



Herald of Good TIDINGS

“Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

FROM THE PASTOR

As a child, September was a bitter sweet month for me. First the sweet: my birthday is in early September and part of my Birthday was a trip to the county fair over Labor Day weekend. We would rise before dawn. Mom would pack all kinds of things, from blankets and snowsuits, to sunscreen and bug spray. One year the blankets and winter clothes came to the rescue as it snowed in Lancaster, NH when we were at the fair. It snowed enough to cover the grass in the first week of September.

September also had the last of the warm summer days. September had the leaves changing color, which when I was a young boy meant playing in the leaves, and that soon the bugs would all be dead.

The bitter: at the fair I had to spend HOURS in the grandstand with my mom listening to singers from the Lawrence Welk show before I could go on rides and enjoy food with no nutritional value at all. As a child I was sure Lawrence Welk purposely sent his people out year after year to personally ruin half my day at the fair. (To this day, I still resent the repeats of his show and him, even though he has been dead for years.) Other problems with September, the weather changing to the cold rains of fall. The other gift for my birthday was one I would have liked to return... the start of school. I almost always had to start school within a day or 2 of my birthday. Summer was always the highlight of my year as a kid, and September meant the end of that free time.

With September the Church kicks back into Gear. Here We Grow will resume classes on September 6th. On September 11th we will have our kick - off to Sunday school, with the kids enjoying an ice cream *Sunday*.

In September the Stewardship committee will be working on this year's Stewardship campaign. The other committees will be getting back to regular meetings after the summer break. I am still getting used to when church meetings occur, so please be patient until I get used to the schedule, and please include me in any email reminders you might send about the meeting.

We will also be preparing to receive our first load of pumpkins, they do not arrive until October 1st, but I am sure a lot will need to be done before they arrive.

God bless,
Pastor Brian

Something New!

The Board of Ed is introducing a new program starting this fall. In conjunction with the Spirit Suppers, we will be adding a book/movie club - "Dinner and Discussion."

Every 5 weeks or approximately once a month, we will meet for a potluck supper in the vestry (old kitchen) area at 6 p.m. The book club discussion will begin at approximately 6:30-6:45. You do NOT have to read the book, if you just want to come for food and fellowship, please do! The two months we will have a movie up for discussion we will start the potluck a little earlier at 5:30. The movie will run during dinner and discussion will follow at its conclusion.

EVERYONE is invited to join us for any or all parts of the evenings. Come for dinner, come for just the discussion. If you're not a reader join us for the movies. All are invited to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you.

A complete list of books, movies and dates is included below and will be available on the table in both fellowship hall and the adult library in the rear of the sanctuary. See Jen Bohn if you have any questions.

- Tuesday, Sept. 27 - *The Shack* by William P. Young
- Tuesday, Nov. 1 - *Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo & Lynn Vincent
- Tuesday, Dec. 6 - *Facing Your Giants* (movie) * 5:30 start time
- Tuesday, Jan. 10th - *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs
- Tuesday, Feb. 7th - *Courageous* by Randy Alcorn
- Tuesday, Mar. 13th - *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom
- Tuesday, Apr. 17th - *Soul Surfer* (movie) * 5:30 start time
- Tuesday, May 22nd - *Where Is God When It Hurts* by Philip Yancey
- Tuesday, June 26th - *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

GUEST PREACHER ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

Paul Deasy is the Director of Love in Motion, a ministry of Monadnock Bible Conference, and he will be our guest preacher on Sunday, September 25th. Since 1983 Monadnock Bible Conference has had a commitment to the Word of God, the love of Jesus and the people of Haiti. Paul has been traveling to Haiti with Monadnock Bible Conference since 2003, participating in both work and medical teams. Paul is a graduate of Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary. He is also a New Hampshire and nationally registered EMT-I. Paul is looking forward to partnering with local churches, not to grow just the ministry in Haiti, but also to encourage believers to serve locally.

Yes, Love in Motion is the same organization that Jen & Randy Bohn partnered with on last year's mission trip to Haiti and they'll be returning again this October. (Please see page 9 for more information on their upcoming trip.)

