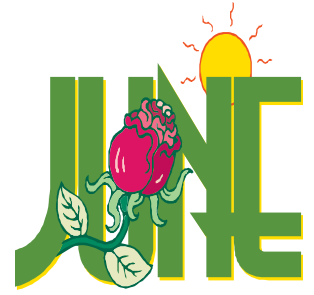




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Prayer Before Work

by Mary Sarton

**“Great one, austere, by whose intent the
distant star holds its course clear
Now make this spirit soar
Give it that ease.”**

The month of June marks some endings. School comes to an end. College students find relief from a grueling year of study. Baseball and softball players have their final games.

For parents who focus their attention and energy entirely on their children, June is the final PUSH of organized and synchronized attention. Thank God this month marks an ending. For those of us who are not parents and whose lives revolve around work and home, June may still hold a sense of ending. Summer is just around the corner and we have worked with fervor this year.

Everyone is ready for unscheduled non-repetitive free TIME. We are ready for a time of ease, where the livin' is slower, the pace is calmer and the laughter is deeper.

June is a great month to come to church! Let your spirit be at ease with us.

- On June 1 during our Communion Service, let the Spirit **soothe** you.
- On June 8, with the children leading worship, let the Spirit **inspire** you.
- On June 15, Music Sunday will be focused entirely on love songs and messages, let the Spirit **rejuvenate** you.
- On June 22 let your Spirit **soar** in a traditional worship service.
- On June 29 during a Baptism, let your Spirit be born **anew**.

Make worship your family ritual in June!

**In the Spirit of Springtime calm and
rejuvenation, Rev. Laura**

June Worship Themes

June 1, 2008 **Communion**

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 6:9-22

Matthew 7:15-20

Sermon: **A New Life**

June 8, 2008 **CHILDREN'S DAY**

June 15, 2008

Come Feel the Love on MUSIC SUNDAY

June 22, 2008

All Committee Planning meeting 9:00-9:45am

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon: **Traditions**

June 29, 2008 **Baptism**

Last 10:00AM service till Rally Day!

Scripture Lessons:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Matthew 10:40-42

Summer Reading List

Do you have suggestions for our Summer Reading List? Or suggestions for our Summer DVD list?



Please email your suggestions to liz@tabernaclechurch.org or you may call her at 978-744-3164 with your suggestions before June 15, 2008!

The complete list will be published in the July/August newsletter.

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

Congratulations to The 2008 Graduates!

Graduating from Salem High School are:

- Owen Grover**
- Griffin Phelan**
- Rebecca Bennett**
- Ashley Skeffington**

Graduating from
Newburyport High School:

- Lee Mehlenbacher**

Graduating from Essex Aggie:

- Jake Maynard**

Graduating from Hamilton-Wenham High

- Derek Tanch**

Graduating from Deerfield Academy

- Lindsey Bowman**

Graduating from Nantucket High School

- Robin Bowman**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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*Where Does The Yarn
Come From?*

When we began this ministry a few years ago it soon became apparent that we needed some funding. The Deacons were approached and they agreed to pay for the yarn for the Baptismal Blankets; the Missions Committee agreed to pay for the Prayer Shawl yarn. Yarn is purchased and stored at Jane Dionne's house and is always available if you want to join us in this very successful ministry.

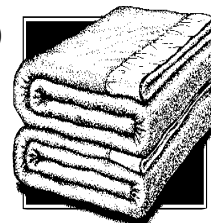


Our College Graduates are:

- Whitney Peterson**
University of Connecticut
- Abigail Burnham**
Boston University
- Katherine White**
Salem State College
- Chloe Lutts**
Brown University

Blanket Fund

The donations for Palm Sunday totaled \$380.78. We sent \$550 to Church World Services which included the Penny Fund and other coin contributions from you over the year. This purchased 110 blankets.



Thanks so much to all who participated in our collections this year and in years past.

Breakfast Discussion about "Traces of the Trade" June 30, 8:00am

The documentary film "Traces of the Trade" will be broadcast on PBS:

- Point of View**
Sunday, June 29 at 9:00pm
Channel 44
- And again on**
Monday, June 30 at 10:00pm
Channel 2.

