



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, ‘Behold your God!’”
~ Isaiah 40:9*

FROM THE PASTOR

I do not know who has heard the news. I am not sure who has heard only part of the story. So I am writing about my not so fun summer.

In Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, Juliet is bemoaning the fact that she has a crush on the family enemy. She wishes he could have a different name or she had a different name. “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” Unfortunately, Juliet is wrong. There is a lot in a name. Romeo and Juliet will be undone by their family names. The families will have a lot to do with Romeo and Juliet being a tragedy rather than a romantic comedy.

Names have a lot of power. Words have a lot of power. Two words that have dominated my summer are anxiety and cancer. I have had anxiety all my life. But in the early days it was called being a worry wart. It was just the way I was; so I endured it and learned little techniques to help keep the worry under control. I learned to concentrate on breathing, slow my breathing, don’t let anxious or fearful thoughts go unchallenged, and pray.

When I found out I needed a biopsy to rule out thyroid cancer, the anxiety went up and I was put on anti-anxiety medication. The medicine has worked amazingly well. It helps make the lifetime of habits I have to control anxiety work better. I wish I had sought help for my anxiety decades ago. Please don’t suffer in silence, seek help.

I had the biopsy on July 17 in the middle of my vacation. The biopsy showed I did have cancer. It is the slowest growing of the thyroid cancers and thyroid cancer is easily treatable.

I was given my cancer diagnosis on the 18th of July. The next day Cabbage, my dachshund, got attacked by a big hound resulting in about 20 stitches. Cabbage is almost fully recovered now, he just has a small cut left to heal. If he would quit scratching at it, it would be all healed. So Cabbage is all good.

On September 20 I will have my thyroid removed at Saint Vincent’s Hospital and will stay in the hospital overnight. It is expected to be a two week recovery time. There is not expected to be any need for chemo or radiation. We will know for sure after the operation, when the thyroid is examined.

All in all, the big bad words of cancer and anxiety weren’t as bad as I feared. I am lucky and I pray for those who have not been as lucky.

So this means I will miss Sunday, September 22 and 29. Thanks to Herb Mower and Jenn Bohn for covering for me. I will also miss pumpkin unloading and the Here We Grow field trip to the apple orchard. But, I hope and expect to be back good as new for communion on October 6.

I thank you for the prayers as I worried about the biopsy, and the prayers as I prepare and recover from surgery.

I hope you are well and ready for the fall. I hope no big scary words dropped on you. But if they did, know God is with you. People love you and would like to help in any way you would let them. We are the people of God, we do not need to go through hard times alone. Reach out for help. It is hard to help if people don’t say they need help.

Pastor Brian

SERMON TITLES

- 9/1 “Fickle Honor”
- 9/8 “The Answer Is a Fool”
- 9/15 “Baptism Is Life in Death”
- 9/22 Guest Preacher
- 9/29 Guest Preacher



Please mark your calendars for **Rally Day**, which will take place on **Sunday, September 8th**. 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. **See you there!**

September Birthdays include:

Pastor Brian - Sept. 6th

Jacob McPherson - Sept. 14th

Beverly Geddes - Sept. 25th

Happy Birthday!



On September 14th
Lori & Nick Stockhaus will
be celebrating their 28th
wedding anniversary -

Congratulations!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

We will only be having two Easter services in 2020, the sunrise service and a 10 a.m. church service.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CHURCH SUPPER

Plan to join us at 5 p.m. on
Saturday, September 21st,
for a delicious **Roast Beef Supper.**

Adults ~ \$10
Children are free!

Servers this month are the Board of Deacons.
Additional volunteers are always appreciated!

Thank you to all who helped with and donated to the June Yard Sale. Because of the dedication of those people, we were able to raise over \$3,000 for the general fund of our church. This was the largest amount raised in several years. Special thanks to Connie Hanks and crew, our new plant table team. Also to Sue and Stan MacPhee, Judy Murphy, Jennifer Bohn, Todd Dube, Mike Dube, Denise Jobin, and Pastor Brian for always having my back. I am blessed.

