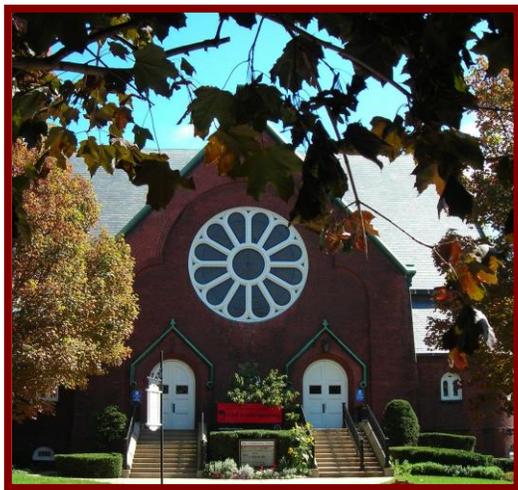


CHURCH AT THE CENTER ,

JULY - AUGUST 2017



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*ALL ARE WELCOME AT CENTER CHURCH ON THE COMMON,
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING UCC CONGREGATION,
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD STIRS US TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY,
DEEPEN OUR FAITH IN JESUS, SHARE OUR TEARS AND LAUGHTER,
AND EXTEND GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE AND JUSTICE INTO THE WORLD.*

Interruptions.....

For some reason, maybe because I forget to lock my office door to the street during the regular working hours, but I have had a number of people opening the door. No knock, just open the door. It surprises me and they seem confused since I doubt they ever stepped into the church before. I am sure they are wondering , "What did I step into? Who is this woman?" I'm at my desk either reading or typing, maybe even talking to myself!

To be honest, my very first reaction is, "Who is interrupting my space."

These types of interruptions have made me think, "Do I welcome the 'interruptions' of life, of just plain living? Do I welcome the stranger or are they just an "interruption"? When the stranger walks through the regular church doors, I immediately want to engage them...but not any of this side door stuff, that catches me off guard.

Jesus welcomed the stranger, the one who stepped into the temple and the one along the road or the one who touched his robe to be healed. This summer I am going to welcome the interrupters in my life. Maybe it is God speaking to me?



Rev Souder will be away July 2 (after worship) thru 5 and in August, 3- 7 and 10 - 14.

Thia will be away the week of July 3rd - the office will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - noon; July 25-27 (tentative) and August 15-17 (tentative). (Church office hours for latter two weeks tba)

**Regular Summer Office Hours (July and August)
are Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 4pm.**

A reminder from the "tag sale marking ladies"

Although we will be worshipping in Granby during the month of August, **Center Church will continue to accept donation for the Columbus Day Fair during office hours** (Tues - Thurs 9am - 4pm). The Fair will be here before you know it so get your donations in asap! Thanks!

Please remember to keep your pledges up to date over the summer months. Although we are not always worshipping in our building, the bills continue to arrive daily. Be assured that if you put your envelope or check in the collection plate at the Granby church, it will be picked up and delivered to Center Church. Or, if you prefer, you can mail your check directly to the church at One Church Street. Pledge statements will be sent out the middle of July.
Thanks, and have a great summer!



from Center Church to these 2017 Graduates:

Middle School

**Ella Francis
Ryan Gage
Allison Smith**

From Michael E. Smith Middle School, SH

Lily Griffin

from The MacDuffie School, Granby

J B Pontes

from Paul R. Baird Middle School, Ludlow

High School

Rachael Towne - granddaughter of Nancy Towne
Nehemiah Wilson - son of Martha Guild and Lucas Wilson
from So. Hadley High



College

Samantha Levreault - granddaughter of Grace and Don Hooton
from Mount Holyoke College
Kavita Schroff - granddaughter of Grace and Don Hooton
from Haverford College
Rebecca Towne -granddaughter of Nancy Towne
from Merrimack College

MBA

Jamie Morrell
from AIC

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Situational:

