



# The Tidings

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## Pentecost-Building Community/ Making Connections

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles of Christ became very excited about sharing the good news. When Jesus left them behind on his ascent to God, their energy rose up in their souls like personal resurrections. He charged them with building communities in his name and making connections with people for the sake of Christ.

They didn't slump their shoulders in self-pity. They didn't bemoan his transformation from their physical realm. They didn't wallow in emotional paralysis.

The Apostles got fired up. "Who can we heal? Who can we invite? Who can we touch with our love and care? Who can we feed? Who can we include in this amazing grace?"

This is a time for Tabernacle to get fired up about BEING Christians. As we go into and through our summer months, we are challenged by the Apostles of Christ to **build community and make connections.**

**Have some parishioners over for dinner.**

**Gather some kids from church in your back yard for a BBQ.**

**Come to church and meet someone new.**

Let this be a summer of sharing the good news.

God Bless You.  
Rev. Laura

**Our Annual All Church Picnic**  
 Will be held on **June 14 at 12:00pm** at the home of Ed & Betsey Bennett, 90 Orne Street, Cabot Farm in Salem.  
 Everyone is invited for a cookout and softball game. Please remember to bring a salad or dessert to share with others as well as a blanket or beach chair to sit on. Hamburgers, hot dogs and a beverage will be provided. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



## 2009/2010 Planning Meeting

**On Sunday, June 28 at 8:30-9:30am** please plan to attend the 2009/2010 **All Action Group Planning Meeting**, in the Bigelow Room.

We ask that Chairs of all Action Groups attend this very important planning meeting. Please bring with you your committee dates of monthly meetings, dates of special events, dates of fund raisers and holiday happenings. We want to make sure these dates get put on the "official church calendar!" If you have any questions, please contact Liz in the church office.



## July and August Preachers

Summer preachers are listed below.

Rev. Laura Biddle and children of the church will lead us in worship for the month of July.

- August 3: Joshua Cabral, Preaching
- August 10: Marcy Hauber, Preaching
- August 17: Jim Dillon, Preaching
- August 23: Barbara Bowman, Preaching
- August 30: Denise Turner, Preaching

**Plan to join us this summer for our Informal Worship Services which begin at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 5!**

## New Members Class



### Join Tabernacle Church!

On **Saturday, June 27 from 9:00am-11:00am** we invite you to an informal New Member Brunch.

While we gather for fellowship, Tabernacle's current members and new members will talk about their spiritual journey, why we love Tabernacle Church and the history of our mission and our congregation. **New Members will be received into membership the following Sunday, June 28 during our morning worship service.** Please join us and bring any questions you may have about Tabernacle Church. We ask that you RSVP to Liz Nelson in the church office by phone at 978-744-3164 or email at [liz@tabernaclechurch.org](mailto:liz@tabernaclechurch.org).



## FALL DATES

### Fall Dates to Mark on Your Calendars

- Volunteer Training for all church leaders and Action Groups~ September 8 at 7:00pm
- Rally Sunday, Sept. 13 at 10:00am
- Women's Night Out~ September 21 at 6:30pm
- Men's Night Out ~ September 28 at 6:30pm.
- Family Worship Service~October 14, 6:30-7:30pm
- U2charist Worship Service~October 17, 7:00pm ~ *see article below*
- Dave Cabral and Friends Classical Concert~Saturday, October 24 at 7:30pm~ fundraiser to benefit Tabernacle Church

These are only a few of the exciting events happening at Tabernacle Church this fall. Stay tune to future newsletters for more information.

### "Blessings are just not for the ones who kneel...Luckily..." City of Blinding Lights, U2

Tabernacle Church is planning a *U2charist* for **October 17, 2009**. *U2charist* is a worship service using the music from the band U2 to bring light to the problem of extreme poverty in the world and to focus on God's mission of justice for the poor. The funds collected during the service will support Heifer International and additional information will be available during the service regarding The ONE Campaign to end global poverty and Global AIDS. We are in the beginning stages of collaborating between multiple church committees, other area churches and community resources. If you wish more information or would like to volunteer to help please come to a brown bag lunch on **Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 12pm** at Tabernacle or email Allison Kilcoyne at [allisonkilcoyne@comcast.net](mailto:allisonkilcoyne@comcast.net).