Cindy Dube

(And our heartfelt thanks to Cindy for all of her hard work organizing this event!)

Message from Financial Secretary

Giving Statements (from scheduled weekly/monthly/yearly pledges) for the first part of 2019 have been mailed for review. The posted months include pledges received from January 2019 through all of July 2019. Committed pledges are a great help each year when the FCC budget is prepared. These partial statements are made available as a guide in order to assist with your pledged target; as well as, to review and report any corrections before the year end.

In January, all giving statements for the full year 2019 will be issued for your tax records. With thankful blessings, please know that all monies received, from large to small, and from adult to child...these gifts contribute to the legacy of our church's foundation and continue to guide its future.

Contact Person: Sue MacPhee, Financial Secretary – Phone: (508) 832-9347
Lori-Ann Stockhaus, Asst. Financial Secretary



The movie/book discussion group will be returning on **Tuesday, September 17th**. We will be viewing the miniseries, *The Dovekeepers*, which is based on a novel of the same name. It's a dramatic interpretation of a period in ancient Jewish history, the siege of the Masada. The power of God, Jewish law, and persecution are major themes in this epic miniseries. **All are welcome to join us for this potluck** and viewing beginning **at 5:30 p.m.**

FROM JEAN McPHERSON, OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to begin another year full of fun and insight. I would like to start off by thanking Pastor Brian, Shannon Hartmann, Lillian McPherson, Katie Sharr, and Michael Schillinger for meeting with me this summer. Some of you met multiple times as we prepared for this upcoming year and I really appreciate your dedication to the youth of this church.

Sunday School

Rally Day is September 8th. Registration will begin at 9:45 so we can begin our new classes and you can be up in service by 10:00. PLEASE do NOT send your kids down alone. I need a signed registration for EVERYONE PRIOR to them coming to class. In the past we have had parents take the registration with them and then forget about returning it back to me. I do know most of your children, but things change and allergies pop up as well as other important things that I or your child's teacher will need to know. Please plan on coming a few minutes early to help out with this very important paperwork.

As always, I will have a sign-up sheet for "floaters" to help us stay in compliance with our church policy. This year we are asking for "floaters" to sign up for one month at a time. This will alleviate the issues we have had in the past of forgetting which week you signed up for. Denise will be putting the names of those who have signed up in the *Tidings* monthly, so please keep watch for your name.

Lillian and Shannon have requested that all kids in grades 3-5 bring their bibles each week with them to class. Everyone that has passed 3rd grade should have received a bible from the Board of Ed.

We have a new program that involves the middle school class. Previously, this class has had a hard time finding coverage and I thank Michael and Michele Schillinger for all their work in the past. Our plan is to have the students go to church for the beginning of service and then after the scripture reading the youth will leave, along with an adult volunteer, and discuss the reading and how it pertains to their life. This commitment will only be for 20-25 minutes. This could be a once a month or once a year commitment, but as I stated, you would be rereading the scripture that was just read in service and expanding on it, no curriculum needed. Please see me if you're interested.

Please note that NO CELL PHONES/technology ARE ALLOWED IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WING; this includes all volunteers. This is mandated by the Board of Ed.

Youth On a Mission

Youth On a Mission, for those of you who don't know, is for all young people grades 6-12, whether they are a member of the church or not. Our first meeting will be an ice cream party on **Friday, September 6, at 7:00** in the vestry downstairs. We have big plans this year and would like anyone (if slightly interested) to come and learn about all the new opportunities we have planned. Please e-mail me at: crazyclan6@live.com if you're interested, so we will have enough ice cream for everyone. The meeting will be over by 8:30.

Our first event is the **annual pumpkin sleepover September 27-28**. We will have a "lock-in" overnight with pizza, treats, and games. On Saturday morning we will start the day with a light breakfast and then help unload the pumpkins along with the other members of the church. Again, sign up is necessary and I will have a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to mention any allergies so we can plan accordingly. Any questions, see Lillian McPherson, Shannon Hartmann, or me.

