



# *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

How do you know if you are the most powerful person who ever lived? Is it Bill Gates who at one time was the richest person in the history of the world, and is now using that fortune to eradicate disease? Is it Genghis Khan who ruled the largest empire in the world? If you ever get to the level of Bill Gates or Genghis Khan, how will you know if you are the greatest?

Well, Augustus Caesar wanted his adopted father to be remembered forever. So he made up a new month and called it July. That worked so well he made a month August for himself. He also stole 2 days from February to make July and August 31-day months so he and his family would be honored for the maximum amount of time. Now that is power; changing the very nature of time.

September, October, November, and December . . . everywhere else September is seven, October is eight, November is nine, and December is ten. With July and August added in, September and all the other months got pushed 2 places, so that they are now the 9th to the 12th months instead of the 7th to the 10th.

Genghis is known for war and death. The Caesars were builders, but also schemers, who killed any they felt were a threat.

I have great respect for Bill Gates. He is working to end polio, malaria, and AIDS. He is also working to make the life of the very poor much better. I am sure there is some arrogance or pride in his quest, but his foundation is doing so much good, his ego is negligible compared to the good he is doing.

What will be remembered a thousand years from now? Think of what you know of history. You know Jesus, and Augustus was Caesar, but probably little else. I believe in one thousand years people will remember we landed on the moon. “One small step for (a) man. One giant leap for mankind.” Also remembered will be the eradication of small pox. If we can add eradication of malaria, polio and AIDS that will be a great gift to the future. Bill Gates will not have done that work by himself. The Rotary Clubs have been working to end polio for years. Workers in many countries have worked and are working to end suffering and disease. No great man can accomplish anything without the help of many other people.

Maybe the true sign of a person’s greatness is how many lives they touch and the quantity and quality of the people who follow them. How is Jesus doing in the follower department? Are we, His followers, showing who our leader is by our actions? Of course we are — for both good and ill. People who do not follow our Shepherd judge Him on what we say and do.

Jesus Christ has no hands to do His work, but ours. He has no tongue to speak His words, but ours. Have we put God’s hands and lips to good use?

Pastor Brian

## **Bible Study Starting on September 29th**

I have been asked to have a Bible study, but people are busy. My thought is to have a Bible study once a month after church in the green room, off fellowship hall. This will allow us to get refreshments, visit with people for a while, and then retire to the green room to read and talk. We won’t need to make a special trip to Church and drop-ins will be more likely. I plan to wrap up the Bible study before noon. Please bring any translation of the Bible you like. There will also be Bibles available. No prior reading/study will be necessary.

**The first Bible study** will be about the “Word of God,” Genesis 1 and John 1. I hope you can join us.

Pastor Brian



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. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

### Potluck & Movie/Book Discussions

Now that September is here, we will once again be meeting for potluck suppers in the vestry (old kitchen) area. The potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m. on movie nights with the movie viewing during dinner, and discussion to follow at its conclusion. On book discussion nights, the potluck will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the book discussion beginning at approximately 6:30-6:45 p.m. You do NOT have to read the book, if you just want to come for food and fellowship, please do!

Tuesday, Sept. 17 - *The Best Years of Our Lives* - 5:30 p.m. start time

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - *The Book of Ruth* - (Old Testament Book of the Bible) 6 p.m. start time

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - *Prince of Egypt* - 5:30 p.m. start time

Please look for updated schedules in future newsletters and bulletins.

We welcome suggestions for movies and/or books.

**A DRIVE FOR A DRIVEWAY** - The Church's new driveway and parking lot look great! As you may recall, the church membership voted to replace the driveway and parking lot due to its deteriorated condition. The congregation also voted to use invested funds to get this project underway, but the reality of the situation is, it is never good to permanently use these funds. Therefore, a campaign is underway to replace those funds. The goal is \$35,000. Thank you to those who have already pledged! If you haven't yet pledged, please prayerfully consider giving to the driveway fund. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated!

