a 34 week study of the Bible. Cost for the study guide is \$40.

- September 5 Orientation and distribution of materials
- September 12 Lesson One: The Biblical Word
- September 19 Lesson Two: The Creating God
- September 26 Lesson Three: The Rebel People



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:10-8:30 p.m.; Choir Room

The class will be using a shortened version of the *Disciple Bible Study* called *Disciple Fast Track*. This is a 24 week study of the Bible. Cost for the study guide is \$30.

- September 6 Orientation and distribution of materials
- September 13 Lesson One: The Creating God
- September 20 Lesson Two: The Rebel People
- September 27 Lesson Three: The Called People

Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

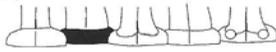
- 🕯️ Joyce Dionne on September 4th;
- 🕯️ Vic Rickman on September 11th;
- 🕯️ Bill Penhallow on September 17th;
- 🕯️ Jesse Johnson on September 27th;
- 🕯️ Bill MacVicar on September 30th.



Diamonds (70 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.



Dunn's Corners
Early Learning Center



Fall enrollment for the **Early Learning Center** (three through 5 years old) and **Kid Kare (K through 4th grade)** is underway. We offer flexible fun and affordable childcare. Please spread the word. We can be reached at (401) 322- 0510 and 322-8600.

Back-to-School Wish List for ELC/Kid Kare

Please place items in the box located in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

- ◆ Blue sticks/bottles of glue
- ◆ Computer paper
- ◆ Colored construction paper
- ◆ Washable paint
- ◆ Colored chalk for chalkboard
- ◆ Scotch tape
- ◆ Napkins, plastic utensils, plastic cups, paper plates
- ◆ Snacks for Kid Kare students
- ◆ Large Ziplock bags
- ◆ Rubber bands
- ◆ Popsicle sticks/craft sticks
- ◆ Wiffleballs
- ◆ Watercolor paints
- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Pompons (small size)
- ◆ Googly eyes
- ◆ Craft supplies (feather, pipe cleaners, buttons, yarn, etc.—anything fun with which we can be creative)
- ◆ Playground balls
- ◆ Cotton balls
- ◆ Kids' ink dabbers
- ◆ Ink pads and stamps



Introducing Dale Green, Divinity Student Yale Divinity School

We are pleased to introduce Dale Green to the Dunn's Corners congregation. Dale will be spending this academic year with us as a seminary intern. Dale is studying at Yale Divinity School, with the goal of being ordained as a Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament. The internship is an effort to help seminary students get a feel for the role of pastor.



A retired U.S. Navy Submarine Captain, Dale is from Ashland, OR where his brother and extended family still reside. He has been happily married for 29 years to Deborah (Debby) Green who hails from Des Plaines IL. They have 2 grown sons (Daniel and David), ages 26 and 21 who are working in Hartford, CT and attending Gordon College respectively. Dale is a dedicated husband and father at home and has been a proven leader and problem solver in the community with 35+ years of experience in the US Navy and 15+ years developing core teams in church worship and service groups. Dale has been a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Groton, CT for the last 20 years.

We hope to give Dale a wide exposure to the life of the church. He will spend much of his time observing and listening, but there will also be opportunities for him to preach, teach, visit, and lead. Dale will be with us fifteen hours a week, as he will continue to take courses at the divinity school during the internship. He anticipates spending the majority of his time with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. While Dale will be around introducing himself, I strongly encourage you to reach out and make an effort to meet Dale, either with a simple visit, a cup of coffee, or sharing a meal together. He would love to see the ministries you are involved in. Help us invite Dale into the life of our church.



Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, September 24th at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the **retirement of The Reverend Julia A. Fuller.**

Julia was ordained as a minister and teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) 39 years ago on Oct. 29, 1978. She has been the Parish Associate at Dunn's Corners Church for many years teaching Tuesday morning Bible studies, guest preacher on Sunday morning and visiting the sick and shut-ins when our Pastor is on vacation. She is also the Chaplain at Weekapuag Chapel in Weekapuag, Rhode Island.