I am very excited about the new ideas we have for this upcoming year. Please contact me if you have any questions; you may e-mail me at: crazyclan6@live.com.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. – Aesop
Jean McPherson M.Ed., Director of Religious Education

New Organist / Choir Director

It is with pleasure that we welcome Paulette LaBarre as our new organist / choir director. Paulette had been filling in as a substitute since earlier this year. Recently she agreed to assume the staff position in our church. We are excited about what she will bring to our music program and welcome her.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

9/1	Sue Campbell & volunteers please
9/8, 9/15	Library, Nominating & Memorial/Scholarship Committees
9/22	Board of Deacons
9/29, 10/6	Personnel Committee
10/13, 10/20	Stewardship Committee
10/27	Music Committee & Historian

The Church Council has approved the implementation of a new fundraising policy. If you're involved with a fundraiser here (whether benefitting the church or an outside organization) please familiarize yourself with the policy well in advance of your event in order to meet specified deadlines. The policy and accompanying application form are available in fellowship hall or by calling the church office, 508-832-2845.

Bell Choir

The handbell choir will be starting up again October 6th. We welcome anyone who wishes to join with us, or just drop by our rehearsal and learn a little more about this fascinating musical instrument. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:30 PM. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Herb Mower at mower@alum.mit.edu or 508-434-2864.



I hope everyone had a nice summer. The September Health Observation list is long, so I will abbreviate it to what I think applies to us.

September is Healthy Aging Month, National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month, National Food Safety Education Month, and National Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month. It is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Pain Awareness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and World Alzheimer's Month.

September 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day

September 18 is National School Backpack Awareness Day

September 23 is Falls Prevention Awareness Day

September 29 is World Heart Day

The pharmacist from Auburn Pharmacy will be here October 6 for flu shots. He is also willing to give the pneumonia vaccine and the shingles shots. I will have a sign up paper in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see me, call me at 508-612-4521, or email me at debpra@charter.net.

Happy Fall!

God bless,
Debbie Pranaitis, Parish Nurse

Here We Grow Preschool

Welcome to the 30th year of **Here We Grow** Preschool being an educational outreach program of the First Congregational Church in Auburn. I am excited for the start of another great school year.



On September 3, 2019 our doors will open as we welcome our children and families for another great year of meeting and making new friends and exploring and learning in a beautiful environment. We have 88 children enrolled, which means we have 20 openings spread through our T/TH morning and afternoon, T/W/TH afternoon. and extended day classes. I am still receiving phone calls from families who want to visit HWG and continue to conduct tours, but we can't do it without your help. Please spread the word to anyone looking for a great preschool. Check out our website: herewegrowpreschool.com or look us up on Facebook.

We had a few staffing changes for this year, as we have one teacher out for medical reasons, and others not returning for personal reasons. So, here is our 2019 staff: Room 1 - Courtney Tomaszewicz, Patricia Bickford, and Diana Mancini; Room 2 - Helen Ethier and Sharon Stein; Room 3 - Anne Coyne and Jill Myhre; and Room 4 - Michelle Lempicki and Jill Stohlman. I know these ladies are going to keep HWG the best preschool we can be.

Thanks for all the help we received to get ready for the new school year. During the summer the HWG classrooms were again cleaned by Sally Gagnon. A big thank you to Mike Schillinger for all the help he gives HWG and the great job he did preparing the vestry floor. Things are looking great.

With the end of the 2018/19 school year, once again it was difficult saying goodbye to many of our families who had been with us for a while; we wished them well and asked them to keep sending their friends our way. Many, if not all, feel the **Here We Grow** Preschool is the best program around.

All end-of-year field trips went well as did all the graduations. The four-year-olds and young fours had day graduations with make-your-own-sundae parties. The three-year-olds had a short program in their classrooms which worked out well. All children and their families enjoyed Spree Day with games and entertainment by Pumpnickel Puppets. I am proud to say that we made it through another successful year.

So, off we go to another school year with many new faces, many returning faces, and the hope that we, as a staff, have a positive impact on the lives of these little children.

Until next month, enjoy the weather and stay safe.