## Congratulations to The 2009 High School and College Graduates!

Graduating from Salem High  
School are:

**Grace Bennett**  
**Madeleine Lutts**  
**Rosemary Strom**  
**Stephen Bogan**

Graduating from Peabody  
Veterans Memorial High  
School are:

**Kayla Bentas**  
**Benjamin Chevoor**

Graduating from Marblehead High School is:  
**Ross Peterson**



## Summer Music

Now that the tulips are blooming it is time to think about summer services at Tabernacle, specifically the music. Since the choir is off duty during July and August, we are in need of volunteers to provide music to accompany the summer services. This can be either

choral or instrumental, individual or group. In addition, offertory volunteers are needed for June, July and August. Offertories can take many forms including music, poetry and dance. If God has blessed you with a special ability or interest, please consider sharing it with the Tabernacle family. As Rev. Laura says, "Follow Your Bliss". If you can help enrich our summer services, please contact a member of the Sacred Arts Action Group: Cindy Diminture, Scott Grover, Rob Maier, Sue Earley or Alice Wathne.

Our College Graduates are:

**Alex Grover**

From Wheaton College  
with a BA in Music

**Brian Taubeneck**

From George Washington  
University - Political Science

**Amy Davin**

from Hampshire College

**Ahna Mehlenbacher**

From UMASS -Amherst

**Sean Sweeney**

From Springfield College



## Entertainment and Recreation News....

Joel Richardson is organizing *The Tabernacle Open*, which is a mini-golf (Putt Putt) tournament at Castle Creek on Swampscott Road. The date is **Sunday, July**

**12**, tentative time will be 2:00pm. Cost for the golf is \$8/adults and \$6/12 and under, payable there by check or cash. Additional cost is \$5 per person for trophies, ribbons, lemonade and cookies. We will have an awards ceremony afterward at the church. A sign up sheet is located in the Bigelow Room or contact Joel at [JoelRichardson@verizon.net](mailto:JoelRichardson@verizon.net).



## Let's Recycle!

Too many Sunday bulletins are being put into the waste baskets where they just get thrown into the trash with the rest of our Sunday leftovers.

In order to recycle the

bulletins we can put them on the tables at the entrances to the sanctuary with the unused bulletins. Then the sextons will put the used bulletins in with the other recycled paper. Easy for us to do and it will help our recycling efforts. Stay tuned for more ways that Tabernacle will be recycling within the next couple of weeks!!

Also, mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual **Holiday Pops Concert** with dinner. Tentative date is December 26, stay tuned for more details!

## Some Sincere Advice to this Year's Graduates and Others...

Where ever you go in life from this day on, be it on to more education, the military, or into the great work force in this country, the following will apply:

Please remember these three letters of the alphabet: P O L. The "P" stands for Planning, the "O" for Opportunity and the "L" for Luck. Anyone's career is guided and affected by planning, opportunity, and luck. It may be difficult at times to separate opportunity from Luck because sometimes you may be lucky to get an opportunity. At other times you may be lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

Luck may be good or it may be bad or it may change from good to bad or vice versa over time. After graduation, however you will be low on the totem pole again. Treat everyone fairly and help others whenever you can. Start doing this now. You never know when a classmate may help you later on. And keep in mind that a fellow worker might later become your boss or client. Do not dedicate yourself solely to your chosen career. Cultivate an outside interest or two. Careers do not always go smoothly, and an outside interest is necessary to give you support and to refresh your mind. Vacations are needed for the same purpose. Leave ample room in your life for your family, whether it's your own or your relatives. Everyone needs a place to "go home to" now and then.

Plan on continuing your education throughout your life in whatever way possible. Include religion in your life. Plan to be interested in political happenings, it provides an opportunity to enhance your awareness of ethics, professionalism and service. Offer your services don't wait for someone to ask you. There is no way you cannot gain in stature and exposure.

