

June  
2012

# 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!'"*

## Summer Starts, Things Get Slower and Faster

June marks the beginning of summer; I also think it marks the most even tempered of the girl name months. The girl name months are April, May, June and July (though I am sure somewhere there are girls named August, September, October, December, etc.) In this area I think of July as very hot; April as cold and blustery. With May also having changeable weather and temperatures, this year's April was a better month than May. But June, to me, comes with warmth and good times. When I lived in El Paso, April and May were the best weather months. There were days in the 80's with cool nights - perfect weather. June and July were oppressively hot. I imagine in the south, April and May are more popular names. Do parents think of weather when they pick a girl month name? Probably not; I over think these things.

June in my mind is the month of being set free. Free from school. Free from winter boots and heavy jackets. It is the month when the Church calendar opens up. Meetings wind down and events are fewer. People are getting their camps ready for the summer; planning and taking trips now that school is out.

This month we will celebrate Children's Sunday and communion on the 3rd. We will have Scholarship and Choir Appreciation on the 10th. On the 24th of June, I will be swapping pulpits with Pastor Debbie of Edwards Congregational Church in Framingham. She and I are in a clergy group that meets once a month. The UCC wants to avoid "Lone Ranger Pastors"; Pastors who have no support, no other clergy to be accountable to; clergy to vent to and give support. (Though, we should come up with a worse name than the heroic "Lone Ranger.") It is thought that "Lone Rangers" are more likely to make mistakes, even serious mistakes of an ethical and moral nature, than clergy who are part of a community of other pastors, a community of accountability.

Another thing we will start over the summer is a new member class. We will meet after church. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our church please talk to me or call the office. My membership classes are low key and not at all formal. Rather it is a chance to talk about how we do church, and how the new members have done, or not done, church in the past.

Last, but not least, we have our new hymnals. Later in this newsletter are details in how to purchase a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one. The hymnal, *Worship & Rejoice*, was a unanimous selection of the Music Committee, the Choir, Heather and me. We anticipate needing close to 300 hymnals at a cost of \$15 each. I hope for half of the hymnals to be purchased in memory of someone specific. The rest will probably be bought with general Memorial funds. I hope we can dedicate the new hymnals on Memorial Sunday, October 28th. The old hymnals will be available for people to take home that day as well; especially those hymnals already dedicated to a loved one.

June is a busy month. Are there any months that aren't busy? May we have good weather this summer and you all have wonderful memories of summer 2012.

God bless you all.

Pastor Brian

## SERMON TITLES FOR JUNE

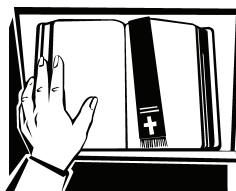
6/3 "Born from Above or Born Again?"

6/10 "You Want a King?"

### Children's Time:

6/3 "Have You Seen the Holy?"

6/10 "Our Windows"



6/17 "Why Not Saul?"

6/24 Pulpit Swap - Pastor Debbie

6/17 "Mystery"

6/24 Pulpit Swap - Pastor Debbie



On May 20th we celebrated the baptisms of John Paul Beaugard and Harper Rose Shoblom.

John Paul is the 10 month old son of Mark and Bree Beaugard. Harper Rose is the 11 month old daughter of Donald Shoblom and Stephanie Sanborn. We pray God's abundant blessings upon these precious children and their families.

### **OUTREACH NEWS**

In 2009, the Sibley Fund generously provided start up funds for the newly purchased property in Oakham, called the Dismas House (Farm). On May 5th, members of the congregation, members of the Outreach Committee and Pastor Brian visited the farm. We were curious and wanted to have first-hand knowledge about the program and the progress that has been made over the past years.

What a wonderful day we had. Lunch was enjoyed by all and the blankets Project Linus provided were very much appreciated. We met with both residents and staff, had all of our questions answered, could visibly see a well thought out, energy efficient working farm that has begun to prosper. Perhaps most significant is the positive partnering the residents have to the various jobs associated with farm life. It is obvious their previous skills such as welding, auto body work, gardening and live stock care allow these men to function in a positive environment as they transition back into society.