Cristi Corey
Here We Grow Director

Publick House BBQ to Benefit Auburn Youth & Family Services

There will be a bbq feast under the tent at **The Publick House in Sturbridge on Monday, September 23rd**. This is a fundraiser dinner to support Auburn Youth and Family Services. There are two seatings 4:30 and 6:30. The dinner menu includes bbq chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad, cornbread, salad, dessert, coffee, and soft drinks. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$5 children (ages 4-12). Sue Campbell will have tickets available during coffee hour. If you have any questions, please call her at 508-799-2718.

Auburn Walk for Hunger

Also, Sue Campbell is the contact person for First Congregational Church's involvement in the Auburn Walk for Hunger on October 27th beginning at 1 p.m. and she would love to have other FCC church members join her in the walk. Members from St. Joseph's, North American Martyrs, and St. Thomas's will also be walking. All money donated will go to Auburn Youth and Family Services and Kateri's Kitchen. Please call Sue Campbell, 508-799-2718, with any questions about the walk.



Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers.

The Malkasian Family suffered the loss of Alan Malkasian on August 10th. He was the son of the late Hagop and Caroline Malkasian. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Barbara (Harrington) Malkasian, his 3 daughters, Christine Smith, Lynn DeVore, and Kathy Malkasian; a brother, Neil Malkasian, and his pride and joy — his 8 grandchildren. He was raised in Auburn, graduating from Auburn High School and earned an Associates Degree in Industrial Engineering from Worcester Junior College, a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Nichols College, and a Master's Degree in Education at Worcester State College. He was a Math Teacher for 33 years retiring from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1999. Upon retiring he moved to South Dennis, MA. A memorial service was held here at the church on August 16th.

Please be in prayer for the Bjork Family due to the passing of Susan Bjork on August 24th. Susan was the sister-in-law of Judy Bjork (married to Judy's late brother William Bjork). Susan was also the cousin of Shirley Hill and Cindy Dube. She leaves her sons Matthew and Michael Bjork, and Mike's wife, Lauren, and 4 grandchildren who kept her spirits up as her health declined. She also leaves her siblings: Michael and Stephen Fornari and Ruth Vermilyea.

Please be in prayer for Dick and Linda Graham of Florida due to the recent passing of Dick's brother, Frank.

We also request prayers for the loved ones of Shirley Jacobs who passed on August 24, 2019. She is survived by her son, Glenn, and his wife, Leslie, of Florida; 2 granddaughters and 4 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Forrest, in 2017 and her son, Wayne, in 1966. As requested by Forrest and Shirley, a joint church service will be held here on Saturday, October 12th, at noon. In lieu of flowers, Shirley requested that donations be made to the Memorial Fund of our church. (Make checks payable to First Congregational Church noting "In memory of Shirley Jacobs" in the memo section and mail to FCC, 128 Central St., Auburn, MA 01501.)

Dear members of Auburn Congregational Church,

As you know, I have been the Interim Organist/Choir Director since this past February. I'm happy to say that this summer I accepted the position permanently.

So I'd like to formally introduce myself. My name is Paulette LaBarre, married to George LaBarre. We have been residents of Auburn for 48 years. We have five children who were educated for the most part in Auburn Schools and went to local colleges. (I know some of you through this association with the Auburn Schools.) We have 14 (Yikes!) wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 24 to 2.

I graduated from Anna Maria College with a degree in music concentrating in voice and piano. I've been involved in many music organizations over the years, both religious and secular, mostly as a singer and sometimes as accompanist. Seven years ago, at the request of a friend of mine, I began playing the organ at Assumption College Chapel. I fell in love with the instrument and took some lessons to hone my skills.

So here I am! At your service!

I am so pleased to be a part of your Church ministry. All of you have been welcoming and generous as I learn a new way to worship. I hope our association will continue to be happy and fruitful.

May God's blessing be on all of us!

Paulette LaBarre

PLEASE NOTE:

Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 12th beginning at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the choir is encouraged to attend.



