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2006 *Herald of Good* TIDINGS

**From the Pulpit**

This summer a By-law Review Committee has been reviewing the Constitution and By-laws of the church to make suggestions to the church about any changes that might help us better reflect the ideals and practices of the church in this very basic document.

Our issue that has provoked serious discussion is the section defining membership in First Congregational Church, its rights and responsibilities. In the best of all situations members would take their responsibilities very seriously, fulfilling the commitment made at the time they joined the church.

The constitution includes the covenant that binds us together as a congregation of God's people. It is a promise made to God, Jesus Christ, and the other members of the church to be faithful to one's responsibilities.

**The Covenant of  
First Congregational Church**

We covenant with the Lord and with one another  
and do bind ourselves together  
in professing Christian belief and purpose,  
in promising to prayerfully study the Bible  
as our rule of faith and practice,  
in striving after holiness of heart  
and entire conformity of life  
to requirements of God's Word,  
in consecrating ourselves, our time, talents, and treasures  
to the strengthening of the cause of Christ around us  
and its establishment in the whole world. Amen.

In the By-laws there is a further definition of membership:

**Article II**

**Section 3. Responsibilities**

Members are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Christian life:

- 1) To attend regularly the services of the church;
- 2) To share in its organized work;
- 3) To give systematically for its support and its benevolences;
- 4) In case of removal to other communities, to request letters of transfer to other churches.

I have come to the understanding that those members who seldom participate or support the church are exerting a negative power on the life of the church. It makes the church weaker, less effective, less involved, less caring than God intends it to be. While the church still does much with all of our members involved to the degree they can be involved, First Congregational Church could be so much more powerful in outreach and ministry. We could be much more effective in doing God's will for it, and much more involved in sharing the gospel in word and deed with our community.

We need every member doing all they promised God they would do. That will help our church become all that God wants it to be and everything you would like it to be.

Come, join us this fall. You are wanted. You are needed!

God Bless

Rev. Dr. Kenneth E Knox



### Our Sympathies

**Our sympathies** to the family and friends of Paul Standing who passed away on August 11th after a three year struggle with cancer. Please keep his wife, Jane in your prayers.

### Baptisms

We celebrated the baptism of:

Lisa Marie Faubert, daughter to Steven Faubert and Rolonda Vezina on July 9, 2006.

Meredith Rose Lynch, daughter of Jeremy and Jennifer Lynch on August 13, 2006.

If your child has not been baptized and you would like to consider it, please contact the office for an appt.

### Craft Items Needed Now!!!

The Women's Fellowship will be having a sale of craft items in conjunction with the Antique and Craft Show being held here on September 9th. We are in need of items to be donated for our sale. Holiday and fall decorations, knitted and crocheted items, gift baskets and painted items are just a few of the things we are looking for. If you can contribute even one piece it would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this sale will go into the Women's Fellowship treasury. This is our only fundraiser planned for this fall.

You may call Cindy Ryan (832-3416) or Cindy Dube (832-6646) with any questions.

### Antique Sale Opportunity

Do you have an antique you would like to sell but don't want the hassle of e-bay and it is too good for a yard sale.? Maybe you have thought of looking into a consignment shop but never have. Here is an opportunity to sell it and to help out the church.

On September 9th the Auburn Women's Club will be holding an Antique and Craft Show here at FCC. We will have a "consignment" sale of antiques. Bring your antique or collectible item to the church and we will try to sell it for you. If so, 25% of the sale price will be donated to the Women's Fellowship and you will receive the remainder.

Sonja Carr and Cindy Dube will be available on Aug. 30th at 9 am to help you price your antiques. If you can not make it on Aug. 30th, please call to have your item looked at and determine a price at which to try to sell it. Deadline is Wednesday September 6th to call.

Call Tammy at the church office (832-2845) or Cindy Dube (832-6646).

### Auburn's "Best Dressed" Business

In the interest of recognizing Auburn businesses who have made a substantial contribution to the community through the aesthetic appeal, physical appearance and exterior maintenance of their business property, the Auburn Chamber of Commerce will present its second annual "BEST DRESSED" business award. The forms are on a stand up board in Fellowship Hall.