September Birthdays include:

Ted Beauvais - Sept. 6th
Jacob McPherson - Sept. 14th
Laura DuHamel - Sept. 19th

Happy Birthday!



On September 14th Lori & Nick Stockhaus will be celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary - Congratulations!

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome Back! I pray you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I am very excited to announce that two of our newly confirmed members have stepped up to the plate to help out with the Sunday School program. Julie Cove will be in charge of Cradle Roll and Lillian McPherson will be in charge of the pre-K-grade 1 group. We STILL need adults to help out in cradle roll so we will have two adults at all times. Please see the sign up sheet on the Sunday School bulletin board in Fellowship hall (far left corner by the stage). I also need adults as helpers for the upper grades. We would really like to have a separate class for the older kids, but without supervision that will be impossible. Please prayerfully consider, as our NEW members have done, to help out in Sunday school.



Rally Day will be September 11. We are all excited to welcome back our returning students and meet our new students. Please allow some extra time so you can fill out the paperwork for your child. Be certain to include ALL allergies that he/she may have. We use all types of materials in the classroom throughout the year and I need to know everything to avoid a possible allergic reaction.

Continue to look at the bulletin and Sunday School board, both upstairs and outside the classrooms, for upcoming family events.

If anyone is interested in helping with the Sunday school please see me or a Board of Education member. You may also talk with our NEW teachers, Julie and Lillian. (Board of Ed. members include: Jen Bohn, Gayle Farley, Ron Hanks and Marion Woodcock.)

With His Guidance We Serve,
Jean McPherson
Director of Religious Education

Coffee Hour Hosts:

9/4 ~	Music Committee	10/9 ~	Trustees
9/11, 9/18 ~	Board of Education	10/16, 10/23 ~	Stewardship
9/25, 10/2 ~	Historians/Memorial	10/30 ~	Personnel Committee



Thank you to all for attending and supporting our community yard sale in June. You helped make it a fun and successful day.

Our total profit was over \$1,500!

Cindy Dube

We also want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our recent golf tournament. Whether you played, sponsored a hole and/or joined us for dinner, we extend our appreciation. This fundraiser realized a profit of approximately \$3,800!

The following families have suffered losses since the last printing of the *Tidings* in early June. Please keep them in your prayers:



Doris M. Hill

Doris M. (Clifford) Hill, 89, former longtime Auburn Town Clerk, died peacefully on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at the Saint Mary's Health Care Center, Worcester, with her loving family by her side.

Her husband, Constantine E. Hill died in 1991. She leaves her three children, Louise Victoria Powers and her husband Paul of Paxton, Stephen "Sam" Hill and his wife Shirley of Auburn and Cynthia Ryan and her husband Charles of Auburn; her 8 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, John and Daniel Clifford and by her sister, Alice McGurl. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Daniel and Louise (McGrath) Clifford and has lived in Auburn for most of her life. She graduated from Commerce High School.

Doris started her long career in service to the Town of Auburn in 1964, and served as Town Clerk from 1975 until her retirement in 1994. Doris was a long time member of our Church serving as Deacon, Council President and Sunday School Teacher.

A funeral service was held here on Friday, June 17th, with burial following at Hillside Cemetery.

Marjorie P. Jones

Marjorie P. (Mayberry) Jones, 93 of Auburn, died Sunday June 12, 2011 in the Life Care Center of Auburn after an illness. Her husband H. Charles Jones died in 1998. She is survived by her son Allan Jones of Haymarket, VA, daughter Leslie Penny of Spencer, MA, and son Bradley Jones of Auburn. She also leaves 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Marjorie was born in Gorham, ME and is a graduate of Gorham High School. Margie began her career as a legal secretary to the Attorney General of the State of Maine, and later, when they moved to Massachusetts, worked at the Auburn Cooperative Bank. She was a longtime member of our Church.

Her memorial service was held June 19th, here at the Church.