Through the Church's monetary contribution and belief that individuals can work towards improving their life circumstances, this Church has reached out to a population often ignored.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."

Galatians 6:9-10 NIV

For the Outreach Committee,  
Pat Bukoski

### **HERE WE GROW SUMMER PROGRAM 2012**

Here We Grow will be holding its 16th annual summer program this year. Each week we will explore a different topic in a fun, relaxed atmosphere combined with indoor/outdoor gym, enrichment programs, cooking, and crafts.



The summer program will be offered for 3 weeks. Each week is a five day long session from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost for one week of camp is \$150 for the 1st child and \$120 for the 2nd and 3rd child from the same family. Please call 508-832-8184 for additional information.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



I can't believe that this is the last *Tidings* of the school year! This was a very busy and productive year. As you may have noticed, the children are growing in size and number. It is wonderful to see the children that came in as babies that are now actively participating in class. We are also getting a lot of new families and that is awesome! Welcome to you all and we can't wait to see you in the fall when we start back up. By the way, **Rally day is September 9** this year, and as always, will include an ice cream treat.

**June 3 is Children's Sunday.** The day will include the annual picnic on the lawn. This year the Board of Ed. has graciously volunteered to provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. We ask that all attending contribute a salad or dessert to complement our lunch. Please plan to bring a blanket or a lawn chair or two, and spend a little while with the children and our church family.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the 30 hr. Famine until next spring when we will join the Confirmation Class. I believe the larger group will be beneficial to all. Speaking of Confirmation, we will be starting up a new class in the fall that will meet every Sunday 11:30-12:30 starting on September 9. Alex Brownwell has again volunteered to lead this group along with Pastor Brian. Thank you, Alex. Anyone interested in **Confirmation Class**, please attend the **informational meeting** for both confirmands and their parents on **June 3rd after worship**.

We are in the midst of purchasing a new curriculum and just finished a "sample lesson." This new curriculum is getting positive reviews from teachers and kids. It's a "workshop" based rotation method where we take one bible passage/story and present it to the kids in a variety of centers. Currently there are cooking, video, craft and storytelling centers available. The facilitators teach three out of four weeks in the month. And then they are done for the year! If you would like to assist us, or find out more information, please talk to one of the Board of Ed. members.

At this time I would like to thank all the volunteers in cradle roll and middle school who took a Sunday here and there to assist our youngest members. I also want to thank Jacob McPherson and Julie and Stacy Cove who were a constant in cradle roll. I also want to thank Lillian McPherson who took over the Pre-K -Gr. 2 classroom. Each week she would come prepared with lessons, crafts and a positive outlook and with a room full of boys and an occasional girl - that was no easy task! Thank you also to our room volunteers: Caitlin Gardner, Karen Facticeau and Beverly Scobie. Lastly, I want to thank the Board of Education members Jennifer Bohn, Alex Brownwell, Ron Hanks, Judy Murphy and Carole Murray. You have all contributed to making this a very good year for the Sunday school and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May you all enjoy a wonderful summer. God bless you and keep you all safe from harm's way.

Jean McPherson,  
Dir. of Religious Education





## FROM THE PARISH NURSE

### June is:

Cataract Awareness Month  
National Safety Month and  
June 1st through July 4th is Fireworks Safety Month.  
June 3rd is National Cancer Survivors Day! We have several survivors amongst us. God Bless you!

**July is:** UV Safety Month. Use sunscreen and wear sunglasses!

**August is:** National Immunization month.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Debbie Pranaitis  
Parish Nurse



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

**Saturday, September 8th** when we'll gather on the Church lawn at **4 p.m.** for the **Blessing of the Pets**. Animals are an extension of the family and therefore, very much loved by their owners. By honoring the significance of these special family members, we provide joy and comfort to their owners and the pets benefit as well. So, grab the leash, crate, cage, etc. and come on over!