Lisa Rockwood ~7/21  
Pat Bukoski ~8/5  
Heather Zautner ~8/21  
Jacob McPherson ~9/14

Happy anniversary wishes to  
Nick and Lori Stockhaus on  
September 14th!

### **The Auburn Woman's Club will hold a Craft and Antique Fair on Saturday, September 9, 2006.**

All Proceeds will benefit the AWC  
Scholarship Fund.

Thirty regional vendors will participate in addition to displays by the Auburn Woman's Club and the First Congregational Church Woman's Fellowship.

The Woman's Fellowship group will serve "coffee and" during the morning and a luncheon during the afternoon.

For additional information, please call 508-798-8765 or check it out online at [www.festivalnet.com](http://www.festivalnet.com) or [www.CraftLister.com](http://www.CraftLister.com).

### Director of Christian Education

I trust that you have been having a wonderful and restful summer. I know it has been going much too quickly for me! In early July, the back to school sale flyers had been arriving daily. Every retailer wanted us to be properly dressed in the latest styles and equipped with the most up-to-date technology and notebooks. Before you know it, it will be time for school to start. Soon it will be time for Rally Day and the kickoff of the Sunday School year. It is great to know that we do not have to have the latest styles or the most up-to-date technology for God to love and accept us as his very precious children. We can be clothed in his righteousness and equipped with everything we need for life if we will just put our faith and trust in him.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We are planning an exciting morning of fun and games complete with balloons, prizes and a special snack. Watch your mail for a special invitation to Sunday School, and be sure to plan to attend. We wouldn't want you to be the missing piece of our program.

Several people have come forward to join our teaching team, but we are still in need of a few more Sunday School Teachers! We have great kids, great curriculum and we want to work out a great schedule with you so that you are only "on duty" two Sundays a month. Please contact Judi Taft if you are willing to answer God's call to this important ministry.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Barb Jernigan

**NOTE:** Rev. Barbara Jernigan resigned from her position here at First Congregational Church to pursue her teaching career in the public school system. We would like to wish her the best and thank her for her years serving the Lord here in Auburn.

### Flower Lists

If you would like to have flowers on the altar to memorialize a loved one or to celebrate an event, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. There are several dates available that **currently have no flowers: Aug 27, Nov 19 and 26.** Flowers on the altar are \$30 and consist of two flower arrangements that sit in the brass holders. Flowers on the rail (when altar flowers are already provided by someone else) consist of one arrangement that stands separate and makes a wonderful center piece or cemetery arrangement. These are also \$30. The church will be happy to make the arrangements for you and Gatto's Flower Shop will invoice you directly. If you are not a member, please make sure the office has your mailing address. Thank You!

### A Note From Our New Treasurer ~ Nick Stockhaus

Please note that I have taken over as the new Treasurer for First Congregational Church. I want to personally thank Wayne Prouty for filling in as Treasurer these past 8 months as this has added a lot more work to his many other church activities (HWG Treasurer, BOCE member, assistant maintenance man, etc.). Even after I was appointed as Treasurer in May, Wayne continued paying all the bills for the church which allowed me time to get all of the Treasurer's records computerized. Thanks Wayne! As you may know, the Treasurer's position is a paid position that offers an annual salary of \$1,000. When offered this position last spring, my fulltime job was in jeopardy as my company was being acquired by a competitor and huge layoffs were expected. Through God's grace, I was able to survive the 62% workforce reduction at my plant. Therefore I will not be accepting a salary for the Treasurer's position, as I feel that First Congregational Church needs this money (more than me) to fund it's many ministries and outreach programs. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [Treasurer@AuburnFirstUCC.org](mailto:Treasurer@AuburnFirstUCC.org).



In the June Tidings we spoke of the “purpose” of Stewardship. The first of the three purposes of Stewardship is that we should glorify and honor God. How do we do that?

Proverbs 3: 9-10 reads “Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.” Verse 9 tells us that we should honor the Lord with our substance, in other words, our money.

Proper etiquette teaches us that if we have a guest over for dinner, we serve them first out of honor and respect for them. We treat them special and offer them first choice of the meal.

Do you offer your first fruits to the Lord? He may not be a guest but, in actuality, he is the owner of all that we are and possess. As you contemplate your pledging for 2007, you should prayerfully ask for wisdom and guidance as to how you could honor your God.