### PLEASE HELP ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In January 2014, I will be participating in Walt Disney World's Marathon Weekend by running in the half marathon. I am running to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At this hospital no child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay. It costs over a million dollars a day for this organization to operate. I have a fundraising goal of \$2,500 but there is no such thing as a small donation.

Any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please go to the following website to donate on my page and to read more about St. Jude's. <http://heroes.stjude.org/ShannonVayo>

Thank you!!

—Shannon Vayo

### DROP BY PET BLESSING ON OCTOBER 12TH:

Pastor Brian is planning to have a drop by Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 12th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the Pumpkin Patch. It will be a short time of blessing to thank God for our little, furry friends (and feathered and scaly). Please stop on by.



### ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE FOURTH GRADE & UP!

The Deacons are hoping to get as many young people as possible to take turns lighting the candles at the beginning of worship on Sunday mornings. The Acolyte would stay in church until the children's sermon is heard, and then would go to Sunday school. (Acolyte is the proper name for the one whom lights the candles.)

This is a wonderful way for young people to learn a little about being at the worship service.

After Sunday school on September 29th, a brief training will be held in the Sanctuary. Please encourage any young person to participate. They will meet with Shirley Hill, a member of the Board of Deacons.

If you have any questions, please call Shirley at 508-832-6335.

### MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING 2013

The Massachusetts Conference U.C.C. met June 14th and 15th for its 214th Annual Meeting at the Sturbridge Host Hotel.

Conference statistics presented for 2012:

373	active churches
68,968	members (estimated)
168	churches reported no change in membership
71	churches lost members
74	churches increased members
175	reported church school enrollment estimated at 17,972 children, youth and adults
217	churches reported youth groups
870	ordained and licensed clergy

- The meeting voted on a change in leadership structure to four ministry councils instead of committees and commissions. Also, attendance would be allowed by real time voice teleconferencing.
- The meeting voted on a draft proposal for a new way of funding the conference and National U.C.C.
- The meeting recognized 10 clergy who were celebrating 50 years of ordination, and 10 newly certified Christian educators.
- Among the resolutions considered was one urging divestment in fossil fuel companies by church agencies, churches, and members in response to carbon emissions and global warming. This resolution is to be presented to the U.C.C. General Synod by the Mass. Conference and at least 5 other conferences.
- As it does at each annual meeting, guidelines for clergy compensation and professional reimbursement were presented.

This is only an overview of items on the agenda for about 14 hours of meetings. This is also an opportunity to meet and greet friends and colleagues and re-affirm the wider church that we all participate in.

If you wish further details or information, please speak with me.

Submitted by,

Kenneth E. Knox, Pastor Emeritus  
Delegate

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

**Earle L. Brothers**, 85, a resident of the Overlook at Charlton and a former longtime Auburn resident, died Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge. He leaves his beloved wife of 61 years, Cynthia H. Brothers, and his sons, David, Peter, and Joel Brothers. He also leaves 5 grandchildren and a great grandson. He was predeceased by his son, Timothy S. Brothers. Earle was born in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Alfred and Estella (Wolfe) Brothers, and lived most of his life in Auburn. Earle graduated from Auburn High School, and Worcester Jr. College. He proudly served with the US Army during World War II and then again with the U.S. Army Air Corps/U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Upon his return, Earle worked for Firematic/Rockwood Sprinkler and later owned and operated Ledoux Market in East Brookfield for many years. Following the sale of the market, Earle worked for the Auburn Housing Authority and at the Temple Emmanuel Community in Worcester. He was a longtime member of our Church and a 32 Degree member of the Joel H. Prouty Lodge of Masons, Auburn. A memorial service was held on June 13th at the chapel of the Overlook Healthcare Center, Charlton with burial at Hillside Cemetery, Auburn.