Ruby Carver

Betsy Bergen

Fran Collins, rehabbing after a fall

Lesley Dunbar, Betsy Bergen's sister

Judy Hemingway

Kate Hoffman

Eunice Howes son

Lucinda Kidder's son in law with cancer

Peter Kovalesky awaiting surgery

The family of Bob Merritt -passed away June 24, 2017
Bob's Memorial Service will be held July 29th (time tbd)

Betty Odell

Bob Russell

David Ryder Barbara Hubbard's brother with cancer

Ruth Thornton rehabbing at Wingate

Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)

Chuck Blakney

Luke Bradley

Marjorie and Carl Buschner

Wayne Cowan

Daniel Dempsey

Tim Garrett's friends David Drummond & Sterling McAndrew

Muriel Graham

Lou Hamilton

Jane Hazen

Phyllis Lacoste

Hector Reyes

Anita Sarro's son Michael in need of a transplant

Jill Therrien, Linda Wolf's niece

The Tipton family



We keep all those serving in the military in our prayers



Coffee Hour - Thank you, Human Resource Team for hosting at coffee hour during June.

In July, we will have volunteers (as opposed to one team) as our hosts. If you could help us out and be a host either on Sunday, July 23rd or Sunday, July 30th, please let Thia or Bobbie know....and thanks!

In September Membership and Adult Education Teams will be our hosts at coffee hour. The Membership Team is responsible for church membership including existing membership and the development and assimilation of new members. Serving in this capacity are B. Ayers, C. Baston, D. Morrell, and N. Towne. The Adult Education team sponsors programs relating to CE for the adult population. On this team are B. Bergan, R. Purinton, and K. Sabbs.

The Membership Team, who is responsible for coffee hours, wishes to thank all the teams for doing such a great job during their month as hosts! Please know it is deeply appreciated by all of us...whether on the team or taking part in our time of fellowship after worship! Also, thank you to all who donated to our free will collection of money to help defray the expenses of coffee (Equal Exchange coffee is used), milk, cream, and snacks.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Confirmation June 4, 2017



Teagan Be' Anz with her family



Henry Richard Strand
(between his parents) with his family



Jonas Reid Clarke with his family



On June 11th we said a bittersweet, grateful, and heartfelt farewell to our nursery caregiver, Deborah Korzeniowski. Deb has held this position for the past 14 years, and many of us have entrusted our children to her care. The first infants and toddlers that she cared for in the nursery are now high school students! Deb has been lucky to watch many of her nursery charges grow up into young adults over the years. She also worked as a nanny in the past. Deb and her husband, Carl, live in Granby. She is mom of three adult children, Cara, Chris, and Chelsea, and is expecting her first grandchild later this summer. With the

excitement and anticipation of having a grandson, Deb is looking forward to more opportunities to spend time with her growing family and be available to support and enjoy them as much as possible. We are happy for her as she enters this new chapter of her life. We are so thankful for Deb's presence almost every single Sunday as our infant and toddler caregiver. Deb has been a constant presence who has provided warmth, reassurance, friendship, nurturing, humor, and good old motherly advice to many of us through the years. Her daughter Chelsea Papineau (who recently married husband Chad in April) has been a regular assistant in the nursery and will be taking on the role of main caregiver with her gifts of confidence, love, and patience. We would like to thank Deb for her years of ministry to our youngest folks and to celebrate Chelsea's decision to transition into her new role.

Thank you, Deb and Chelsea!





Calling all Promised Land Families, past and present,
and friends of your family who might like to
learn about our Sunday School program!

We're having a **Promised Land pizza open house** on **Thursday, August 24th from 5:15 - 6:15**. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our wonderful children's Christian education program while enjoying an **easy dinner** in our beautiful space.

We've chosen the day and time strategically so that, if you like, you can **stop by the Farmer's Market** before the open house, and enjoy a **concert on the green afterwards**.