The Stewardship Committee is looking for people to share their stories of how First Congregational has helped them "step it up" to a more fulfilled life, or a new level of understanding or spiritual joy. If you would like to participate, please speak to Ellie Lowell, Shirley Hill, Donna Dube, or Linda Hardy. We'd love to hear from you!



### Summer Birthdays include:

Alyse Bukoski - June 16th  
Lisa Rockwood - July 21st  
Sue Anderton - July 30th  
Pat Bukoski - Aug. 5th  
Alice Carlson - Aug. 23rd

**Happy Birthday to all!**



## **Here We Grow** Preschool

**Here We Grow** will be graduating on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & the 8<sup>th</sup>. Spree Day will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have a little one and would like to join us for Fran Flynn, Magician Extraordinaire Show, stop in. He starts at 10:45. It is a very busy time of the year for everyone associated with **Here We Grow**. With graduation approaching fast, we go forward with many mixed emotions. We will be saying good-bye to some families we have known for a few years. But with that, it is also a time when we will be bringing in a group of new families. At this time, we all would like to say thanks for the support and memories that we have all been part of these last few years.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> & the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 3-day and 5-day program classes visited The Discovery Museum in Acton for their end-of-year field trip. The weather was good; the children, parents & staff had a great time. It was great to see the children exploring the many different areas & rooms at the museum. On May 17<sup>th</sup> the 2-day program classes visited Stowe Farm. The children had a hay ride, visited and fed live animals, planted sunflower seeds and played in the playground. The weather was sunny. All three field trips were complete successes. With finances so tight for many places, it was nice to support two non-profit organizations.

At the closing of this school year, our enrollment for the 2012-13 school year still has openings. They are all in the 2-day programs. Hopefully, we will pick up a few more children during the summer break. If you know of anyone looking for a 3 year old spot, please send them our way.

Our three weeks of summer program are just about full. Week 1, "Exploring the Great Outdoors" (June 18-22) we have 3 spots left; week 2, "Off to the Olympics" (June 25- June 29) we have 1 spot left, and week 3, "Fun in the Sun" (July 9-13) we have 3 spots available. The teachers working our summer program are: Helen Ethier, Cristi Corey, Anne Coyne, Kathleen Lanava, Michele Fuller & Dawn Murphy.

In closing, I'd like to wish all church members and their families a safe and fun-filled summer. See you in the fall.

Until September,  
Dawn Murphy, **Here We Grow** Director

## Join us on June 3rd for Children's Sunday.

The day will include the annual picnic on the lawn with hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks provided by the Board of Ed. We ask that all attending contribute a salad or dessert to complement our lunch.

So, bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for good food and conversation as we celebrate God's gift of children!



### By-Law Committee

Our current Constitution and By-Laws require a complete review every 5 years by a committee representative of the congregation, and approved by the Council. The review is due next year, so the Council is requesting volunteers who are interested in being a part of this group, so we can approve the committee to begin the review process. I have also requested the individual boards and committees to begin a review of their portion of the bylaws so they can provide input to the new By-Law Committee. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Thanks,  
Stu Campbell, Chairman Church Council



### YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET/CRAFT FAIR

This event, sponsored by FASCA (Friends of the Auburn Senior Center), will be held rain or shine on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive in Auburn. Inside tables (\$20) and outside spaces (\$10) are available, along with a lovely gazebo space available for \$35. The proceeds from table and space rentals will be used to support programs and events at the senior center.

Take advantage of this opportunity to gather up those items sitting in your garage, attic or basement and sell them at this wonderful community event. All are welcome to participate. For more information about table and space reservations, please call FASCA Member, Ann Weston at 508-832-2833.

### Church World Service - Blankets+

Blankets+ (formerly called Tools & Blankets) is a special mission opportunity that can involve all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the United States hold CWS Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world, including the U.S.

