

# ***The Steeple Chimes***

*Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ*

**JULY-AUGUST 2014**

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### ***Mission Statement***

*The Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ as part of the United Church of Christ and the worldwide Christian Church is called by God to be disciples of Jesus, the Christ. Therefore, the mission of the Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ is to worship God and to preach and teach the Gospel of Christ: to promote Christian fellowship among our members and friends, and to live in Christian fellowship with the Church Universal and the whole creation; that we might live faithfully, serving God and humanity, and striving for righteousness, justice, and peace.*



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S PORCH**

Summertime! A time of gardens, physical & mental rest, splashing in cooling waters, walks in the shady woods, picnics, sitting by the sea listening to the gentle rhythm of the waves, (rhythm of life), reading, listening, and pondering, and sitting on the porch watching birds, butterflies, automobiles and people.

At least this is the way we like to think of it, but the truth is we are all still pretty busy. Many continue to work while they try to fit in all these *extra* seasonal things. Fun times mix with work times; me-time mixes with everybody else's time; activity mixes with periods of rest. Our lives are like gardens which need to be planned, planted, watered, fed, weeded, and harvested at the right time for the plants, which may not be the "right" time for us.

It is this last that has stirred my thoughts. I was happy digging in the memorial garden, and preparing my multitude of planters around the parsonage. I was frustrated at the various garden centers for not finding plants I had envisioned using. I was very pleased with a hanging planter for outside the porch because the colors were so perfect for the cushions and furniture. However, I lost focus and the colors in the hanging basket clash with the ones on the steps. Well, I told myself, Monet's garden was a confusion of colors so it is OK for me to be "artsy" too. I still don't like them together though.

I planted 3 varieties of cherry tomatoes and 5 heads of lettuce and they all seemed to do well, for a while. Of course the lettuce all matured at the same time and once picked, left a great gap of nothing. At the same time one of the 3 tomato plants got some kind of blight. I was advised to tear it out, and so I did. The remaining 2 look fine, but lonely all by themselves.

Then I forgot to water that hanging basket out by the front porch. Oh, it looked sorrowful and I watered it and watched as it perked up. But then it was attacked by aphids, and I raced to the store for some safe soap. And it now struggles to recover and I am determined to rescue it, while a part of me says throw it out and go buy another, this time with the complimentary colors.

As I sat on the porch this week I got to thinking all this is a message about our spiritual lives and our lives with others. Seeds of friendship need to be planted. Seeds of change take time in church activities. Our own spirits need to be tended to in a deliberate way, not just through luck or happenstance. We can't forget to water our souls, but if we wilt in the heat of life, God, often through friends and neighbors, will come to the rescue. Sometimes we will make bad choices. It is how we learn what not to do. Then we need to take action and make a change. However, we shouldn't jump to conclusions and rush into action. Sometimes we need to be patient and vigilant. The Covenant Garden has some eggplants this year and they have had a slow start. While the lettuce, collards, kale and tomatoes have been vigorous, these little eggplants have looked weak and failing. But take a look at them now. They are an idea that just took a little longer to take hold.

So in the calm or the busyness of the next couple of months, don't neglect your soul. Come to church and worship with your faith community. If you are away, explore another church's service. Every day consider your relationship with God. Offer prayers of thanksgiving as well as concern. Put forth lots of flowers so everyone can see what God is doing in your life.

Praying you all have a safe, restful, and spiritually nurturing summer.

**Pastor Betsey**

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## **Sunday 10:00 AM Worship**

### **JULY 6**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeters: Millie Ramsey, Sally Ruef, and Charlotte Sabine.

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **JULY 13**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeter: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **JULY 20**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeter: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **JULY 27**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST Millie Ramsey

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeters: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

## **COMING EVENTS**

For our **COFFEE HOUR** contributions of finger foods are encouraged.

**Donations in the Coffee Hour basket** helps fund the coffee, milk, sugar and paper goods. Thanks for supporting this ministry.