This will be wonderful way to celebrate late summer with our families. Additionally, we'd love to have **new families** - perhaps you know some? - who might be interested in our program to meet Martha Guild, our Children's Education Director, and our Committee, so they can learn about our **joyful, gentle curriculum** in our **lovingly maintained space**.



So mark your calendars, invite some friends, and take the night off from cooking!



Attention families with high school age girls who are interested in Computer Science. Below is an invitation we received from a MHC student who is leading a program at Mount Holyoke in August:



Hi,

*My name is Nicole Andrews and I am a rising junior at Mount Holyoke College. I am writing to you because I am a community organizer for **Girls Who Code**. This August, Girls Who Code is hosting a Campus Program at Mount Holyoke. The program is two weeks long (from August 7-18). During those two weeks, **high school girls get the opportunity to learn core concepts in computer science while building some really cool web projects. The girls will learn to program in JavaScript but they also get the opportunity to engage in fun bonding activities and learn about notable women in computer science!***

At the moment, we are actively looking for students, and we have many scholarship positions available! Please contact me at andre22n@mtholyoke.edu for more information.

Best,
Nicole Andrews



News from the Trustees for July 2017

At our recent meeting, we continued to receive good news about our finances. We would like to thank all of you who are working very hard at keeping pledges current and even increasing your gifts. We are also very pleased that our plate income is doing well. Both pledge and plate incomes are over what we would hope for by the end of May, with the plate percentage being 10% above projections. That being said, we must continue to be vigilant over these summer months, especially in August when we will be worshipping in Granby. Our actual dollar income vs. expenses is in the black! We are pleased that the plant sale run by the activities team did so well this year. And we were also very grateful to hear about the nice donation, given in honor of John Hoffman's special birthday, for use in community outreach.

Other good news concerns our maintenance agreement with Otis Elevator. We have had a somewhat contentious relationship with them, but recently things have turned around. We have a new five-year contract at a lower rate than previously, they will service the elevator regularly in June and December, and will include the annual state inspection as part of the agreement. They are also reaching out to other UCC churches in the area to make a larger coverage group at a lower rate for all. Needless to say, our office administrator is thrilled. We can also report that, beginning on July 5, you will start to see work on the additional lavatory in the Church Street entranceway (in the corner along the choir stairway to the sanctuary). Stay tuned! So please pardon any sheathing that appears there and know that regular access from Church St. will continue. An issue with the Fellowship Hall boiler has also been fixed. As you may have seen, the cement blocks on either side of each Fellowship Hall south window have now been returned and reattached, in much better fashion, to their old spots. We have authorized the same gentleman to go ahead and do the same repairs to the north windows over the summer. And we are working on roof issues concerning a spot with the slate roof in the crossway and the flat roof over the old office/closet space.

If you have financial or building concerns over the summer, please let Thia in the office know or contact Eliot Chartrand or Al Duffy.

Cindy Morrell, secretary

Notes from Church Council

The June 6 meeting was moderated by Gretchen LaBonte, member of the Deacons. Rev. Lori Souder reported that Bible study has resumed at Loomis Village and that all are welcome! The Neighbors Helping Neighbors executive director has resigned. Lori is involved with the "Weekend Backpacks" program. Our Massachusetts Conference minister, Jim Antel, is retiring within a year. Center Church has been invited to participate in "intentional conversations" through the Hampshire Association as part of its *Making it Real Campaign*. Lori shared her goals which she gathered through her participation with the *Center for Progressive Renewal*. Activities reported the sum of \$1,888 was raised at the annual plant sale! CE stated that Deb Korzeniowski, our Nursery childcare provider, retired. Outreach voted to send \$500 to Jewish Family Services for immigrant family aid. Trustees relayed that as of the week of June 19th, the application for the National Historic Register will be on its way! Lori asked for feedback about our "rotating moderator." Nominating is using this method as a "stop gap" until the team meets in the Fall. The consensus of the Council is that while it has been working successfully, they still prefer a "fulltime" moderator to ensure unity. The Council MSV to accept Rev. Randy Hyvonen as our delegate to what is to become the Tri-Conference (Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island) meeting on June 15-16, 2017.