Stewardship: It's heart work. It causes us to examine the purpose for which we manage our money. When our purposes come in line with God's plan, our stewardship becomes a great blessing to God, others, and ourselves.

Our Committee hopes that each of you finds *Stewardship* a valuable addition to the monthly Tidings mailing. We welcome any comments and/or thoughts you might have regarding this publication or about Stewardship in general. Please feel free to speak with any one of us or send your comments via email to [Stewardship@AuburnFirstUCC.org](mailto:Stewardship@AuburnFirstUCC.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

In His Love,  
*The Stewardship Committee*  
 John Rockwood (Chair), Michael & Michele Schillinger, Al Boucher, Todd & Donna Dube

### **August 24 Building Use Seminar at 7:00 pm**

If you use this building for any type of function or meetings throughout the year and have a key to the building, we ask that you please attend our Building Use Seminar. This meeting will outline new policies and procedures for using the building. There were a lot of problems this year with “space frustration” and we would like to reduce that for the coming year. Leaders from the following groups that are required to attend are: Project Linus, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Here We Grow and a member of the Trustees and any other group that will meet here regularly.

### **Bible Study**

There will be a Bible Study on three Thursday's in September: Sept 7, 14, and 21 at 7 pm. It is open to all. It is beginners level. If you would be interested in a morning Bible Study, please contact the church office. If there is enough interest, we will try to get one scheduled.

### **Auburn CROP WALK**

There is an Auburn CROP WALK Planning Meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall from 9:30 am to 11 am. The Auburn CROP WALK is Sunday October 22, 2006. Lee and Bob Fenby are Auburn's CROP WALK Coordinators (508) 721-9096.



**Life Line Screening® is going to be offering 4 tests in less than an hour—  
Tests that can help SAVE YOUR LIFE.**

They are coming to **Hadwen Park Church** on  
**Friday, September 29, 2006.**

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-324-1851

Life Line Screening® is America's leading provider of quality health screenings. These tests quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause disrupted blood flow. Our screenings are fast, accurate, and available at an affordable rate. We provide these non-invasive, completely painless screenings using Doppler ultrasound technology.

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- 3) **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening** ~ screens for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities which is linked to coronary artery disease.
- 4) **Osteoporosis Screening** ~ screens for abnormal bone mass density in men and women.

Package 1-2-3 are \$45 each or all 3 for \$109

Package 4 is \$35

Sign up for all 4 and pay only \$129. Save \$41

Speak with Deb Pranaitis if you have any questions.

### **Aging vs. Alzheimer's Disease**

A free educational workshop.

Listen to a panel talk about warning signs, the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's disease, getting a diagnosis, community resources and the Family Caregiver Support Program.

**Barre Senior Center**, 557 South Barre Road, Barre, MA ~ Tuesday, August 22nd from 10:30 - 12 pm.  
Please RSVP at (978)355-5004.

*or*

**John Bauer Senior Center** in Paxton at  
17 West Street on Tuesday,  
August 29th. Please RSVP to (508)756-2833.  
Refreshments will be served at both.

The Family Caregiver Support Program at Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. Invites you to:

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING FROM THE CAREGIVER'S PERSPECTIVE**

Learn financial and estate-planning strategies to help ensure future security with:

**Emily Grimes Wood CFP ~ Financial Advisor**

**Where:** The Lorraine Nordgren Senior Center  
4 Goddard Drive, Auburn, MA

**When:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006

**Time:** 4-6 pm

*Refreshments will be served.*

**To Register:** Please call the Senior Center at  
508-832-7799 by Sept. 18th.

### Library Tidings

By Gloria Whitehead

Summer isn't over. Don't let those retail promotions snatch away these last days with less humidity and cool stargazing nights with a s'more in hand.

Wait a minute! Time to shift gears. This is supposed to be a promo for church libraries. Some very interesting books were given this summer so maybe it's a great time to set a fall pace and habit of reading for a while before "turning in".