**BIBLE STUDY CLASS/MONDAY'S**  
**7PM -8:30PM/Parish Hall**

**SATURDAY, JULY 12TH**  
**CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
8AM – 11:00AM/Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH**  
**CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
8AM – 11:00AM/Parish Hall

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH** Worship  
Service with Rev. Jim Silver.

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE DEADLINE**  
**Monday, August 18TH!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH** Worship  
Service with Rev. Bob Woodward.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST**  
Worship Service with Rev. Art  
Dunham.

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### **AUGUST 3**

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeters: Millie Ramsey, Sally Ruef, and Janice Knight

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **AUGUST 10**

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeter: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **AUGUST 17**

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Rev. Jim silver

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeter: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **AUGUST 24**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Rev. Bob Woodward

Deacon: Millie Ramsey

Lay Reader: Millie Ramsey

Greeters: Millie Ramsey

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**

### **AUGUST 31**

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Rev. Art Dunham

Deacon: Charlotte Sabine

Lay Reader: Charlotte Sabine

Greeters: Charlotte Sabine

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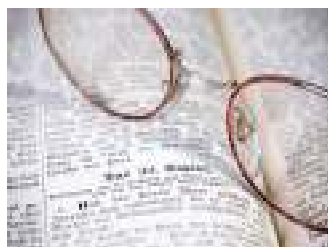
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Worship Service with Rev. Art  
Dunham.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH  
8:30AM – 12:30PM, Church School  
Teachers Workshop.**

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**LAY READER** – Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by reading the Scripture or bringing a children’s sermon, please sign-up on the appropriate list on the bulletin board by the elevator door **and** speak with Pastor Betsey Polglase.

## **DEACON OF THE MONTH**

JULY – Millie Ramsey

AUGUST – Millie Ramsey

## **TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH**

JULY – Don Doucette

AUGUST – Doug Erickson

## **GREETERS AND USHERS**

July 6 – **Deacons:** Millie Ramsey, Sally Ruef and Charlotte Sabine.

July 13 – Volunteers needed

July 20 – Volunteers needed

July 27 – Volunteers needed

## **GREETERS AND USHERS**

August 3 – **Deacons:** Millie, Ramsey, Sally Ruef & Janice Knight.

August 10 – Volunteers needed

August 17 – Volunteers needed

August 24 – Volunteers needed

August 31 – Volunteers needed

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

The return of Pledge Cards to support the budget for 2014 is always welcome. Cards may be left in the Stewardship box, given to any member of the Stewardship Committee or handed into the Church Office. Extra pledge cards are available in the Stewardship box upon request. We invite your generosity in supporting the 2014 budget.

**WAIM** is frequently in need of the volunteer services of skilled craftspeople. If you are skilled as a carpenter, painter, electrician, plumber, sheet rocker, heating systems, computer technician, etc. and would be willing to become part of a craftsperson resource guide for WAIM please see Anthony White, Sr. for survey form.

**FOOD PANTRY IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD:** The Church is collecting food for the Soup Kitchen and the Columbia Food Pantry. Items especially needed: Soups, Pastas and Cereals. If you would like to contribute, please leave items in the basket found at the front of the sanctuary or deliver directly to the Soup Kitchen.

**Worship Schedule**  
**JULY-AUGUST 2014**  
(Subject to change at pastor's discretion)

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SCRIPTURE</u></b>	<b><u>SERMON TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>WORSHIP NOTES</u></b>
<b>July 6</b>	Romans 7:15-25 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	<i>"Just Can't Help Myself"</i>	Communion/Intinction
<b>July 13</b>	Psalm 119:105-112 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	<i>"Mystery Man"</i>	
<b>July 20</b>	Psalm 139 Genesis 28:10-19a	<i>"Stranger in the Night"</i>	
<b>July 27</b>	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	<i>"Don't You Get It?"</i>	
<b>August 3</b>	Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21	<i>"Well Fed"</i>	BAPTISMS Communion/Intinction
<b>August 10</b>	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45B Matthew 14:22-33	<i>"Why Do We Doubt?"</i>	
<b>August 17</b>			<b>Rev. Jim Silver Preaching</b>
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## **~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION~**

Church School Sunday is always a beautiful and glorious day! It is a time when the children let their light shine. They did a wonderful job leading the worship service. When you have 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders excited about having the opportunity to have a speaking part in the Sermon and preschoolers are excited because they are included in playing the chimes you know you are a part of something special.