Center Church in Transition

Joined through Confirmation June 4th : Teagan Be' Anz, Jonas Reid Clarke and Henry Richard Strand.

Baptized June 25th: Jesse Valentine Bartosz, son of Lindsey Labelle and Mark Bartosz born Nov. 30, 2016

Died: Robert F. Merritt June 24, 2017 Age 91

David C. Morrell, clerk

Center Church Goals

As discussed at Church Council June 6, 2017

- ✚ Engage in/with the world outside our doors
- ✚ Key core values in worship and in the world
- ✚ Welcoming visitors and responding to needs
- ✚ Value shared worship
- ✚ Building community through open acceptance, kindness, love and helpfulness
- ✚ Bring community together through music and the arts
- ✚ Reach out to refugee communities
- ✚ Balance the budget

We will select 1-3 goals to work on for the year – aligning ourselves with our Mission.



Outreach Partners of the Month *"Hearts to Hands to Hope"*

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM



It's a short walk down four concrete steps into a cool basement filled with volunteers of all ages. A young man from Sunshine Village is busy peeling potatoes for tomorrow's lunch. Several young men and woman from the Foodworks Program dressed in their "whites" are engaged in preparing for the noon meal at Kate's Kitchen. It's almost noon time, and that's when the doors open and people flood in.

Kate's Kitchen is located at 51 Hamilton Street in Holyoke. Open 365 days a year, staff and volunteers provide meals to an average of 100 people a day. A number of homeless men frequent Kate's Kitchen as well as women and children, mostly people living within walking distance of kitchen.

This summer Kate's Kitchen is gearing up to extend their serving time from one hour to two hours daily in anticipation of meeting the needs of children who will not be receiving school lunches. Center Church through its Outreach Team will be sending a \$200 check shortly to Providence Ministries to help support this ministry in Holyoke.



Center Church has a long history of helping others, and of welcoming outsiders. This church was instrumental in resettling several refugee families in the past. More recently, we have collected and shared household goods, kitchen kits, bikes and carloads of other goods to help New Americans feel at home when they arrive here from all parts of the world. These days, there is much in the news about immigrant peoples, who they are, why they come here, and if we should be welcoming or fearing them. Delegates to our national UCC biannual synod meeting this summer considered whether or not to declare ourselves an immigrant welcoming denomination and what that might mean.

Your outreach team, in an effort to educate ourselves on such matters, is working on a series of opportunities for all of us to learn more about the stories of immigrants, migrants, refugees and others who come here, the challenges they face and what our faith has to tell us about our response to their presence or absence in our communities. Several members working with adult education are also preparing materials to help us explore life experiences from other vantage points than those with which we're most familiar. We hope to open with an informal film evening sometime in August. Please watch the bulletins for time and place that month. We hope that you'll join us!

Columbus Day Fair 2017

We Need Your Help...

The Columbus Day Fair is coming up sooner than we think!

Please look around and see if there are some items that you no longer want or use but might be just what someone else would buy and consider a wonderful bargain!

Items can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are usually folks at the church to help you bring the items in from your car on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to drop off your items at a different time, call the church office and arrangements can be made for a time that is convenient for you.

The Columbus Day Fair is a major fund raiser for the church...but it is also a major intergenerational fellowship time for our members. Please mark your calendar now and plan to help and to shop at the Center Church Columbus Day Fair...Monday, October 9th. Once again, we'll need lots of hands to help set up on Saturday, October 7th and to pack up on Saturday morning, October 14th.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING....

Remember the Columbus Day Fair Emporium.....

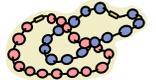
Bring your items to Fellowship Hall.....



Please have them CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER.....