Your contributions provide the means to transform lives and communities when they are faced with an emergency or simply struggling to put food on the table. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

Church World Service Blankets+ . . . It's about blankets and so much more!

Please make checks out to First Congregational Church and note "Blankets+" in the memo section. You can place an offering in the collection plate on Sunday, or mail it to us at First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., Auburn. Also, if you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one, CWS has provided us with cards for this purpose including special cards appropriate for Father's Day. Look for cards on the table in Fellowship Hall.

(There is no charge for the cards when making a donation.)

New  
Hymnals



New hymnals have been selected to replace the old ones. What better way to remember loved ones than to purchase hymnals in their honor and memory and raise our voices in song?

We will be purchasing 300 copies for a total expenditure of \$4,500. The purchase price is \$15 each. They will dedicate them on Memorial Sunday, October 28th. We need final orders by September 16th. Won't you please purchase one or more in honor of and/or memory of loved ones? We will have book plates for your dedications. Please complete an order form and include a check payable to First Congregational Church earmarked "Memorial Fund – Hymnal."

Thank you for your help.  
The Memorial Committee

**HYMNAL ORDER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) hymnals at a cost of \$15 each.

Book plate should read: **(PLEASE PRINT)**

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3rd hymnal book plate should read: **(PLEASE PRINT)**

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*(Deadline to order is September 16th.)*



### Library Tidings by Gloria Whitehead

Just a couple of weeks ago, with a large shopping bag stacked to the top with books, Sue Klaucke arrived in the Adult Church Library with words like, “This is it – this is the end!

No further explanation was needed. For extensive years, Gloria Beauregard (Sue’s mother) has been gifting Guidepost novels and so the Library Committee decided to share our thank you note to her with the congregation. You’ll have to give her a copy of the *Tidings*, Sue, as this is the actual thank you note.

How about titles like *Blue Plate Perils*, the *Un-Nimble Thimble*, or the *Wicked Step Twister* to add a sunny curiosity to a reader on a dismal day. There’s a series of sixteen books and eight volumes compile the *Minister’s Wife* series. All of your books went right on the shelf, Gloria, no need for any scrutiny of contents.

A quick count nets about 72 quality, hard cover books which are among the more frequently borrowed. We’re very grateful to you for so generously enhancing our library for others to enjoy. We pray that God will watch over you in His loving care and may the contents of books continue to be a pleasure for you.

With Gratitude,  
The Congregation and Library Committee of  
Auburn’s First Congregational Church

It’s a delight to see new faces in church and we’d be delighted to see you in one of our libraries.

When church is open, so is the Adult Library. Borrowing is simple and explained under the glass on top of the library stand next to the display. As for the Children’s Library, it’s open before, during and after church on Sunday. Classes from Here We Grow visit at pre-arranged times for classes on Monday and Wednesday.

However, never hesitate to ask if there’s a special request. Subjects range from infancy to high school. Also, by special arrangement, we will loan a block of books for summer. Never hesitate to ask questions.

It should be mentioned that we have many wonderful contributors to whom we are indebted.

## **2012 RELAY FOR LIFE**

Celebrate ~ Remember ~ Fight Back

**September 7th - 8th at Lemansky Park, Auburn**

On September 7th and 8th at Lemansky Park teams of people will walk the track in the annual Central South County Relay for Life. Highlights of this event include the survivor and caretaker walk and the luminaria ceremony. We invite you to join us. It is not too late to join a team – or even start one. For more information contact Garry Mahler 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. 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.





**Charles H. MacPhee (1919-2012)**

Please pray for the MacPhee family due to the recent passing of Stan’s Dad, Charles H. MacPhee, 93, who died peacefully at home on Thursday, May 3, 2012. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Mary C. (Lester) MacPhee, who died in 2001. Besides Stan and Sue, he leaves his daughter, Nancy J. MacPhee. He also leaves 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Charlie was born in Boylston and has lived in Auburn for many years. He graduated from Commerce High School and proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He worked for Commerce Bank and the former Guaranty Bank. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church where a funeral service was held on Tues., May 8th. Burial with Military Honors followed at Hillside Cemetery.