Support your particular school in any way possible. It has given you the opportunity to graduate in your planned and chosen field. Help make it possible for someone else to be as lucky. Always be on the lookout for opportunities, but make sure they are opportunities to help you. Look at what you think are opportunities straight in the eye - sleep on the bigger ones overnight - are they really opportunities for you and your family or might they veer you off into a dead end.

If you want to climb the ladder of success-make sure it's leaning against the right wall. Be prepared for disappointments, enjoy what you are doing at any one time, for it is unusual and possibly dangerous to set too high a goal and as a result endure prolonged periods of a hardship, in hopes of achieving that goal. There can only be one president, one head of anything, although there may be several persons just as well qualified to achieve that position at the same time.

Be happy and have a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment in what you are doing, money and power should be secondary.

Don't ever stop planning, don't ever stop looking at opportunities. But after several decades if you can look back on a successful career and truthfully say it was accomplished without luck, you have been the luckiest person in the world!

Chuck Parthum



## Salem's Church with the Lighted Steeple

If you have not purchased your book on Tabernacle history, *Salem's Church With the Lighted Steeple*, you might want to get one for your summer reading. The cost of the book is \$30.00. In 2012 we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Commissioning for which our church is famous, and this book includes that ceremonious day as well as many other things. They are available every Sunday at church, see Kay Piemonte for a copy.



**SPECIAL CLASSES**

### Introduction to Genealogy

Are you interested in researching your ancestors? If so, speak to Kay Piemonte about taking a class on *Introduction to Genealogy*. We will be planning the calendar

for next year and would like to know who is interested in pursuing this fascinating enterprise. It will consist of four classes, two hours a week, and will show you how to do the research and give you forms that will keep you on track with your many families! One session will be on computer genealogy and the many websites that are available.

Kay Piemonte

## 30-HOUR FAMINE AND BREAKFAST FEAST REVIEW

Our senior high youth participated in the 30 Hour Famine which requires the kids and youth leaders to go without food for 30 Hours. During that time they did service work at the Salem Mission, they went to see *The Soloist* at Hollywood Hits. *The Soloist* is a current film about homelessness and poverty. The youth leaders, Anne Bogan and Michael Kuras provided games and activities for the youth to learn about poverty, hunger and homelessness in our world. From these games and activities the youth developed a visual chart of how many children go hungry every day. They then shared the chart and their experience with the church in the morning on Children's Sunday. Their famine ended with a breakfast feast which all of Tabernacle's children attended prior to the Children's Sunday worship service.

Thank you so much to all the adults who bought, made, cooked and served the food. We are building a loving and caring community of children and youth who are involved in each other's lives.

## A Special Honor

**Ron Harrison** recently was honored by the U.S. Coast Guard at ceremonies at the Hospital Point Lighthouse on the Beverly shore. The lighthouse is the official residence of Admiral Dale Gabel who leads the First U.S. Coast Guard District. The occasion was the acceptance of Ron's painting of the residence which now becomes a part of the home's official collection. About 40 people attended the event.



### Faith Financial Action Group

The Faith Financial Action Group Meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month at 8:30am, unless it is decided not to have it. It is requested that 1 member from **EACH ACTION** GROUP attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Carter at [annettecarter@comcast.net](mailto:annettecarter@comcast.net) or Anne Bogan ([ab2352@aol.com](mailto:ab2352@aol.com))



## From Our Christian Education Director

Greetings and Salutations!

We had a wonderful Children's Day worship service. We have talented children and young youth who are willing to share their time and talents with us; and what a treasure chest of talents! Musical instruments, dancing, reading, singing, lighting candles and greeting everyone with smiles and welcoming phrases! Spread the wonder and joy of God's creation.

As we close out our 2008 –2009 school year, I want to first thank all the teachers and youth leaders for their time, talents, and I know many of you also added treasure in the way of purchasing items for your classroom's use from your own pocket. Our teachers were listed in our Children's Sunday worship bulletin.

Second a big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and guardians who brought your charges to worship and thus to Sunday school all through the year. We would not have a Sunday school program with out your faithful support.