WHAT DOES SELL....

We look forward to receiving, marking (pricing) and selling:



Dishes Glassware Knick knacks Jewelry Lamps Linens

Artificial flowers Decorative pillows Vases Pots and pans Baskets

Small appliances in good condition Pictures Frames Hardware

Purses & bags Paperback books Hard cover books Toys Games

Puzzles Stuffed animals Outdoor children's toys

Decorations (indoor or outdoor) for any holiday EXCEPT CHRISTMAS
(save those for the Holiday Bazaar!)

Small furniture items such as end tables, small dressers, chairs
(NOT beds, couches, recliners)

This is not an all-inclusive list. If any questions, give us a call!

Please remember we are NOT accepting.... Electronics, most sporting good items, records, reference books, old magazines and large household replacement items such as chandeliers, kitchen fixtures, etc.



A couple "visuals" to show you why we need your help! We need to collect LOTS of offerings, and then get them priced... and in October... set it all out on tables in a way that will be attractive to buyers.

Where along this chain of events can you be of help???



As promised in an earlier issue of C@C - a photo of the Alley-Clarke family .. from right to left - Rachel, Drew (front), Jonas (back), Greer and Greer's mom Yvette.

Getting to Know You The 2017 Confirmands – July 2017

This is the background that Pastor Lori offered during the confirmation part of the June 4 service: Confirmation is a time to affirm one's baptism - that God's grace is within the teen. It is a time when the youth are recognized as having the capacity to make decisions, especially about church membership. These confirmands attended classes: to discuss God and what their parents' views of God are; Jesus - his divinity and humanness; Holy Spirit - church history from 33 AD until now & Center Church history; what it means to be a follower of Jesus; and what it means to be a church member. They talked about the Bible, had a visit from church historian David Morrell who spoke about our various church buildings, participated in the Ash Wednesday service, Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service of quiet meditation. And they took a tour of the South Hadley/Granby Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, critiqued six worship services, and read scripture on a Sunday.



Teagan Be' Anz: She resides in South Hadley with her parents and brother. Teagan is a 7th grader at Michael E. Smith Middle School. Dance consumes much of her time but she also enjoys photography, singing and acting. She enjoys the youth group and would not change a thing at church.

When she is 25, Teagan will be traveling around the world after college, continue to be a dancer, and working in the arts.



Jonas Reid Clark: He is a 7th grader living in South Hadley with his parents and sister. As a student at Michael E. Smith Middle School. Jonas plays basketball, soccer and enjoys skiing. He enjoyed when the youth group went on a fast for their 30 Hour Famine fundraiser and he helps deliver meals for Food For Friends.

At 25, Jonas will be graduating from medical school, have a dog, and living somewhere other than South Hadley.

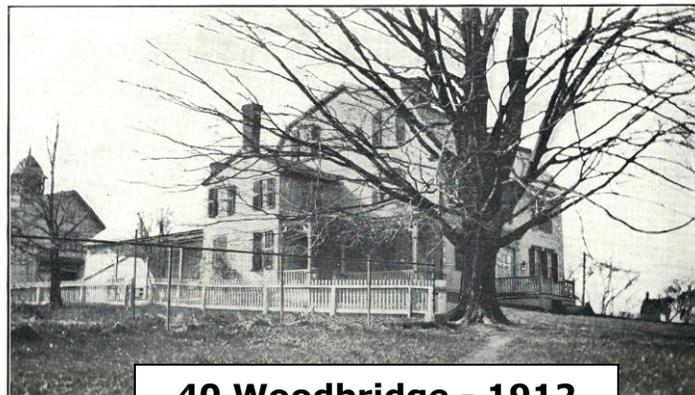


Henry Richard Strand: He lives in South Hadley with his parents and younger brother. Henry attends First Lutheran School in Holyoke as a 7th grader. His hobbies include Kung Fu, Anime - a Japanese hand-drawn or computer animation, and video games.