Stephen M. St. Francis

Stephen M. St. Francis, 33, of 10 West St., in the Cherry Valley section of Leicester, died Tuesday, August 2, 2011 in UMASS Memorial Medical Center, 55 Lake Ave. No., Worcester. He leaves his wife and partner of 14 years, Crystal A. (White) St. Francis; three children: Christopher, Anthony and Erica St. Francis; his mother, Christine (Larson) Cove and her husband Louis "Skip" Cove of Cuddebackville, N.Y.; his brother, Matthew St. Francis, his sister, Pamela St. Francis and several nieces, nephews, step -brothers and sisters.

Stephen was a service technician for Herb Chambers in Auburn for the past 10 years. He was born in Worcester and later graduated from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School in Charlton.

Funeral services for Stephen were held on Saturday, August 6 at the Church with burial in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Morrison-Morin Funeral Home handled arrangements.

"I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

John 11:25

September Tidings from **Here We Grow** Preschool

On September 6, 2011 **Here We Grow** Preschool will begin its 23rd year as an educational outreach program of the First Congregational Church of Auburn. WOW! It has been a rewarding experience to have been part of that growth for 22 years.

Thank you again, Denise, for reminding me that "Tidings" was due. At this time we have 3 openings in our 2-day sessions, and 5 openings in our 3-day sessions. I have been providing tours throughout the summer to parents and children with the hope of having NO openings; I have two weeks left to fill those spots as of this writing date (8/19). I feel confident that we will be filled to capacity very soon.

The staff for **Here We Grow** Preschool for the upcoming school year 2011-12 is as follows: room 1 is Anne Coyne, Cristi Corey and Kathleen Lanava, room 2 is Mariann Lavalley, Patricia Bickford and Michele Fuller, room 3 is Helen Ethier and Pamela DiLeo and room 4 is Kara Murray. Here's to a new year, new faces and new & fresh ideas.

Thanks to Bob Murray, Dave Sampson, Stan MacPhee and Wayne Prouty for all the "jobs" they have worked on this summer. Once again Sally Gagnon was hired to clean all the classrooms that HWG uses during the school year. Thanks to Wayne, Dave, and Stan for taking care of the common spaces shared with HWG and all other groups. A special thank you to Judy Bjork for preparing all the new HWG family handbooks, personnel policies and papers for children's files. Thanks to Denise for any and all suggestions and help; I don't know what we would do without her. THANK YOU!!!!

All end-of-year field trips went well as did all 4 graduations. The young fours had a day graduation with a make-your own sundae party. The 3 year olds participated in a short graduation and then all children were entertained by Fran the Magician. The older 4's had night graduations. All events were successful.

This year the **Here We Grow** Board of Directors will consist of Church representatives: Stan MacPhee, Ron Hanks, Wayne Prouty & Carole Sampson and parent representatives: Amy Castellano, Amy Kennedy, KathyJo Beamenderfer and Katie Peschiera. Our first meeting is planned for September 8th. Until October, enjoy the nice weather.

Dawn Murphy
HWG Director

Please mark your calendars for Rally Day which will take place on **Sunday, September 11th**. Rally Day is the official kick-off of Sunday School. Our Cradle Roll and Sunday School are equipped to meet the needs of newborns up to middle school-aged children. We look forward to seeing you there.



Library Tidings by Gloria Whitehead

The Library Committee is pleased and proud to announce that Jenney Grover is our new member. She has already made welcomed suggestions at meetings and we look forward to years of productive and happy service together. **WELCOME, JENNEY!**

Have you something hiding in your house? Please check the list to see if you have one of these missing (overdue) books in your possession. We scanned the bookshelves before without success. Just put any stray church library books into the top drawer of the library stand. Note: No borrowers' names this time - just titles and authors.