We wish Julia God's blessings as she enters her new chapter in her life.





**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Women will be held on Monday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m.

Our traditional “bring a sandwich to share” luncheon will be followed by two guest speakers, Karen Matheson and Cindy Hatfield, who have much to share about their mission work. They are affiliated with two organizations, **Days for Girls**, which makes and delivers menstrual kits to young women in Uganda and Ghana and **Quilts Beyond Borders**, which solicits fabric, sewers and quilters to make quilts for needy children and adults internationally and also in the United States. We look forward to learning more about their special projects and we are very grateful to Janet Loffredo, who arranged for them to come and speak to us.

There will be a short business meeting following the presentation, which will include fall planning and devotions led by Judy Nichipor.

All women are invited to join us—so bring a friend, make a sandwich, and come enjoy the fellowship.

Event at Christ Church, Westerly

Christ Church has invited the public to a presentation on the concept of "redemptive violence," its history, and its implications for our time. The presentation, titled **The Just War Theory**, will be held Sunday, September 17th at 4 p.m. in the Christ Church Parish Hall, 7 Elm Street, Westerly. The moderator is Ronald Steel who moved to Mystic, CT after completing 26 years in the US Submarine Force. Refreshments to follow this free, thought-provoking event.

Meeting House Report

At the last congregational meeting I presented a plan to renovate the Meeting House for use by Christian Education. After some discussion, the congregation voted to explore an alternative plan for comparison. In response, Session appointed a committee to review other possibilities and to answer some outstanding questions about the Meeting House.

We began by conducting a needs assessment. This included a survey of the various users of our facilities in order to determine their most efficient use. Our original directive was to study the possibility of an addition as an alternative to renovating the Meeting House, but the Committee came to the conclusion that the best alternative plan would be to reconfigure existing spaces, integrating Sunday Church School, Kid Kare and the Early Learning Center into the Jane Perkins Community Building.

Local architect, J.P. Walsh, who provided the plans for the Meeting House, agreed to create the necessary drawings for comparison. We are very grateful to him for this pro bono work and we look forward to its completion. This effort will allow us to obtain cost estimates. At that point, the Committee will submit a full report that will present the pros and cons along with the supporting documentation.

The Committee has been diligent. The effort has taken longer than we had hoped, but this is an important decision that requires careful study. Thank you for your patience. Work cannot begin until next summer because the facilities are in use during the school year. In the meantime, we are remediating the problems in the Meeting House so that it is a healthy environment for the upcoming year.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Christian Education Co-Chair, Roxanne Tish and to the Committee participants: Hugh Kohan, Martha Hosp, Tina Chapman, Rachel Pierson, and Catherine Ogilvie. We join Session and the congregation in our unanimous commitment to improving the facilities for our youth. Thank you for your support.

Jonathan Shay, Committee Convener
Christian Education Co-Chair

2017 Christmas Bazaar Meetings

The **Christmas Bazaar** is **Saturday, November 18th**.

Our **planning meetings** are scheduled for **6 p.m.** in the Choir room on:

- Monday, September 11th
- Monday, October 16th
- Monday, November 6th

Everyone is invited to come; bring your sample crafts and ideas.



Recently received:

To our Church Family:

Thank you so much for the beautiful service and luncheon you provided for our mom/grandma. Such a beautiful day that we will cherish forever.

Though we miss her very much every day, we know she is at peace in heaven with her husband, Bob and daughter, Cindy.

Our love and thanks,

Paul, Andrea, Delaney and Nic

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Dear Friends:

The Dunn's Corners Community Church parish family have been very generous benefactors for God's poorest in rural Haiti for many years. The Haitian Health Foundation is laboring diligently to rebuild the lives of thousands of poor who lost everything to the ravages of Hurricane Matthew.