Among books gifted by Marilyn Plue is *The House on Nauset Marsh* by Wyman Richardson. Though it's first couple of pages are upside down, the book became one of the greatest classics not only of Cape Cod literature but of all nature writings. Sterling North wrote a while ago that the whole flavor and mood of Outer Cape Cod were caught up in this memorable book. It's last copyright was in '72 but don't let that deter you from making a few updated comments on a good book for us to pass along to other readers.

Another of Marilyn's gifts is *Love, Medicine and Miracles* by Bernie S. Siegel, M.D. It's a former N.Y. Times #1 best seller which one of our caring parishioners gifted to those who were going through critical physical trials. To take a quote from a notable proponent of the book, "It explains how you can think yourself sick or well. It can be a lifesaver."

Hopefully the change in seasons will have no influence on the enthusiasm for reading another M.P. gift titled *The Enduring Shore* by Paul Schneider. In fact this irresistible biographical history of New England's vacation paradise Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket might be a great antidote for a blizzard. Esquire it's a charged must read for anyone who ever fell asleep in American History.

Gayle Farley, as manager of the gift shop at Tower Hill (you didn't know that did you?) sees and buys lots of books. This summer she chose two to gift. *God In The Garden* by Maureen Gilmore is a lovely week by week journey through the Christian year. On books like this you can borrow them for a bit longer and may want to photocopy certain parts. Just mention it to us. *Herbs of the Bible* is described as 2000 years of plant and medicine. It's author, James A. Duke, Ph D also wrote *Green Pharmacy*.

A big thank you to Marilyn, Gayle and all of you who have given books and continue to do so. We are requesting that **NO BOOKS BE GIVEN ANNONYMOUSLY**. We try to acknowledge all gifts (please let us know if we slip up) and remember, such can be a tax deduction. Books are scanned for their contents and, though we've had to refuse a few, donors have understood. Also, because of space, duplicates may be returned, given to another church or worthy cause. Finally, books should be in good condition and appeal to the readership of current times. Again, thanks to you who give and use your libraries ~ Adult and Children's.

Earlier in the year we wrote of *The Journey That Saved Curious George* by Louise Borden - the true story of the wartime escape of H.A. Rey and his wife Margaret. It's on the adult library table along with two of their ever popular stories, *Curious George* and *Curious George Rides a Bike*. Everyone who has ever heard of, let alone read to their children, any of the Curious George tales, should read of the courageous flight of the Rey's. *The Journey* has an adult book card in its pocket.

Tell us of any new books you'd like added to the libraries.

# Mission Moment

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## It All Began with Prayer, a Storm and a Haystack

**O**n an August afternoon in 1806, five Williams College students met in a field to talk, to pray and, like so many young people, to dream of a better world. When a sudden thunderstorm interrupted, they sought shelter under a haystack—and there resolved to offer their lives to carry their faith into service into “all the world.” This gathering came to be called the Haystack Prayer Meeting, launching the modern mission movement.

By 1810, America's first foreign mission society, the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, was formed by Congregationalists in Massachusetts. In 1812 it sent its first five missionaries to India. By the end of the century missionaries had been sent to the Near East, including Turkey and Palestine, the Sandwich Islands, China, and Africa.

What did these missionaries do? They translated the Bible into difficult and often previously unwritten languages. They built educational systems in their lands of ministry and were often called upon to advise foreign governments. They established schools and hospitals in all the mission fields. They trained native leaders to continue the work of the ministry.

After 150 years, the American Board had sent out nearly 5,000 missionaries to 34 different fields, and it all began with five young men praying in a haystack.

Sunday, September 24, 2006 is Haystack Sunday! Celebrate 200 years of our mission heritage—find out more at [www.globalministries.org/index.php](http://www.globalministries.org/index.php).

Did you know that your congregation's giving to Our Church's Wider Mission fully supports seventy missionaries, putting their faith into service throughout the world?

## God is still speaking,

### “First Day”

It's that time again and the “**First Day**” program is starting. This program, started by Bill and Liz Gibbons in conjunction with Auburn Youth and Family Services and school principals, provides children in need with school supplies, back packs and a new outfit to start back to school with.

It has been highly successful in the past due to the generosity of donors, and we are again calling on you this year as the need is great.

If you care to donate, you may purchase school supplies or a back pack or a gift certificate. If you wish to donate money, checks should be mailed out to Auburn Youth and Family Services. If you have questions, Avis Britton would be happy to help you!