**Rev. Dr. George Tooze** - Please be in prayer for Jackie Knox and her family as they mourn the recent loss of her brother, Rev. Dr. George Tooze of Indianapolis, IN. He passed on August 4, 2013 while vacationing for the summer in Maine. He leaves his wife, Connie, a son, Andrew, and his daughter, Kathy. Rev. Dr. Tooze was a minister of the American Baptist Churches in Beverly and Malden, MA with the bulk of his ministry taking place in Indianapolis where he ministered until his retirement.

**Douglas E. "Doug" Brothers**, 52, a longtime resident of Auburn passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2013 surrounded by his family after a short battle with inoperable brain cancer. He leaves his wife and best friend, Breyn J. (Benoit) Brothers, his three children, Matthew, Michael and Symantha Brothers. Douglas also leaves behind his parents, Edward and Jean (Marvin) Brothers; two sisters, Linda J. Mahlert and her husband, Gordon, and Deborah L. Mahlert and her husband, Mark, all of Auburn; nieces and nephews including: Stacie Cone, Daniel Fitts, Andrew Mahlert and David Mahlert along with many others. Doug owned and operated Brothers Security Systems for over 20 years. He was an avid Auburn soccer coach for over 18 years. His funeral was held on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 here at the First Congregational Church, Auburn with burial in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Douglas E. Brothers Scholarship Fund, c/o TD Bank, 614 Southbridge St., Auburn, MA 01501.

**Christine A. (Johnson) Koopman**, 56, of Auburn passed away Saturday, August 10, 2013 in her home after a 6 year struggle with ovarian cancer. Christine leaves her husband of 31 years, Thomas Koopman, and her sons, Stephen and Brian Koopman; her mother, Jeanne Johnson; her brother, Raymond Johnson, Jr.; her father-in-law, Robert Koopman and his wife Dorothy; sisters-in-law, Laura Koopman and Karen Urbanovitch; a nephew, 2 nieces and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Raymond Johnson Sr. She was born in Worcester. Christine graduated from Marion High School and Trinity College. Christine and her husband owned Bird Photo on Park Ave. in Worcester for 13 years, and Luce Package Delivery for 16 years. Later she worked at St. Vincent's Hospital, retiring in 2012 due to illness. Chris loved working in her garden, taking trips to Maine and Cape Cod, but she mostly loved spending time with her family. Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, September 29, 2013 from 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. at Britton-Wallace Funeral Home in Auburn, with a service in the funeral home to be held at 1 P.M. Burial will be held privately.

**Ralph M. Warren, Jr.**, 87, died Sunday, August 18, 2013 at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. He was a resident of Sturbridge for the last few years and a long-time resident of Auburn. Ralph was born in Worcester, son of the late Ralph and Esther Warren. He graduated from Commerce High School in Worcester. Ralph worked for many years at Standard Foundry in Worcester before realizing his dream of owning a grocery store. He owned and operated Brodeur's Market on Burncoat St. and later Anderson and Sundquist on Greenwood St., both in Worcester. Ralph leaves his wife of 63 years, Lois (Russell) Warren. He is also survived by his 2 children, Barry Warren and his wife, Valerie, and Melodie and her husband, Jeff Hanks, and 3 grandchildren. Ralph loved to sing and was a tenor soloist in area churches. He directed the choir at Millbury Federated Church and later at First Congregational Church in Auburn which he directed for 22 years. He also directed the Grotto Glee Club and other area choruses. He was a member of First Congregational Church in Auburn and attended Charlton Baptist Church the last few years. A private graveside service was held in Hillside Cemetery, Auburn. A memorial service was held on Sunday, Aug. 25th at Charlton Baptist Church, Charlton.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September 2013

Well, the summer is winding down and we will welcome the cooler days and nights. Vacation Bible School is over and another year of Sunday School is upon us.