I hope all who came to worship with us enjoyed learning the importance of the Fruit of the Spirit. I leave you with our Fruit of the Spirit poem hoping you will continue to grow these wonderful fruits. "Today I learned Jesus is the Vine, with Him I grow fruit very fine. Love and Joy and peace are three of the fruits Jesus wants from me. Patience, Kindness, Goodness too. These are the things Jesus wants me to do. Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, these are the fruits Jesus wants me to grow".

Thank you to our wonderful teachers for all their help with the program and to Nancy Douton for finding a way to involve all our children with the chimes...Priceless!  
Have a beautiful summer.

### **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL BAGS**

#### **COLLECTION FOR SCHOOL ITEMS BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER**

**SCHOOL ITEMS GO ON SALE IN AUGUST REMEMBER TO STOCK UP ON ITEMS FOR OUR SCHOOL BAGS!**

#### **SCHOOL ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ONE BAG**

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| * 1 BLUNT SCISSOR    | * 1 24 PACK OF CRAYONS |
| * 1 ERASER           | * 1 SHARPENER          |
| * 3 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS | * 1 RULER              |

**FYI - WE ARE ALL SET WITH PENCILS FOR THIS YEAR! LAST YEAR WE WERE SHORT ON RULERS AND CRAYONS. THE CHURCH SCHOOL APPRECIATES AND THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS VERY NEEDED MISSION!**

**Jean Murphy**

Family and Friends  
Get Together Breakfast  
Come and linger for a while.

*Saturday, July 12, 2014*  
*8:00A.M to 11:00A.M*  
*Columbia Congregational Church*  
*Parish Hall, Route 87*

“C’mon people now, Smile on your Brother,  
Everybody get together. Try and love one another  
right now.” Youngblood, Kingston Trio, J. Collins

Breakfast Buffet Menu: Belgian waffles, omelets, eggs, toast,  
Bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, juice, milk, coffee, tea,  
Fruits, homemade muffins & coffee cakes  
Suggested free will offering: \$8.00 per person  
\$24.00 - 2 adults and 2 children

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*Saturday, August 9, 2014*  
*8:00A.M to 11:00A.M*  
*Columbia Congregational Church*  
*Parish Hall, Route 87*

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[www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org)

**ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

359 Route 6, Andover  
(Corner of Rt 6 & Long Hill Rd.)  
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

July 2, 16, 30  
August 13, 27  
September 10, 24  
October 8, 22  
November 5, 19  
December 3, 17, 31

**BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP**

195 Route 6, Columbia  
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

July 10, 24  
August 7, 21  
September 4, 18  
October 2, 16, 30  
November 13  
December 11

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS.**



**The Stewardship committee would like to thank all those who have submitted pledges for the coming year.** We also encourage those who have not yet pledged to do so. Our Church depends on the pledges of each of us, no matter how big or small, to carry out our mission and plan our programs for the coming year.

## **The Church Fair Committee Could Use Some Help:**

**Publicity** help: newspapers, newsletters, web site, distribute signs and/or posters—someone to do year-round publicity would be wonderful. The good part is that you don't have to do crafts to help out.

Do some **Food Crafts**: Make up mixes, snowman soup ideas, tea gifts, come up with interesting ways to wrap candy or popcorn that would make cute, inexpensive gifts. Brainstorm some ideas or run even just one workshop just before the fair.