When he is 25, Henry wants to be getting a PhD in physics and attending classes in his self-driving car."

From Our Historian – July 2017

SOPHIE E. EASTMAN - SOUTH HADLEY HISTORIAN 1841-1928



40 Woodbridge - 1912

As Center Church historian, I have had the privilege of writing about all things historical. I have perused a variety of books and old church records. One of the most interesting is Sophie Eastman's *In Old South Hadley*, which was published in 1912. In it, she details in a "folksy" easily readable way, daily life like washing dishes and even the use of "drinking pumps" from the mid 1600s to the late 1800s. She delves into events about the Revolutionary War and the founding of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. Some "scholarly" types have criticized her "renditions" as not quite factual. Be that as it may, the

book is a fascinating read! There are copies at Gaylord Memorial Library as well as the South Hadley Public Library.

There is not a lot of biographical information about Miss Eastman. By piecing together "bits" of recorded material, she comes to life. Sophia Ellen Eastman was born in South Hadley, MA on November 2, 1841. Her parents were Charles and Sophia (White) Eastman. Charles was a prominent merchant who was born on October 26, 1803 in Granby. He died on September 22, 1884. Her mother Sophia may have been born in South Hadley into the prominent Josiah White family. Sophie had an older sister, Julia, who was born in South Hadley in 1839. A younger brother George F. was born on July 31, 1847.

Sophie (her preferred name) and her siblings were educated in local area schools. She went on to graduate (class of 1861) from Wheaton Female Seminary (now Wheaton College) in Norton, MA. Julia graduated from Mount Holyoke Seminary in 1859. There's no record of George's education, but it's fairly easy to think that he may have gone to Amherst College. By some indication, Sophie and her sister most probably taught at Ipswich Female Seminary (which Mary Lyon had much to do with) in Ipswich, MA from 1860(?) until 1867.

By letter of transfer from the Congregational Church of Ipswich, MA Sophie and Julia joined Center Church on July 7, 1867. Sophie then began teaching classes in History at Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. She is credited with writing a small tome of 17 pages called *The Early Days of Mount Holyoke College*. She also wrote various poems in her lifetime. Through her propensity for recording historical details for future generations, *In Old South Hadley* was written and published.

The sisters resided in one of the oldest homes in South Hadley, 40 Woodbridge Street. This may have been the home in which their mother was born. It was built in 1787 by Major Josiah White (1729-1809) and was also occupied by his son Josiah, Jr. (1761-1829) who lived there until his death. Shortly after, Sophie's father, Charles Eastman, bought the house and 44 acres of land! He lived there until his death in 1884. At that point, the sisters inherited it because their brother George was living in Granby with sizable property and he released his rights to 40 Woodbridge. Sometime after Julia died (January 11, 1913), Sophie sold it to Joseph A. Skinner with the proviso that she remain in her home until her death. She died on January 23, 1928. The sisters are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Skinner divided 40 Woodbridge into three apartments and later sold it to Mount Holyoke College in 1948. It was used as faculty housing until 2001 when the Berkshire Hills Academy acquired the property of the Skinner Estate from Mount Holyoke College.

David C. Morrell, Center Church historian



- 05 Helen Gage
- 12 Chloe Hough
- Gregg Howe
- 13 Tessa Holmes
- 19 Waldo Heinrichs
- 21 Stephanie Pietras
- 22 Cora Hough
- 25 Suzanne Beyer
- Klara Sokop
- 26 Grace Hooton



- 03 Kim Deshaies
- 05 Brian Lapis
- 06 Annabelle Burke
- Lou Hamilton
- 07 Janet Stache
- 10 Jacques LaFleur
- 15 Nick Tipton
- 20 Ruth Howe
- 23 Michael Thornton
- 31 Matt Lafleur



Joint Summer Services



July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Center Church 10am

August 6, 13, 20 and 27
Church of Christ Granby 10am
 235 State Street



Summer Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Thia Vacation time

July 5 - 6 July 25-27 (tentative)