PUMPKIN PATCH FAIR - OCTOBER 19TH - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

As the Church Fair draws near, it is time to start making some plans for the **LUNCHEON** and **FROZEN MEALS**. We would appreciate any and all donations as they will off set the expenses. There will be a sheet in Fellowship Hall so that you can put down what you will donate.

DONATIONS NEEDED:



hot dogs	3 boxes of Kayem natural casing
hot dog rolls	6 dozen
cheese	4 lbs. yellow cheese
white bread	5 loaves
wheat bread	3 loaves
small bags of potato chips	100 bags
butter	2 lbs.
water	3 cases
juice boxes	1 case
soda (some diet)	2 cases
condiments	2 jars relish, 1 catsup, and 1 mustard
coffee, tea	milk, sugar



And . . . Cash donations are always appreciated.

Frozen meals sold well again last year. Suggestions include: meatballs, lasagna, chili, chicken, pasta dishes or any foods that could be heated up. Whole dinners have been great sellers in the past. Meals for 2 or 4 people would be wonderful! Please label meals with ingredients and heating instructions.

Thank you for your help. I can pick up donations or they can be left at church with a note indicating they are for the Fair. Please call me if you have any questions or suggestions. — Diane Moore 508-832-8078

ATTENTION JEWELRY LOVERS: Shannon Hartmann requests that you please keep our fair in mind when you are cleaning out your jewelry drawers or finding great bargains at yard sales. After five years of sales, our stash is getting low. Donations will be accepted now and until the fair. Early donations give Shannon time to repair and clean jewelry. Items such as purses and wallets did quite well last year and the following items would make an interesting addition to the table: jewelry or trinket boxes, scarves, cat/dog figurines, small plates, dresser scarves, doilies, paper weights and anything "vintage". Items may be given to Shannon or left at the Church office (**please mark "for Shannon"**). Contact info: Shannonhartmann5@gmail.com or 339-222-1841 or you can reach her on Facebook.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS: once again we will have a church fair table. Let's show everyone what talent we have at our church. I'm asking for men and women to show off!! Don't go crazy, just a couple of items. Call me, Shirley Hill, with any questions, 508-832-6335.

ALSO AGAIN THIS YEAR: the fair will be opened up to craft vendors. If you know any crafters who may be interested in renting a space at our fair, please have them call Cindy Ryan at 508-832-3416 or 508-769-2740.

ATTIC TREASURES - WE WON'T BE HAVING ATTIC TREASURES THIS YEAR.

VINTAGE TREASURES - I am seeking donated items for a Vintage Treasures table. Guidelines for vintage, is anything from the 1920's to 1998. Clean, decorative, or useful items, accessories in good condition will be accepted. However, clothing will not be a part of this category. Contact: Gayle Farley with any questions or items you would like to donate. Phone: 508-753-0285 or e-mail: gayle2bill@gmail.com

PLEASE keep in mind the silent auction if you have something that you have had for years and never used (many times items are still in original packaging, unopened), or gift certificates from your place of employment, favorite restaurant, tickets to a sporting event, or entertainment venue, etc. Please consider either asking for it to be donated, or purchasing one yourself and donating it. You can always make something as well.

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEES/BOARDS – PLEASE GET THOSE CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING AS YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR BASKETS. HAVING THEM SOONER RATHER THAN LATER IS PREFERABLE. THANKS SO MUCH!!!

Please contact Cindy Ryan (508-832-3416 or 508-769-2740) with your ideas and offers to help with the fair!

Baptisms

Since the last printing of the Tidings in late May, we have celebrated the following baptisms.

On May 26, we celebrated the baptism of Jacob David Luhta. Jacob is the now 1-year-old son of Matthew and Meaghan Luhta.

On June 9, we celebrated the baptism of Caleb Robert-James Armstrong, the now 7-month-old son of Victoria Stockhaus and Kieth Armstrong. Caleb is the grandson of Lori and Nick Stockhaus. His great-grandparents are Bob Burns and Charlotte Stockhaus, and the late Dick Stockhaus, and Flo and Don Aker.