**Attic Treasures**: Ask for treasures and set up a time and place for people to bring them, set up the rooms on the Thursday before the fair, check Friday night for additional donations and Saturday morning for additional donations and you can open way before the fair... usually 9 am or whenever you see someone pop in. We don't usually put prices on everything. If something special comes in, it is ok to do that. Most of the time is it dickering. And you can schedule people to work the room. We have suggestions. Also we know where to donate which items that don't sell. This only takes up a few days around fair time and makes close to 20% of the fair's profits.

Run an **evening workshop**. You don't have to meet every week. You can meet once a month or just often enough to finish one project or to start a project and send it home with group members (and making sure you get everything back.) If you can look at an item, read the directions, and work from a kit, we can make up kits for you. You could help make up the kits, if that's your style.

We are looking for **different ideas to add to the fair to make it more fun**. In the past, we have had a Scarves and Jewelry Room; a pie-making workshop for the bake sale (this year we would like to have two pie workshops;) a Country Store with cheese, candy, and home canned goods. Perhaps you have been to a fair or bazaar somewhere and have seen something different that you could share with us. And... we have **day workshops** on Wednesday mornings from 10 to noon. Stop in and visit.

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The Church Secretary will be off Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Church Office will be closed during this time; although Pastor Betsey will be in her office most mornings.

Pastor Betsey will be off Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> thru September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have a pastoral need please call the Church Office or Janice Knight, Senior Deacon. **Rev. Jim Silver** will be at the pulpit on August 17, **Rev. Bob Woodward** will be at the pulpit on August 24, and **Rev. Art Dunham** will be at the pulpit on August 31.

## **PLANNING AHEAD SEPTEMBER**

**Sept 14** - Rally Day, children register for Sunday School

**Sept 21** - Church School Teacher's Dedication; Annual Meeting

**Sept. 28**- Dedication of leaders

**Oct. 5** - CROP Walk

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***“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you show love to one another.” John 13:34-35***

We seek to be a loving and caring church community, contributing our time, our resources, and our love to help and support each other in times of need. This is the goal of our Care Team. We have a group approximately 12 members of our congregation that have signed up to offer their help with transportation, meals, short term chores or just a presence offering concern and fellowship. These volunteers do not replace Pastoral visits or calls. **Should you or anyone that you know need a little TLC from our Care Team, please contact Sue Milici at 860-228-4427 or email [smilici@earthlink.net](mailto:smilici@earthlink.net)** New volunteers are always welcome.

**Covenant Community Vegetable Garden** The vegetable garden is now planted. If all of you gardeners would take a moment to stop by and weed and water as necessary it would be of great help. The water barrels are full and the hose is operating . Remember, all the produce we raise go to the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic which can use anything we can provide. Thanks for your help. John

**Church Fair needs:**

We are still collecting those white plastic tags that hold bread or roll wrappers together. We didn't get quite enough last year.

Crayons...old and/or broken, anyhow....unwanted crayons.

Altoid tins.

Those little rounded Y shaped clips that keep pump bottles from squirting lotion or hand soap all over your grocery sacks on the way home. You remove them to use the lotion and never know what to do with them afterward.

We will be happy to sell these things back to you at next year's fair when we are done with them.

**Photos of Church Events Wanted.** We are looking for photos of our church activities to be posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Parish Hall and to be used on promotional flyers and ads. Please send photos electronically to Denise at [ccchurch@snet.net](mailto:ccchurch@snet.net), or send/bring in prints to the church office.

**GREEN TEAM** – We are looking for members to serve on our Green Team. The focus of our Green Team is to empower and motivate people to make a difference environmentally. If you are passionate about our environment and are willing to share your efforts with our congregation, please see John Polglase to volunteer.

### **FOODSHARE VAN**

The mobile FoodShare Van now has a stop at the Baptist Fellowship Church on Route 6 in Columbia. **The van will be stopping every other Thursday from 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm in the lower church parking lot.** Upcoming distribution dates: Please be sure to circulate the word to people you know. The program needs a minimum of 50 people participating. **The FoodShare Van will continue to stop at the Andover Congregational Church on Route 6 every other Wednesday.** Please bring your own grocery bags.

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