August 15-17 (tentative)

Karen Sabbs will "Officesit" for
 Thia July 5 & 6 9am - noon



*If you would like to provide flowers for worship in July
 please call Jane Ting. (534-4079)
 Cut flowers from your garden are most welcome!!*



THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members
 Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder
 Minister Emeritus: Rev. Charles P. Blakney

Christian Education Program

Children: Martha Guild
 Youth: Claire Houston
 Adult: Randy Purinton and
 Betsy Bergen, Team Chairs

Music Program

Organist: Larry Schipull
 Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
 Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville
 Sexton: Bob Farman

**On the first Sunday of each month,
please bring any of the following items to worship:**

Canned vegetables
Canned beans
Rice Juices

Canned fruits
Tuna Fish
Crackers



Cereals Soups
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti sauce

Dried Pastas
Jam/Jelly
Meals in a can

The monthly offering is used for direct appeals to Center Church and for donation to local food pantries.

Our gifts are extended to the hungry and the poor - those who need them most!
Food offerings may be left inside the Church Street entrance at other times.

Thank you for your compassionate response!



TOWN EVENT **FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**



Don't miss the 9th Annual Children's Summer Concert Series sponsored by the South Hadley Family Center and the Friends of Buttery Brook Park. The outdoor concerts are held from 10-11am at the stage in Buttery Brook Park (Rain Location: South Hadley Town Hall). Light concessions will be available and baskets for family fun will be raffled. Bring a blanket and enjoy the great children's entertainment. Donations gladly appreciated!

DATES OF PERFORMANCES: Roger Tincknell- 7/12 John O'Neill-7/19 In the Nick of Time-7/26

A Stillspeaking Journey Through the Holy Land **A Two Week Trip to Israel,** **Palestine, and Jordan** **Led by Rev. Carol Hallman,** **United Church of Christ**

December 29, 2017 to January 11, 2018
\$3,992 per person
Deadline to register August 14, 2017

On this adventure, we will not only have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and many other ancestors of faith but also see how God is still speaking in the Holy Land today. We will meet with Rev. Naim Ateek with Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in East Jerusalem, politicians from various points on the political spectrum, and meet others who are actively involved in peacemaking. On our journey we will be shepherded by two guides, one Israeli and the other Palestinian, which will make this a unique opportunity for a continuing and deeper experience of our still speaking God.

For more information, or to register for the trip, visit <https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/a-stillspeaking-journey-through-the-holy-land/>.



Welcome to the **Rainbow Supper Club of Holyoke**

WestMass ElderCare, in partnership with the Holyoke Council on Aging, invites all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender seniors age 60 years and older, younger partners, friends and allies to attend the Rainbow Supper Club in Holyoke, the first Wednesday of every month.

The Rainbow Supper Club of Holyoke will meet:

WHEN: First Wednesday of Every Month
TIME: 5pm-7pm, with dinner being served at 5:30pm
WHERE: Holyoke Council on Aging, 291 Pine St, Holyoke, MA

Reservations required!

To make a reservation call WestMass ElderCare's Nutrition Department at 413-538-9020

Or email rainbowsupperclub@wmeldercare.org

Or on our Meetup page - Rainbow Supper Club of Holyoke

Suggested, confidential, voluntary donation of \$2.25 for those individuals age 60 years or older; \$6.00 fee for guest under the age of 60 years.

We hope to see you there!