This film uncovers the history of the slave trade. Tabernacle Church member Holly Fulton, whose ancestors, were the biggest slave trading family in the U.S., helped produce this film.

"Traces of the Trade" offers powerful new perspectives on the history of slavery. Holly and her husband, Bill Peebles would like to invite you to join them on **June 30 at 8:00am** in the Bigelow Room for an opportunity to talk about the film over coffee and bagels.



"Worst Tie They Ever Gave Me," Sunday!!

Join us on Sunday, June 22 for "The Worst Tie They Ever Gave Me". There will be a Fashion Parade of ties complete with judges and prizes. Come have some fun with your family.

**Salem's Church With the
Lighted Steeple
A History of
Tabernacle Church
United Church of Christ
1735-2007**

We are in the process of working with a printer in Salem to have our book on the history of Tabernacle Church published. It would be helpful for us to know how many books to print. Printing cost are high and we do not want to print more than we need, nor do we want to run short of copies for those interested.

We are not trying to get a hard and fast number from you but a ball park figure would be a great help to us in the negotiations! For those with email we would like to encourage you to let us know by email to Liz in the church office, how many you might expect to purchase. There will also be a sheet in the Bigelow Room to sign up for copies if you do not have email. The cost of the book will depend on the printing costs and we hope to keep it to approximately \$25.00.

**You may e-mail Liz at
liz@tabernalcechurch.org or call her
at 978-744-3164**

Or sign the sheet in the Bigelow Room.
Thank you, Kay Piemonte

**All Church Picnic
June 8, 2008**

Our Annual All Church Picnic will be held on Children's Day, **June 8 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!





DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES From Our Christian Education Director

Greetings and Salutations:
We are at the end of our school year and preparing for

summer. The Sunday school classes will be sharing some of what they learned on Sunday, June 8, Children's Day. Come worship with the children of Tabernacle at 10 AM. At the service, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles from the church, high school graduates will be honored with Mary Cate Scholarships, and teachers will receive a special thank you from their classes.

Church Picnic



On the same day, join the church family for an afternoon in the sun and shade at Ed and Betsey Bennett's for the All Church Picnic, Noon – 3 PM. The CE Committee provides hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and drinks. Everyone who

attends brings a salad or dessert to share. There will be soft ball and lawn games. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair for sitting.

Children are always welcome at summer worship. The worship bags will be renewed and there will be additional coloring sheets, the usual Children's Bulletins, and some nice picture books for use during the worship services in late June, July and August.

The CE Committee has recently sent out a survey to all parents looking for input. From the survey information they will develop goals and objectives for each Sunday school class. Please return the surveys ASAP so work can begin and then be implemented this fall.

We are again requesting parents to pre-register their children for 2008 -09 classes. It helps to have the registrations ahead of time when planning classes. Registrations will be handed out on Children's Day.

Please consider joining our teaching teams. We would love more adult participation in our children and youth ministry programs. You choose the age level you want to work with. Teachers work in teams so that they do not teach every Sunday. The CE Committee feels strongly that all teachers need time to worship and be fed with the community in order to be good teachers. Youth leaders work as teams as well, and our children's music program needs renewal. Speak with Betsey Bennett or any committee member or current teacher about these valuable ministry opportunities.

Our Nursery program has grown this year. We have Brenda Murtaugh in there each week, but we need a second adult to help in this room. We are searching for 4 adults, one per Sunday each month. Having dedicated adults helps the nursery age children build relationships with their "teachers".

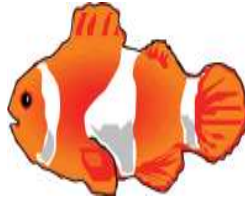
Shalom,
Betsey

Safety At the Church

Thank you to **Cyndy Collins** making our building safer. All telephones have been posted with signs indicating how to make a call in the event of an emergency. All the basements classrooms, the Sanctuary and the Bigelow Room have signs posted that indicate the quickest exit to the outside in an emergency. Look for the signs and familiarize yourself with the evacuation plans. Additionally, the teachers took a tour of the building learning where all the exits are, all the fire extinguishers are and where all six phones are located. The CE Committee encourages you to familiarize yourselves with the building exits, telephones and fire extinguishers whenever you are here.