Beneath the Streets of Boston, Joe McKendry
Cape Light, Katherine Spencer & Thomas Kinkade
Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul, Jack Campbell & Mitchell Hamsen
The Golden Unicorn, Phyllis A. Whitney
Growing Together, Harold Epply & Rochelle Melander
Hundred Acre Welcome, Robert MacLean
A Layman Looks at the Lamb of God, W. Phillip Keller
The Lucky One, Nicholas Sparks
Quantum Healing, Deepak Chopra, M.D.
Whitehorn Woods, Maeve Binchy

Perhaps you remember the spring *Library Tidings* notice that told of the Here We Grow teacher and her youngsters who came to the Church's Children's Library for a visit. Each child went enthusiastically home with a book to borrow for two weeks. Soon after, school closed for the summer and Here We Grow Day Camp opened for two weeks. Already Dawn Murphy, our Director of Here We Grow preschool, was considering the way the benefits of the Church's Children's Library could be worked into the schedule of the three day extended groups of Here We Grow students along with the 5 day extended group. Solved - the group of eight on Monday and two groups of fourteen on Wednesday, resulting in all of these three groups meeting once a month with a 2 week borrowing period to the benefit of all.

One Nation – America Remembers September 11, 2001 is out on display now and can be borrowed for one week. Please just tell a librarian after you fill out the "sign out" card as it's a treasured historical volume to be handled with respect.

Remember...

**SUPER SATURDAY!**

Massachusetts Conference United Church of Christ

Saturday, October 1, 2011

MassBay Community College
 50 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA

A day for local church leaders
 ~ laity and clergy ~ to network and learn

Go to macucc.org to register (deadline 9/19)

29 Workshops

Networking

Fellowship

Worship

Collaboration

Inspiration

SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The Here We Grow Board of Directors is excited to once again offer our families and First Congregational Church members a FREE seminar presented by Jeanine Fitzgerald, national speaker, trainer and consultant:

Freeing Children from Fear

Bullying behaviors are at epidemic proportions. Over 160,000 children miss attending school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by a peer. This pattern of teasing, name-calling, harassment, hurt and violence begins in the preschool years, and you can do something about it. In this workshop you will recognize the many forms this abuse can take, discover how to identify and empower children who are victims, combat common myths, and know when and how to step in to protect children from each other.

Below are some quotes from parents who attended Jeanine's workshop in the past at Here We Grow:

"Jeanine Fitzgerald's presentation was as informative as it was entertaining. It was a refreshing, humorous take on recognizing different styles children have, and how to help them be successful. I took home so many practical ideas I look forward to applying."

"I am not usually one to attend seminars, but I'm glad I went! It was enlightening and empowering as a parent to learn some "fresh" and creative ideas. Jeanine is a wonderful speaker who touched each and every one of us with her stories. Definitely a seminar you do not want to miss!"

"Jeanine's talk made me go home and really look at how my husband and I are parenting our children. Each of our children has unique needs and we need to be aware of how we are responding and interacting with them to get better behavior. Wonderfully thought provoking and absolutely hilarious presentation!"

This seminar is being offered to Here We Grow families and church members. Please plan to join us on September 29th at 6:30 p.m. here at the Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn, MA. You may call 508-832-2845 or 508-832-8184 for more info.

2011 RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate Remember Fight Back
September 9th - 10th at Lemansky Park, Auburn

On September 9th and 10th at Lemansky Park over 35 teams of people will walk the track in the annual Central South County Relay for Life. Set up begins at 8 a.m. and will continue until the event begins. Highlights of this event include the survivor and caretaker walk and the luminaria ceremony. We invite you to join us. If you have some time available Friday, September 9th, come to Lemansky Park to see how you can lend a hand. Survivors and their caretakers are invited to attend our opening ceremony and walk the survivor lap and attend the dinner immediately following the lap. There will be many activities throughout the morning on Saturday. It is not too late to join a team — or even start one. For more information contact Garry Mahlert at 508-864-0086. The Relay for Life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society and we are dedicated to helping the world celebrate more birthdays.

What is Relay For Life?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. Each year, more than 3.5 million people in 5,000 communities in the United States, along with additional communities in 19 other countries, gather to take part in this global phenomenon and raise much-needed funds and awareness to save lives from cancer. Thanks to Relay participants, we are creating a world with more birthdays, a world where cancer can't claim another year of anyone's life. We invite all cancer survivors in the community to attend Relay For Life because they are the reason we Relay.