During the week of July 15-19, you may remember that was the week the weather did not dip below **90°**, we had a week long adventure visiting our "neighbors" in foreign lands and learning what it is to be a good neighbor and share God's love. Although the numbers were small, the enthusiasm was high. I want to thank everyone who assisted in making our VBS a success.

**Rally Day will be September 8th.** This year again we will be using the rotation model in the classroom. As a change though, I am looking for a couple of "Shepherds" to stay with each group and follow them for a month or two. I feel that if we have some consistency in who the children see each week that may alleviate the anxiety some of the younger children are having. Since we rotate to different "stations" each week, the teachers change, making it difficult for the children to make a connection. If you are interested in taking on the role of a "Shepherd," please see me. Also, I will need teachers for the stations. This year, due to the number and ages of the kids, I will only have 2 groups as opposed to the 3 groups we had last year. This will mean that I will only need you **2 SUNDAYS OUT OF THE MONTH!** I am sure all of you could give up 2 Sundays to share your God-given talents with the children. I hope to see new faces in Sunday School. As I am sure anyone who helped out with VBS will tell you, the kids are fun to be with and it is nice for them to put a name to the faces they see during coffee hour. I will have a sign up sheet in fellowship hall for you all to choose a station and **2 week period.** There will also be a cradle roll sign up sheet for those wishing to help in cradle roll. Please remember that Cradle Roll starts at 9:45 a.m., so the parents can get the children settled and come to the sanctuary on time.



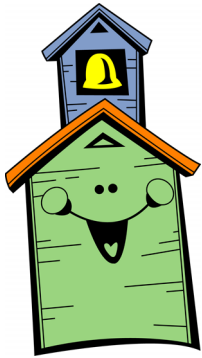
I am looking for a couple of adults to help out with Youth On a Mission, our youth group. Last year we mainly did activities with the confirmation class, but we will not have a confirmation class this year. I think it is important to keep the young adults active and I, as I am sure you, have fond memories of youth group when you were younger. Next time you see Rev. Bob Bachelder ask him about our youth group activities at FCC in Shrewsbury. Our first activity will be an overnight on Friday, October 4th, so we can help out with the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, the 5th. If this tends to be an incentive for you, food is almost always included when we are working with the youth group. Please speak with me or a member of the Board of Ed if you are interested in helping with our young adults.

So, as you can see, there are many opportunities to share your talents with the children of all ages. The kids like to meet new people, as I am sure you will enjoy getting to know them.

I pray you all enjoy the nice, crisp, fall weather and please pray about where you will best fit in our children's ministry.

With God we serve,

Jean McPherson  
Director of Religious Education

September Tidings from **Here We Grow** Preschool

Happy Silver Anniversary to **Here We Grow** Preschool. It's the school's 25<sup>th</sup> year of being an educational outreach program of the First Congregational Church in Auburn. On September 3, 2013 we will be opening the doors for another school year. With a licensed enrollment of 134 children, we will start the year with 118 children; (some starting when they turn 2.9) leaving us with a few openings in our 3 year-old sessions and afternoon 4 year-old sessions. As of this writing, I am still receiving phone calls from families wanting to visit HWG. Just the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, we enrolled 3 new students. I am hoping that we will be almost filled by September.

Our staff for this year are: in room 1 is Anne Coyne & Cristi Corey; room 2 is Mariann Lavalley, Kathleen Lanava, and Stephanie Stokes; room 3 is Helen Ethier, Patti Bickford, and Deanna LeBlanc and room 4 is Michele Fuller. Thanks to all who helped us get ready for the new school year. During the summer we had new floors installed, with the approval of the trustees. Take a peek, they look great. A big thank you to Marc for the great job he did preparing the vestry floor. Things are looking great.

With the end of 2012/13 school year, it was difficult saying goodbye to many of our families who had been with us for awhile. We wish them well, and asked them to keep sending their friends our way. Many, if not all, feel that **Here We Grow** Preschool is the best program around.