Please continue to remember these poorest neighbors in your prayers and charity.

With appreciation,

Jeremiah J. Lowney, Jr. DDS, MS, MPH

President

DCCCP 2016/2017 Member Picture Directories have arrived!

If you had your picture taken for the Directory, please be sure to pick up your copy in Fellowship Hall following the Church services on Sunday, September 10th! In case you missed getting your picture taken for the directory, you can receive a picture directory, just see Tina Chapman, Cheryl Ferris or Rachel Pierson for a demographic information form. If you are unable to pick up your directory on Sunday, September 10th, please email tinamchapman@gmail.com or call the Church Office and we will arrange to get it to you.



Celebrating our graduates . . .

Susan Chaffee Montag, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, daughter of Nancy Laudone, received her PhD in May 2017.





Portion of Article taken from
The Westerly Sun; dated 6/23/17:

At 20th Relay for Life, Stories of Hope and Courage, and Walking for a Cure

The Westerly relay raised more than \$3 million in its first 19 years, and there was a big turnout Friday for the 20th anniversary — hundreds of volunteers, caregivers, friends, supporters and survivors. They assembled at 6 p.m. for the presentation of the Courage Award to Pat Rychlec, 57, of Westerly, who received an ovarian cancer diagnosis last year, a day before Mother’s Day.

“There are no symptoms and there are no screenings so I was Stage 4 by the time we caught it,” she said in an interview Wednesday.

After telling her daughter, Kaitlin, 27, of Exeter, and her son Sam, 25, who lives at home, she headed for the Dunn’s Corners Community Church, Presbyterian, where she has been a member for more than 20 years. “I went upstairs to the sanctuary, opened the Bible and it said, ‘I put my trust in you, oh Lord God,’” she said. “My mantra since then has been ‘The Big Guy’s got this.’”

Rychlec worked at Electric Boat for 32 years as a technical writer and editor. She has been involved with the relay as a volunteer for 17 years in honor of her father, who had cancer, and to support Adam Trombino, who received the Courage Award in 1999 and died in October 2002 at the age of 13.

This year Rychlec and her daughter are doing a half “pair-a-thon,” walking 13.1 miles between the two of them. “That’s a new thing for the relay this year and we had to raise \$1,310 between the two of us,” she said.

All told, she’s had 21 chemotherapy treatments, and several surgeries, and recently switched to a clinical trial of immunotherapy. She had her second immunotherapy treatment on Thursday. “It helps your own body target the cancer and fight it,” she said, adding that “maybe I can help the next person and hopefully help myself along the way.”

Rychlec said she was a little hesitant about accepting the Courage Award. “I don’t feel very courageous in one sense because I just do what I’ve been doing,” she said. “On the other hand, I do recognize that everyone who gets a cancer diagnosis that wakes up the next day and keeps going is courageous.”

She said the award has made her even more grateful for her family, friends, and caregivers. “I never wanted to be eligible for the courage award, it’s not an award you want to qualify for,” she said. “It’s given me a different perspective on just how blessed I am every day.”

—Catherine Hewitt, Sun Staff Writer

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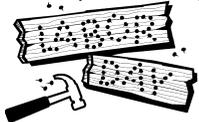
the End of Summer

Tuesday, September 12th



11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
Menu: grilled chicken, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dessert

Please sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
If you need a ride, please call the Church Office at (401) 322-0655.