We would like to register your charges, **all nursery through high school**, for Sunday school 2009 – 2010 before the church picnic on June 14. We will have envelopes with a registration form per child and an evaluation form available for pick up in the Bigelow Room by May 31. Look for your child's last name on the envelope. Please help us make our coming year a success by registering early and returning your evaluation. Thank you.

We wish you all a safe, fun filled summer with plenty of time for resting and relaxing. Come back in august for VBS or see you in **September for Rally Day on September 13.**

Shalom,  
Betsey

## Calendar Items for Late May and June

**May 31:** Music Sunday, you may worship with your parents or join in baking communion bread for worship on June 7

**June 7:** Family Communion Sunday with the Christian Education Committee and Betsey leading the worship and Deacons providing communion.

**June 14:** The senior high kids lead worship with a focus on the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith. The **ALL Church Picnic** follows the worship at 12 Noon at Ed and Betsey Bennett's home. Bring a dessert or salad to share. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit upon. Bring balls, bats and gloves for a soft-ball game. Come have fun in the summer sun!

## Teaching, Singing, Assisting

Please consider joining our staff of volunteers. We will have retreat with training on **September 19** here at the church, 10–12 noon, followed by a luncheon. We are looking for adults to share classroom and schedules, to lead our Cherub Choir who will sing three, maybe four times over the school year.



## Heifer International Update

This year the Sunday school classes and the TWA ladies worked together in the collection for Heifer. Together we raised over \$800.00! The children have voted to send goats, bees, and water buffalo!

## Update on Souper Bowl

The 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring national total has now reached more than \$10.2 million! Thank you for caring for your neighbors who are hungry and hurting. Thank you for taking a moment to help us. Go ahead and mark your calendar for the 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7, 2010!

## Serving Dinner at the Salem Mission in August

All kids entering grade 6 through 9 are invited to serve dinner at the Salem Mission with Betsey on Monday, August 24. We will meet at the mission at 4:30 PM to prepare the food. Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. We are finished at 7 PM. Sign up in the Bigelow Room or email Betsey with your name.

### Enjoy the following books for your summer reading....

**Barbara Brown Taylor**  
*Altar In The World*  
*Leaving Church*  
*Home By Another Way*  
*Bread Of Angels*

Anything by **Mary Oliver**

**David Elkind**

*The Hurried Child*

**Howard Thurman**

*Meditations of the Heart*

*The Inward Journey*

*Jesus and the Disinherited*

**Stuart Brown and Christopher Vaughan**

*Play: How It Shapes the Brain, Opens*

*Imagination and Invigorates the Soul*

**Dick Pease**

*Holy Conversation*

**Christopher Moore**

*Lamb*

**Greg Mortenson**

*Three Cups of Tea*

**Spencer Johnson**

*Who Moved My Cheese*

**Mary Rose O'Reilley**

*The Barn at the End of the World*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING! Come to CAMP E.D.G.E., Experience + Discover GOD Everywhere

**WHERE:** Tabernacle Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

**WHEN:** August 17 – 21, for a week of fun,  
learning and singing.

**TIME:** 9 AM – 12 PM. Bring your friends.

**COST:** \$25.00 includes all snacks, crafts, a CD  
Rom with the songs **and** games, and a  
cool T-Shirt.

**WHY:** There will be so much laughter and  
singing you won't want to miss this!

**WHO:** all ages 3 – 13 Bring your friends.  
High school ages help in our workshop  
centers.

### ADULT TO HELP WITH VBS

The organizational meetings will be Thursday,  
June 18, at 7 PM and Tuesday, August 4, at 7  
PM. If you aren't available, please speak with  
Betsey to set up an alternative time to meet.  
Come see how you can help make this camping  
in the church fun for the kids! We have all the  
directions, and we can get the supplies. We just  
need the adult hands to make it all work.

### 'TWEENS AND TEENS TO HELP WITH VBS

A separate and special get together for all  
middle high and senior high who will be helping  
with Camp E.D.G.E. will be held on Tuesday,  
August 11 at 5:30 PM, supper provided. Come  
learn to be a workshop helper, an assistant  
camp counselor, a photographer, or a journalist  
for our camp.

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