JIMMY FUND WALK

I'll be participating in the Jimmy Fund walk on September 18, starting at 6:30am. I'll be walking 26.2 miles to raise funds for cancer research (in memory of Nick's dad and my mom). This will be my 11th walk since she died. If you'd like to sponsor me, you can donate online by going to: www.jimmyfundwalk.org and clicking on give, then support a walker and entering my name. If you prefer, you can mail a check (payable to the Jimmy Fund) to: 36 Linda Ave., Millbury, MA 01527. But, either way, please call or text me to see how I am doing. It is a long walk and talking to people makes the time go by faster. My cell number is 508-317-7747.

Thanks in advance,
Lori Stockhaus

Since its founding in 1948, the Jimmy Fund has supported the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, helping to raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world.

Because it takes more than courage to beat cancer.



Choir Practice will resume beginning **Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m.** We will be singing during the worship service on **September 11th.** If you're interested in joining the choir please speak with Heather Moore, our Minister of Music. We are also encouraging any interested children (or a parent) to speak with Ms. Moore if you would like to learn more about **Joyful Noyse**, our children's choir. **Joyful Noyse** will have their first rehearsal following worship on **September 11th.**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:2

Haiti

Randy and I are starting to get really revved up about our upcoming trip to Haiti. Only 6 weeks until we depart on Oct. 4th! We will be attending an orientation, and meeting the rest of our team up at Monadnock on Sept. 10th. We will gratefully accept monetary donations right up until we depart Oct. 4th.

I received an email from our team leader, Joan Mosher, asking for the following over the counter medicines that can not be obtained or are in scarce supply in Haiti. I will put a box in fellowship hall for anyone who would like to donate the following items: (by Sept. 9th)

Infant Tylenol

Children's chewable Tylenol for ages 2-6 and 6-12

Adult Tylenol

Tums or generic of same

Anti acid pills, generic are OK

Visine type eye drops, generic OK, we need LOTS & LOTS of these

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our outreach ministry.

In His name we serve,
Jen & Randy

From Your Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee wishes to thank our church members for approving the vote to withdraw \$5000 from the Sibley Fund.

This amount was mailed on July 1, 2011 directly supporting the First Church of Monson's general fund.

Through the added support of our church's generosity,

Monson's congregation continued in their ministry to assist the victims and volunteers within the community following the aftermath of the June 2011 tornados. Thank you.



Would you and your family be interested in supporting Auburn Youth & Family Services in the fundraiser "Walk for Hunger"? This annual event greatly supports Auburn Youth and Family Services with 10% of the profit going to Kateri Food Pantry of North American Martyr Church. The walking route begins and ends in Auburn and the date to save is Sunday, October 23, 2011, beginning at 1:00 PM. Further details will be announced in your church bulletins.

In Love, Hope, Peace, Understanding and Generosity,
Outreach Members: Pat Bukoski, Sue Campbell, Judy Murphy, Deb Pranaitis & Sue MacPhee



Happy September! It is America on the Move Month - Month of Action, a month long celebration inviting people to become active and eat more healthfully. It is also Baby Safety Awareness Month, Healthy Aging Month, Children's Eye Health and Safety Month, Fruit and Veggie Month, Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month, National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and whole grains month.

September 1-7 is National Childhood Injury Prevention Week, the 11th is National Service and Remembrance Day. September 12 -18 is National Assisted Living Week, and the 20th-26th is National Adult Immunization Awareness Week.

This brings me to remind you of the flu clinic in Fellowship Hall on Sunday September 18th. Either leave your name with Denise in the office or see me. I will be having a sign up in Fellowship Hall and I will talk to you personally, if you're interested. This could help you avoid a long wait at the Sr. Center or from having to make a special doctor's appointment. By the time you read this, I should have all the information from Jim Higgins of CVS in Auburn. We are going to try and have all the insurance paperwork done ahead of time.

The closet has been quite full throughout the summer, please don't forget about it. I would like to keep the equipment circulating.

God Bless!
Debbie Pranaitis
Parish Nurse

FROM THE PASTORAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Pastoral *Search* Committee has been converted to the Pastoral *Support* Committee (PSC). The purpose of the committee is to support Pastor Brian throughout his first year in his new position at First Congregational Church in Auburn.