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 Homecoming Sunday 8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U) 10 am Church School through 6 th grade	6:30 am AA (FH) 12 pm Presbyterian Women (FH) 6 pm Christmas Bazaar Meeting (C)	8:30 am Work Team 9-11 am <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study Pastor Eberly, leader 11:30 am Worship (S) 12 pm Diamonds Luncheon (FH) 3 pm Staff meeting (P) 6 pm Building /Grounds (C) 5-7 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Session (C)	9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Den Meetings 6:30 pm Evening Prayers (S) Bob Rieger, leader 7:15-8:30 pm <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study; Pastor Wayne Eberly, leader	Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir	1-3 pm Water-color Group (FH)	8-10 am <i>Pancakes with a Purpose</i> Breakfast—Family Housing Support (FHS) at Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal 4150 Old Post Road Charlestown 8-10 am <i>Pancakes with a Purpose</i> to support <i>Family Housing Support</i> at Babcock Presbyterian Church 25 Maxson Street, Ashaway
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Officers Nominations Due 8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U) 10 am Church School through 6 th grade	6:30 am AA (FH)	8:30 am Work Team 9-11 am <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study Pastor Eberly, leader 5-7 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH)	9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Den Meetings 6:30 pm Evening Prayers (S) Sam Pierson, leader 7:15-8:30 pm <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study; Pastor Wayne Eberly, leader	Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir 7-8 pm Cubs new family orientation (FH)	1-3 pm Water-color Group (FH)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
The Reverend Julia A. Fuller Retirement/Reception 8 am and 10 am Worship (S) 9 am Fuller Reception (FH) 9:45-11:15 am Infant Room/Toddler Room (U) 10 am Church School through 6 th grade 11 am Fuller Reception (FH)	6:30 am AA (FH) 7 pm Trustees (KK)	8:30 am Work Team 9-11 am <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study Pastor Eberly, leader 5-7 pm Teen Time (KK) 6:45 pm AA (FH) 7 pm Personnel (P) 7 pm Deacons (C)	9 am Breakfast Group 6-8 pm Cub Den Meetings 6:30 pm Evening Prayers (S) Pastor Wayne Eberly, leader 7:15-8:30 pm <i>Disciple</i> Bible Study; Pastor Wayne Eberly, leader	Meet in Choir Room: 5:45-6:10 pm Glory Ringers 6:15-7:20 pm Community Church Ringers 7:30-9 pm Chancel Choir	1-3 pm Water-color Group (FH)	

Call Director, Christine Fish at (401) 322-0510 (ELC) or (401) 322-8600 (KK).

- **Early Learning Center:** Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Kid Kare:** Monday through Friday 7 to 8 am/3:30 to 6 pm



I would like the Nominating Committee to consider the following people:

("An Elder, Deacon or Trustee having served a total of six years is ineligible for reelection to the same board for a period of at least one year." [Book of Order G-14.0222] This person may, however, be nominated to serve on one of the other two boards).

***Please check with the nominee before submitting their name and print the information.**

*I nominate for Elder: 1. _____
2. _____

*I nominate for Deacon: 1. _____
2. _____

*I nominate for Trustee: 1. _____
2. _____

I personally feel called to serve as (circle one or more) Elder, Deacon, Trustee. I place my name as nominee.

_____ (print) Telephone # and/or E-mail _____

Please place this sheet in the Offering Plate or mail or deliver it to the Church Office by **Sunday, September 17th, 2017.**

_____ Signature (optional)

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee
Christine Fish, Chairperson
Joe Carr
Jan Loffredo
Holly Karnes
Martha Hosp

Rachel Pierson
Mimi Yu
Mike Turco
Don Phillips
Martha Rice

A short statement of what the various groups do for our Church.

Elder: Ruling Elders (Session), the immediate representatives of the people, are chosen by the congregation, and in conjunction with the pastor, or minister, they may exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church.

Deacon: It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the Session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people and assisting with the Lord's Supper. Our Deacons, for example, help at the Jonnycake Center, visit the infirmed and provide rides for some of our members who need assistance.

Trustee: The Trustees, who are responsible to the Session for their activities, have the immediate responsibility for management of the property, including care, maintenance, accessibility for the disabled, compliance with applicable building, fire, access and safety codes, and use restrictions. Our Trustees are deeply involved in assisting in development of the budget for the church and insuring proper investments.

All of these groups normally meet monthly and minutes of their meeting are shared within the groups so that our functions continue to be in synch.