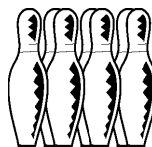
### Coffee Hour Hosts

Aug 20 & 27 ~ Deacons  
Sept 3 ~ The Johnson's  
Sept 10 ~ Board of Ed  
Sept 17 & 24 ~ Trustees  
Oct 1 & 8 ~ Historians & Memorial  
Oct 15 & 22 ~ Stewardship  
Oct 29 & Nov 5 ~ Prudential

September 2006

### Church Bowling League

Our new season begins this fall and we are looking for 2 full timers and any spare players that we can get. Please speak with Lori Stockhaus if you are interested or call her at 508-865-6439.



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### Youth on a Mission

Youth on a Mission had an awesome experience this summer on our trip to Marlinton/Huntersville, WV.

Some of the high points were the Greenbrier Birthing Center, the Denmark Men's prison and of course our dry walling experience for Lesa Moore and her family.

YOM will be doing the service on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope all of you will be there so we can share our experience with you.

Let me say that once again our church can be **VERY** proud how our youth represented their families, their church and their God in West Virginia, I know I am.

*If anyone is interested in joining Youth on a Mission we will be having our kick off meeting after church on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth on a Mission is open to ANY youth age 14 and up. We would love to see some new faces!*

Our first fundraiser this year will be for spring bulbs. Details will be available on that shortly.

There will be 10 of us attending the *IGNITE2* weekend at Camp Berea in New Hampshire on September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. If this goes well we could make it an annual event. We'll let you know how it goes.

YOM, along with this year's confirmation class, will be participating in the WAYS work camp on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>. This is community service on a local level, something we've been looking to do more of.

I'm looking forward to a busy and rewarding year with both YOM and the confirmation class. We're always open to suggestions and creative criticism. If you have any ideas for the group please feel free to share with myself or Randy.

God bless!  
Jennifer





### **Renewing of Vows Invitation**

Our church family is invited to share our joy as we renew our wedding vows on September 17th at 1:00 PM. Any who would like to attend the church service are warmly welcome.

~Dick & Linda Graham

### **Confirmation Class for '07**

Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be a very important information meeting for parents and confirmands. Classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and will run through March 2007. Confirmation will be Sunday May 7.

This class is open to any young person of High School age. The decision to join the church is made toward the end of class period.

Parents' involvement on a regular basis is expected. All are invited to attend the information meeting. Please let the office know you would like to attend so we will have enough material available.

### **Outreach**

First of all, thank you Pat and Alyse Bukoski for doing a fabulous job of hosting the families for Interfaith Hospitality Network! We can all be proud of their efforts.

(The Outreach Committee recently made a much-needed donation to IHN to help with expenses such as gas for the van.)

We hope that you enjoyed Reverend Shantia Wright-Gray's visit in June. She's quite an inspiration! Please plan to participate this Fall in some of the activities that Shantia coordinates as part of the Worcester Area Mission Society:


- Sign up to provide a "welcome bucket" of cleaning supplies for those moving into new apartments.
- Join in a "work camp" right here in Auburn on October 28th, and help a disabled man repair his mobile home.
- Travel to New Orleans to help residents clean up their devastated homes - trips will take place in November, January, and April. (Outreach might be able to sponsor your trip.)

For more information, please see the Outreach display in Fellowship Hall or ask one of us (Harry, Sue, Alicia, Gayle, Ernie, or Ellie). Thanks in advance!

- The Outreach Committee

### **Website Updated!**

The Church website has been updated with pictures from Children's Sunday, The Summer Solstice Celebration, and the Church Camping Weekend. The 2006-2007 Supper Schedule has also been updated. Please visit [www.AuburnFirstUCC.org](http://www.AuburnFirstUCC.org)



The Next Church  
Supper will be on  
September 16th  
At 5 pm  
Roast Beef



**Interfaith Hospitality Network**

**The generosity of this Congregation has been overwhelming.**

**You have opened the doors of this Church to the homeless.**

**You have made them feel welcome.**

**You have given with sensitivity and caring to families in crisis.**

The families for the most part find it difficult to articulate adequately the way they feel... but they do feel the disruption to their lives and the uncertainty they face. It is so difficult.