On June 16, we celebrated the baptism of Emma Marie Lafleche. Emma is the now 9-month-old daughter of Chelsea Steinhilber and Brian Lafleche. Emma's great-grandparents are Sue and Ted Steinhilber.

On July 14 we celebrated the baptism of Colton Camden Peck, the now 4-month-old son of Kimberly and Ian Peck. Proud grandparents are Pam and Marty Tentor.

On August 18, we celebrated the baptism of Grace Emerson Rozak, the then six-week-old daughter of Alyssa and Alexander Rozak. Proud grandparents are church members Steven and Cindy Cariglio, and great-grandparents are church members Cherolyn Cariglio and Paul and Debra Pellegrino.

We pray God's continued blessing upon these children and their families.

Message from Nominating Committee - Beginning in 2020, there are 20 open committee vacancies (*so much better than 50*). Full 'consecutive' terms on one committee are limited to 6 years before a one year break is required. When all committees are full, then the wealth of information cycles through from the active members to the new incoming members. With your help, as a supportive church member, please review the list below and consider re-joining your current committee; or, join a new committee.

(12 members)	<u>Board of Deacons</u>	(3 years):	4 Vacancies
		(2 years):	3 Vacancies
(7 members)	<u>Board of Education</u>	(3 years):	3 Vacancies
(6 members)	<u>Outreach Committee</u>	(3 years):	2 Vacancies
(3 members)	<u>Memorial/Scholarship</u>	(3 years):	1 Vacancy
(9 members)	<u>Board of Trustees</u>	(3 years):	3 Vacancies
(4 members)	<u>Music Committee</u>	(3 years):	1 Vacancy
(6 members)	<u>Stewardship Committee</u>	(3 years):	2 Vacancies
(3 members)	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	(continuous):	1 Vacancy



Sign-ups will be available beginning in September. Help on any committee is appreciated; however, it's the commitment that gives the most support and allows for binding fellowship. If you have doubts, try visiting a committee of interest. Our nominating search has begun!

Nominating contact info: Sue MacPhee: ph (508) 832-9347 (or) Judi Taft: ph (508) 341-4530

WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

There will be a Worship Planning Meeting after the worship service on September 15th. In addition to Pastor Brian, Jean McPherson (Dir. of Religious Ed.), and Paulette LaBarre (Organist/Choir Director), representatives from each of the following committees are expected to attend: BOCE, Board of Deacons, and the Music Committee.

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy Fall, everyone! We hope you had a fun and energizing summer.

This Fall, we'll be exploring our Stewardship theme:

**WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE:
HELPING EACH OTHER, OUR CHURCH, AND OUR WORLD**

This theme speaks to all of us who have felt God's power in times of sorrow, joy, or wonder. We know that all is possible with God -- and this inspires us and gives us energy to spread His love to each other, our church, and our world. We can find this idea in many places in the Bible:

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.
- Mark 10:27

And in the secular world we find it as well:

We all have possibilities we don't know about. We can do things we don't even dream we can do.
- Dale Carnegie