Daily Lectionary Scripture References
July 2017 (Year A)

Daily Lectionary Scripture References
August 2017 (Year A)

Sat., July 1
Psalm 13
Genesis 26:23-25
Luke 17:1-4

Sun., July 2
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Mon., July 3
Psalm 47
Genesis 22:15-18
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tues., July 4
Psalm 47
1 Kings 18:36-39
1 John 4:1-6

Wed., July 5
Psalm 47
Isaiah 51:1-3
Matthew 11:20-24

Thurs., July 6
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 25:19-27
Romans 7:1-6

Fri., July 7
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:1-17
Romans 7:1-20

Sat., July 8
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:18-29
Luke 10:21-24

Sun., July 9
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Mon., July 10
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 27:30-46
Romans 1:18-25

Tues., July 11
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:1-14
Romans 3:1-8

Wed., July 12
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:31-35
John 13:1-17

Thurs., July 13
Psalm 119:105-112
Exodus 3:1-6
Romans 2:12-16

Fri., July 14
Psalm 119:105-112
Deuteronomy 32:1-10
Romans 15:14-21

Sat., July 15
Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 2:1-4
John 12:44-50

Sun., July 16
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mon., July 17
Psalm 142
Micah 1:1-5
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tues., July 18
Psalm 142
Jeremiah 49:7-11
Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wed., July 19
Psalm 142
Obadiah 15-21
Matthew 13:10-17

Thurs., July 20
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Isaiah 44:1-5
Hebrews 2:1-9

Fri., July 21
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Ezekiel 39:21-29
Hebrews 6:13-20

Sat., July 22
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Exodus 14:9-25
Matthew 7:15-20

Sun., July 23
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mon., July 24
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 32:3-21
Revelation 14:12-20

Tues., July 25
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 33:1-17
Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wed., July 26
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 35:16-29
Matthew 12:15-21

Thurs., July 27
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Fri., July 28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:9-14
Acts 7:44-53

Sat., July 29
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:31-30:24
Matthew 12:38-42

Sun., July 30
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mon., July 31
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:25-36
James 3:13-18

Tues., Aug. 1
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:37-43
Ephesians 6:10-18

Wed., Aug. 2
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 46:2-47:12
Mark 4:30-34

Thurs., Aug. 3
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 14:1-2
Philippians 4:10-15

Fri., Aug. 4
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 41:8-10
Romans 9:6-13

Sat., Aug. 5
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:1-21
Matthew 7:7-11

Sun., Aug. 6
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Mon., Aug. 7
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:22-42
Romans 1:8-15

Tues., Aug. 8
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 32:3-21
Acts 2:37-47

Wed., Aug. 9
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 43:1-7
Matthew 15:32-39

Thurs., Aug. 10
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 35:22b-29
Acts 17:10-15

Fri., Aug. 11
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 36:1-8
Acts 18:24-28

Sat., Aug. 12
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 37:5-11
Matthew 16:1-4

Sun., Aug. 13
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Mon., Aug. 14
Psalm 28
Genesis 37:29-36
2 Peter 2:4-10

Tues., Aug. 15
Psalm 28
Genesis 39:1-23
Romans 9:14-29

Wed., Aug. 16
Psalm 28
Genesis 40:1-23
Matthew 8:23-27

Thurs., Aug. 17
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:14-36
Revelation 15:1-4

Fri., Aug. 18
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:37-57
Acts 14:19-28

Sat., Aug. 19
Psalm 133
Genesis 42:1-28
Matthew 14:34-36

Sun., Aug. 20
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Mon., Aug. 21
Psalm 130
Genesis 43:1-34
Acts 15:1-21

Tues., Aug. 22
Psalm 130
Genesis 44:1-34
Romans 11:13-29

Wed., Aug. 23
Psalm 130
Genesis 45:16-28
Matthew 8:1-13

Thurs., Aug. 24
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:1-33
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Fri., Aug. 25
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:29-50:14
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Sat., Aug. 26
Psalm 124
Genesis 50:15-26
Matthew 16:5-12

Sun., Aug. 27
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Mon., Aug. 28
Psalm 8
Exodus 1:1-7
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Aug. 29
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:11-15a
Romans 11:33-36

Wed., Aug. 30
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:15b-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thurs., Aug. 31
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 2:23-24
Ephesians 5:1-6



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