The involvement of the volunteers from the North American Martyr's Church, St. Joseph's Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the First Congregational Church is an ecumenical collaborative at it's very best.

At program start, six families were scheduled to participate. By Sunday, one family moved into their new apartment and one family had made housing arrangements elsewhere. We welcomed four families which consisted of four adults and six children ranging from 13 years old to 6 month old twins.

Diapers, Linus blankets, snacks, wonderful meals, one on one playtime, rocking chair time and many conversations --- what a lively week this has been.

The parents have asked me to convey on their behalf and on behalf of their children, their appreciation for the safe and comfortable week they have had here at the First Congregational Church.

We have had two updates on the families. Housing is looking very positive. We are optimistic ALL will find appropriate housing in the near future as well as the stability they seek for themselves as well as their children.

When kindness generates hope and reaches out to touch the lives of individuals in need, this Church community has collectively succeeded in the Interfaith mission.

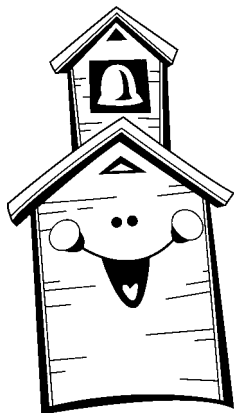
Pat and Alyse Bukoski

**Romans 15:5-7**

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

**Adult Choir Rehearsal**  
 Resumes on Tuesday September 5th  
 at 6:30 pm.  
 Choir will begin singing on September 10th.

**Joyful Noyse** will start on  
 September 10th with a 15 minute  
 practice after worship.



### Here We Grow Preschool

I find it hard to believe and accept that the summer of 2006 is almost over. *Here We Grow* Preschool is ready to begin its 18<sup>th</sup> year as an outreach program of the First Congregational Church of Auburn. As I write this article I am very proud to say at this time HWG is at full capacity with an enrollment of 126 children. We also have a wait list of about 40 children hoping to have a spot in the best preschool around.

The *Here We Grow* staff for the school year of 2006-2007 is:

Room 1- Michelle Mulcahy, Debra Nelson & Karen Banks

Room 2- Anne Coyne & Helen Ethier

Room 3- Pamela Mitchell, Chris Messier, & Robin Mancini

We also have many interested adults who are on our substitute list, a few you may know: Lori-Anne Stockhaus and Jean McPherson. We welcome them and all the parents who are interested in helping the program out.

With the classrooms cleaned, the staff will be setting up the rooms on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers report to school on August 29<sup>th</sup> for their orientation and to finish last minute changes. The first day of "school" will be on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> for the M-W-F am & Extended day classes.

Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup>, is the first day for the T-Th am & pm and T-W-Th pm classes. We are then off for a long weekend and will return on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

In ending, I am once again sending an open invitation to all church members and their families to stop in and see what *Here We Grow* does each day; I know it will be something you would be proud of. Until next month, enjoy life and the rest of the summer.

Respectfully,

Dawn Murphy,  
Director of *Here We Grow* Preschool



Monday, September 4, 2006  
No School  
Office Closed

## Summer Solstice a Success

We were again blessed with a beautiful day. It is so nice to see so many people from our church and our community enjoying themselves. There was a good crowd from the start of the yard sale until the concert ended and a light rain put an end to the BBQ. God is good.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it such a great day. Although we cannot name all who helped I do have to mention a few names. A special thank you to Debbie and Linda Mahler for taking charge of the Yard Sale (and recruiting the choir to help). It is a huge undertaking and involves many hours of work. Thanks also to the Stewardship Committee for organizing and overseeing all the games and crafts for the children. Everyone in attendance, those working and those who came for the festivities had a great time. The Strawberry Shortcake Booth sponsored by the Woman's Fellowship was delicious. Thanks to the folks at Silvermine Farms in Sutton for giving us such a big discount on the berries.

In addition to all the fun and good feelings we were also able to raise about 4500.00 for our church, some of which will be put into our fundraising account.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard!

God Bless,  
Cindy Dube

~ **"It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker."**

~ **What do you do if you're ever attacked by a circus?**

**Go for the juggler!**

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### **September 2006**

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