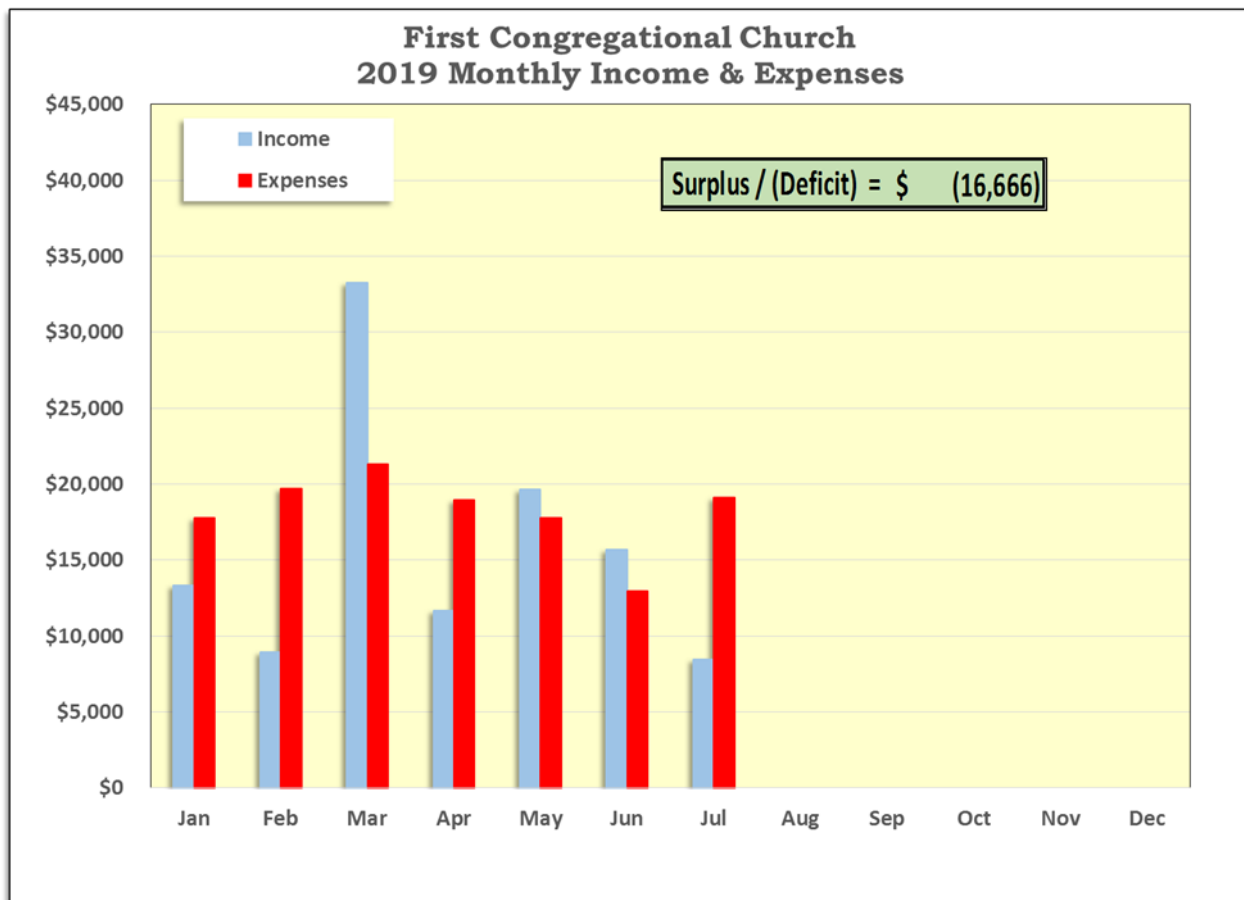
The spiritual world guides our everyday world. God gives us the energy, the tenacity, and the good will towards others to make the world a better place. We can bring the change we want to see. As we know, First Congregational is helping the community and our faith family in so many ways. Your Stewardship pledges enable this to happen.

We will be sharing more thoughts on this theme as the year unfolds.

And we are looking forward to sharing Consecration Sunday with you on **October 13**.

In His love, your Stewardship Committee —

Michelle Bigelow, Nan Johnson, Ellie Lowell, Debbie Mahlert, Linda Mahlert, Martha Pappas



Our thanks to Nick Stockhaus, Treasurer, for providing us with this 2019 financial “snapshot.”

The Pumpkin Patch will be opening soon!

The pumpkins will be arriving at the Church on September 28th at 8 a.m.

☺ Help is needed for the pumpkin arrival! ☺

Please mark your calendar to unload pumpkins on Sat., September 28th, at 8:00 AM. 🍷 🍷 🍷

Last year it was a very difficult time due to a lack of manpower, so if we could have **all hands on deck**, that would be awesome. We also need volunteers to cover the sales booth from 10 - 2 and 2 - 6. Please look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you in advance. Coffee and donuts and hugs will be available to all.

The Pumpkin Patch Committee

- Linda Mahlert
- Deb Mahlert
- Sheila Skog
- Judi Taft



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