Summer Entertainment

AMC Theaters is offering a summer movie camp program on Wednesdays at 10 AM, all summer long. Tickets are just \$1.00 and may be purchased at the Liberty Tree AMC in Danvers or online beginning June 18th. Movie Camp begins June 25 and goes through August 6. For program information visit AMCTheatres.com/smc.



Beach Party, Surfin' through the Scriptures

August 11 -15, 9AM - Noon

Come to
Vacation
Bible School

Calling all surfer dudes and dudettes! Would you like to spend a whole week this summer at a huge Beach Party complete with surfing lessons, great beach music, beachcombing adventures and so much more?

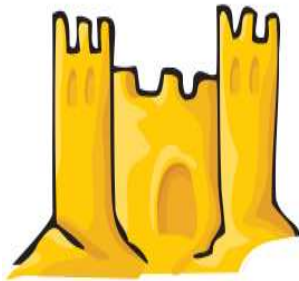
Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and you will be promised an incredible week of fun in the Son as you help our children surf through the Scriptures and develop new Beach Be-attitudes!

The volunteer sheet for senior high and adult volunteers is in the Sunday Bulletins for June 1, June 8 and June 15. In addition, we are encouraging all 6th, 7th and 8th graders to come be part of VBS as our "Lifeguards". Lifeguards will help by traveling with the Surfer groups to the activity centers, assisting the children in the activity centers and assisting with the closing celebration. Join us and ride the wave of God's love.

Calling
All
Surfers!

Thank You To:

Thank you to **Ed and Judy Burge** for their donations of clay, play doh and paints. The children used the clay to make pinch pots with Kayla Bentas. Kayla is quite skillful at creating pots.

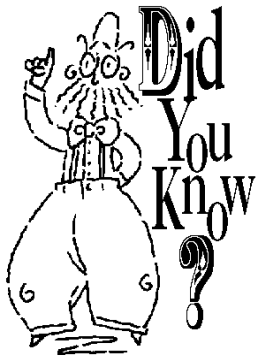


Thank You.....

Huge thanks to **Michael Kuras** and **Randy Gerrish** for organizing, and attending the Laser Quest Outing on May 16.

The kids had a great time playing 2 games in the *Crystal Cave*. After they all enjoyed pizza and soda. Fun was had by all

A big Thank you to Michael and Randy!!!!



Did You Know?

We continue with
**DEDICATE PARISH HOUSE
 OF THE NEW TABERNACLE
 CHURCH**

*Exercises Held Sunday Morning
 Were Conducted by Pastor, Rev.
 William H. Spence; Congregation
 Inspects Rooms Completed*

...But if there were things which individuals were not quite satisfied with he asked them to refrain from talking about them for seven weeks, which will be four weeks after the dedication of the main church. "Let the building tell its own story and make its own impression." He said, agreeing at the end of the seven weeks everyone would be given an opportunity to give voice to his, or her, opinions at the board meeting to be called then.

This last request, however, seemed with the later inspection of the rooms, to have been unnecessary, as it will surely be difficult for even the fussiest of people to find a flaw in the arrangement and furnishing of the parish house rooms. The whole interior is finished in white with dark woodwork on the stairways. Of a Colonial nature is the architecture and each detail is as carefully and beautifully executed as one could wish. Entering the door on the Federal street side one indeed receives the impression of a house to which one is welcome and in which one feels immediately at home, just that impression. Mr. Spence hoped the house would give. Directly opposite the distance is the room which has been spoken of as the living room, there being a committee now considering the actual naming of the rooms. The living room, so-called, is indeed one of cheer and hospitality, furnished in most perfect and pleasing manner. There is nothing of the public hall appearance to this room, which might easily be a room taken from any of our lovely old Salem homes. Cheery cretonne drapes at the windows and beautiful mahogany bookcases, secretaries, small side tables, a large table at one end of the room, a roomy divan and a great number of the graceful Windsor chairs, a distinctive note for a room which to be used by such a large number of people.