The Pastoral Support Committee had our first meeting with Pastor Brian on August 21st and are happy to report, with the exception of some communication glitches and procedural hiccups, we are all heading in the right direction. Pastor Brian and Jenney are settling in well both at church and in the community.

We will continue to meet with Pastor Brian on a quarterly basis, more if needed. If you have anything you would like to share or communicate with Pastor Brian through the committee, please feel free to talk to any member.

Jen Bohn, Lori Stockhaus, Rich McPherson, Jen Temple,
Joyce Ringgard, Pat Bukoski, Ernie Smith and Ron Klaucke

NICARAGUA

Not enough time in Rancharia!

I used my Spanish quite a bit and translated our need of 300 hot dogs for a cook out on Saturday! We actually got 300 hot dogs! So I guess I did good!

Candy! The kids LOVE candy!

A lot of fruit trees everywhere! A lot of culture shock!

Respect. Myrna (from Pierre, SD) and I did a Bible study with the ladies both days. The first day was mine. Both of us had a strong feeling we needed to do the washing of the feet and talk about being a Princess, a daughter of the King. We chose to do the washing of the feet the first day (Friday). God used that time together to break down the walls of insecurity, shame, guilt, fear, etc. We bonded and will forever be changed! Mi hermana in Cristo vaya con Dios! My sister in Christ go with God!

Amazing conversations with these ladies! They have a great heart for God and a willingness to learn new things to bring money into their family and church. They were...

Grateful for the lessons in crocheting, for the yarn, and for the ideas and help with craft projects. They were also grateful for the partnership with ladies in the United States and were shocked that women they didn't know would want to know about them and pray for them.

U (you) are more than welcome to come with me next year (God willing)! I have been infected with the Nicaragua bug and can't get these people out of my heart and mind! They will forever be a part of my family! I would love to share the experience with you, and one day to sponsor a church/community and make the world a little bit smaller. We are all siblings with the same Father!

Awesome church services! 2-3 hours 6 days a week!!! Prayer is powerful, miracles are expected, tears and dancing and singing are mandatory. Okay, not really mandatory, but most often they came with the Spirit!

Jenny Grover

Delight - Camp Berea Women's Retreat 2011

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires
of your heart." Psalm 37:4

The Bible tells us that is how God feels about YOU (Zephaniah 3:17). You delight Him.
He will bring you peace and celebrate as you draw closer to Him.

September 16-18 or September 23-25 Speaker: Sue Heimer

Sue is a wife, mother, writer and international speaker. Sue founded *Breakfast and Bible*, a before school bible study for teens and *Leaving Your Legacy*, a ministry to support and encourage mothers to make a difference in the lives of their families. She is a dynamic and inspirational speaker who challenges thousands of women each year at conferences, retreats and conventions.

Delight is a great weekend to relax, unwind, spend time with friends and delight in the promises and love of God. Let Him refresh you as you uncover the truth of who He is. Come join other women from around New England in fellowship and worship. The schedule for the retreat is planned deliberately to give you a chance to use the time in the unique way that you would most enjoy. Spend time talking with friends, take a short hike along our Prayer Walk trail, relax with a book and a cup of coffee, participate in target shooting at the rifle or archery ranges, make a craft, play a game of volleyball, take out a kayak, canoe or go on a boat ride tour and experience the beauty of Newfound Lake. Please see Jean McPherson, if interested in registering for this retreat.

The Pumpkin Patch will be opening soon!

Would you love to:

- Sit in peace and beauty?
- Be surrounded by God's grace?
- Meet lots of cheerful men, women and children?
- Make a difference in the future of our church?
- Feel the warmth of volunteering in a spectacular setting?

Those of us who have experienced these blessings would love to share them with you. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please sign -up for the days and times that work for you, your family and friends. Call Shirley Hill (508) 832-6335, Diane Moore (508) 832-8078 or Jen Bohn (508) 832-0428 with any questions. **The pumpkins are scheduled to be delivered on October 1st at 9 a.m.**

Last year this fundraiser yielded over \$4,800.00 in proceeds for the Church!



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