**Theodore “Ted” W. Beauvais (1917-2012)**

Theodore “Ted” W. Beauvais, 94, of Auburn passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2012. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Alfred Theodore Beauvais and Marion (Messinger) Beauvais. He leaves his son, Theodore W. Beauvais, Jr. and wife, Christine, and his daughter, Ellenor F. Downer. He leaves 9 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. His wife of 59 years, Ellen (Baker) Beauvais, passed away in 2005. A son-in-law, Leslie Downer, in 2005 and his twin brother, Alden G. Beauvais, in 2009, also predeceased him.



Ted graduated from Auburn High School. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the United States Army Air Force in England. He worked for the railroad, starting out working on the Boston & Albany line, and later retiring from Conrail. He was a member of Joel H. Prouty Lodge of Masons in Auburn and received his 50-year pin several years ago. He was a Boy Scout earning Life Rank and served on the Boy Scout Troop Committee for over 50 years. Theodore was a member of the First Congregational Church of Auburn and served as church auditor and a deacon. He loved fishing with his family and fishing pal, Ron Klaucke. He also enjoyed spending time at the family camp on Lake Winnisquam, N.H. with his family. The family thanks Jan Leonard and the parish nurse, Deborah Pranaitis, for the care they gave him.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 1 at our Church. Memorial contributions in Ted’s memory may be made to the First Congregational Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn, MA 01501. Please keep Ted’s family in your prayers at this time.

**Summer Church Office Hours:**

Beginning the last week in June, church office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will return to a 5 day week on Aug. 20th. Since Pastor Brian is often out visiting shut-ins and hospitalized members, and due to Pastor and Denise’s planned vacation time, it’s best to call first before coming to the church office during the summer months.



Come, as we gather at the church for potluck suppers and book/movie discussions.

We’ll be gathering on **June 26th at 6 PM** to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All ages are invited to join us for any or all parts of the evening.



## First Congregational Church's Scholarship Committee Announces Recipients

**Alyssa Cariglio**, daughter of Steven and Cindy Cariglio, and granddaughter of Paul and Debra Pellegrino and Larry and Cheryl Cariglio, graduated on May 24<sup>th</sup> from Holy Name High School. She graduated with honors and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in Nursing. Alyssa will be awarded a scholarship from the Ruth Romkey Scholarship Fund.

**Julie Cove**, daughter of Lisa and Eric Cove, will be graduating from Auburn High School on June 1st. Julie is the granddaughter of Russell and Lois Therrien, Donna Cove, and Louis and Christine Cove, and great-granddaughter of Grace and George DuVerger.

Julie will be awarded a scholarship from the Jay E. Murray Scholarship Fund and will be attending Fitchburg State University in the fall to pursue a degree in nursing.

**Matthew Denham** currently attends Anna Maria College where he is majoring in Business Administration with a minor in Leadership. He will be awarded a scholarship from the Witcher Scholarship Fund. Matthew is the son of Christine and David Orbon, and grandson, of Larry and Cheryl Cariglio.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH AS THE ABOVE RECIPIENTS  
RECEIVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIPS AT OUR 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE.**

### College Graduates:

**Jocelyn Bohn**, daughter of Jennifer and Randy Bohn, and granddaughter to Cindy and Mike Dube, and Judy Murphy, has obtained her Associates Degree in Business from Quinsigamond Community College and plans to pursue her Bachelor's Degree at Worcester State University.

**Olivia Chirsky** daughter of Stephen and Karen Chirsky and granddaughter of Bob and Carole Murray received her B.S. in Pharmacy Studies from Northeastern University on May 4th. She will receive her Pharmacy Doctorate in May of 2013 after a year of rotations. Olivia is currently employed with CVS Pharmacy.