Beauty and charm are most certainly the results of the time and thought spent by the committee in planning the living room.

Out of this, glass doors open into a lovely long hall, which has doors entering to the main church and stairs leading to the second floor and the basement floor. This latter door, however, is by no mean suggestive of a basement. Here are two large Sunday school rooms, one the kindergarten, which is most attractive and delightful with its tiny chairs and tables and cheery hangings at the windows. A door leading from the lower hallway gives entrance to the large dining room, which is beneath the church proper.

Above the living room on the second floor is the auditorium, or assembly hall, which also is all in white. Six windows on either side make the room a very light one and at the far end of the room and directly behind the platform there are three more windows to let in the sunshine through their mulberry curtains. Two smaller rooms on the Federal street side of the building, one on either side of the hall are to be used for Sunday school rooms and will make most satisfactory and attractive rooms for this purpose. A small Sunday school library is between the two rooms.

Having hurried directly into the living room on our entrance to the parish house we find, upon descending the stairs at that end of the building, that we passed by one of the most attractive and exquisitely furnished rooms of all, the women's reception room. It is of the size and quite as charmingly arranged as the large living room in many homes. Here beautiful mahogany tables, Governor Winthrop desk, graceful old sofa, comfortable chairs and a rich and colorful rug, with attractive hangings at the windows carry out the atmosphere of elegance and comfort which pertains throughout the house. Opposite this room, on the left, as one enters from Federal street, is a room as yet unfinished, but which a glimpse through its glass doors, promises to be one of the most attractive in the building and which is to be the Bigelow Memorial Library.



This Month's Birthdays

June Altar Flowers

June 1: **In honor of our families.** By Ken, Jean, Emery, Scott-Glenn and Grace E. Tanch.

June 8: **To Celebrate all the 2008 Graduates** by Raeleen George and family.

June 15: **Happy Birthday to Ian Carter and Happy Father's Day to all father's** from the Carter Family.

June 22: **In loving memory of Walter & Lucy Lewis, Linda Lewis & Barbara Hamilton Newell** from Brenda Lewis.

June 29: **In honor of Eric and Bob's Birthday** by Jen Strom.



Church Steeple Lighting

The church steeple is lighted for the month of **June in loving memory of Bruce Hartwell** from his wife, Marion and children Olivia and Mathew.

June Birthdays

- 2 Wayne Earley
- 2 Cecilia McAlpine
- 4 Edward Bennett
- 5 Cindy Diminture
- 8 Francheska Schaufler
- 12 Catherine MacLean
- 13 Eric Strom
- 14 Emma Currier-Dougherty
- 14 Kelsey Currier-Dougherty
- 14 Ian Carter
- 14 Erin White-Bertone
- 14 Rossana Francis
- 16 Bob Strom
- 17 Tracy Morin
- 17 Ahna Mehlenbacher
- 18 Linda Vaughan
- 18 Denise Turner
- 19 Bill Abernethy
- 19 David Cabral
- 20 Maire MacLean
- 21 Kathleen O'Hara
- 21 Allison Kelly
- 24 Hannah Dionne
- 26 Joseph Twohig
- 27 Brenda Lewis
- 27 Karen Murray
- 28 Patty Scanlan
- 29 Thomas Davin



This Month's Birthdays

TWA

The TWA ladies will meet at the church at 11AM on **Tuesday, June 17** and will leave the church to go to the Lyceum for their annual meeting and luncheon. Reservations with Jane Dionne are requested @ 978-745-1324.

Our September meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 16th** and we will have a wonderful program. Cheryl Crotty, a friend of many of us and a professional photographer will be showing her slides of Amsterdam at tulip time.

TWA will be undertaking a new adventure next fall. We are forming a team with the Christian Education Committee/Sunday School and will be helping them in various ways at our monthly meetings by preparing for upcoming lessons and collaborating in our fund raising. We are looking forward to this new adventure uniting the older members of our church with the younger of our flock.