**Donna Dube**, wife of Todd Dube, has achieved her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Worcester State University and is a teacher with the Worcester Public Schools.

**Jonathan Klaucke**, son of Ron and Sue Klaucke, will be graduating from the University of Mass. Medical School on June 3rd. He will complete his training with a six year residency in orthopedic surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center, in Baltimore, MD.

**Brian Koopman**, son of Christine and Tom Koopman, nephew of Laura Koopman, and grandson of Bob and Dottie Koopman, graduated from Clark University summa cum laude on Sunday, May 20th with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. Brian will be continuing his education at Cornell University.

**Kyla Lemke**, daughter of Jennifer and Randy Bohn, and granddaughter to Cindy and Mike Dube, and Judy Murphy, graduated from Worcester State University on Saturday, May 12th. She received her Degree in Community Health, and is working for the Auburn Board of Health.

**Taylor Stone Pichette**, the son of Skip and Andrea Stone Pichette and grandson of Maybelle Stone, graduated from Northeastern University, Summa Cum Laude, on May 4<sup>th</sup> with a Degree in Political Science/International Affairs. He is currently working in Washington, DC where he will attend graduate school.

**Eric Pranaitis**, son of Debbie and Joe Pranaitis, and grandson to Phyllis Hardy, graduated from the University of Maine at Orono on Sat., May 5<sup>th</sup>. He received his Degree in Chemical Engineering and has accepted a position as Technical Sales Engineer with Nalco Co. and will be training for 6 months in Chicago beginning in July.

**CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR GRADUATES!**



**Coffee Hour Hosts**

- 6/3 ~ Personnel Committee
- 6/10 ~ Trustees
- 6/17 ~ Outreach Committee
- 6/24 ~ Deacons
- 7/1 ~ Stewardship Committee
- 7/8 ~ Prudential Committee
- 7/15 ~ Financial Sec'y/Treasurers
- 7/22 ~ Deacons
- 7/29 ~ Music Committee
- 8/5 ~ Board of Ed
- 8/12 ~ Library Committee
- 8/19 ~ Outreach Committee
- 8/26 ~ Deacons
- 9/2 ~ Trustees
- 9/9 ~ Board of Ed.

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY SUPPER**

Our next Community Supper will be held in September. It will be a special outreach supper and many church volunteers will be needed to ensure its success. So, please purpose today to be a part of this event. The date is yet to be determined, so look for additional information in the September *Tidings* and future bulletins. Thank you!

**FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH**

Remember Dad this Father's Day!

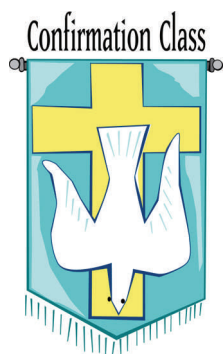
"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." — Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no July or August Tidings. Look for our next issue in September and have a great summer!**



Congratulations go out to the Schillinger Family on the recent birth of

**Elsa Rosina Hartmann.** Elsa is the granddaughter of Michele and Mike Schillinger. Elsa made her appearance on May 17th weighing in at 8 lbs., 9 oz. and 22 inches long. She joins parents, Shannon and Craig, and big brother, Hendrix. Congratulations to all!



**ATTENTION ALL 8TH AND 9TH GRADE STUDENTS**

We will be starting a Confirmation Class in September. There will be an informational meeting immediately following our worship service on Sunday, June 3rd, for all parents and confirmands.

Confirmation Classes will be held weekly on Sundays in the green room from 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. beginning September 9th.



*First Congregational Church of Auburn*  
**11th Annual Golf Tournament**  
 Saturday, August 4th, 2012  
**Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford**  
**12:30 p.m. Registration - 1:30 p.m. Tee-off**

**\$100 per player - includes golf, cart and dinner!**  
**Non-golfers welcome to join us for dinner - \$30 per person**

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Players:

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Sponsor a Hole - \$100.00

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

or Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: First Congregational Church (write "GOLF" in memo)

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