All end-of-year field trips went well, as did all 4 graduations. The 4's had a day graduation with a make-your-own sundae party. The 3 year-olds had a short program in their classrooms which worked out very well. All children and their families enjoyed Spree Day with games and entertainment by Fran the Magician. The 4's going on to kindergarten in the fall had 2 night graduations. They were spectacular. So, we made it through another successful year.

Now we look forward 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 —

Dawn Murphy  
HWG Director

### FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome back from summer, everyone!

We are excited to get back into the swing of things for the fall with our stewardship theme of *Delight in Giving*.

In the weeks to come, we'll be offering food for thought about giving and what it means to all of us.

We invite you to remember the times in your life that you have delighted your own heart by giving to others.

(How can we be more like a child who freely offers whatever she has — a single, perfect pear — and in her openness of heart delights both the receiver and God.)

Wishing you a delightful fall!

— Your Stewardship Committee  
Ellie Lowell, Rufus Guilford, Sue Klaucke, Rich McPherson, Cliff Peterson, Bev Scobie

*"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*



## 2013 RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate ~ Remember ~ Fight Back

September 6th - 7th (5:30 p.m. Fri. - noon Sat.) at Lemansky Park, Auburn

On September 6th and 7th at Lemansky Park 35 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. Survivors and their caretakers are invited to attend the opening ceremony and walk the survivor lap and attend the dinner immediately following the lap. There will be many activities throughout the event. **It is not too late to donate and/or join a team.** For more information contact a member of the D.U.C.K.S. team (**D**edicated **U**nited **C**hristian **K**indred **S**pirits). Team members include: Jean McPherson (Team Captain), Alex and Michelle Brownell, Barbara Cowden, Shirley and Steve Hill and Bev Scobie. You may also donate online by going to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and entering D.U.C.K.S. in the find a team option. Jean's name will appear with D.U.C.K.S. (in blue lettering). Click on D.U.C.K.S. (this will take you to their page where you can donate to their team).

### 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 again this year. I'll be walking 26.2 miles on September 8th to raise funds for cancer research. I started doing this walk for my mom when she died almost 15 years ago. This will be my 13th walk. I do it in memory of Nick's dad, Dick, and my Dad, Don Aker (who didn't die from cancer but had it about 6 times) and in honor of my friends, Karen and Carol, who beat cancer. If you'd like to sponsor me, you can donate online by going to: [www.jimmyfundwalk.org](http://www.jimmyfundwalk.org) and clicking on give, then support a walker and entering my name. Or, you can mail a check (payable to the Jimmy Fund) to: 36 Linda Ave., Millbury, MA 01527.

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 Resumes

**Choir Practice** will resume beginning **Thursday, September 5th, at 6:00 p.m.** We will be singing during the worship service on **September 15th.** 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 15th in the Sanctuary.**

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

**SEPTEMBER SERMON TITLES**

- 9/1 "Be Humble"
- 9/8 "The Cost of Good Pottery"
- 9/15 "The Fear of God"
- 9/22 "The Dishonest Manager"
- 9/29 "Hope in a Time of Destruction"

Children's Time:

- 9/8 "Getting What You Want"
- 9/15 "Seeking God"
- 9/22 "What Do You Do When You Are Sad?"
- 9/29 "When Is It Too Late?"

**Coffee Hour Hosts:**

- 9/1 Trustees
- 9/8 Prudential
- 9/15 Music Committee
- 9/22, 9/29 Historian/Memorial/Scholarship/Nominating
- 10/6 Personnel Committee



We want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our annual golf tournament. Whether you played, sponsored a hole and/or joined us for dinner, we extend our appreciation. We also want to acknowledge the organizational efforts of Paul and Lynda Gemme, Nick Stockhaus, Randy Bohn, and Todd and Donna Dube.

This fundraiser realized a profit of almost \$4,000.00!

September Birthdays include:

- Pastor Brian - Sept. 6th
- Jacob McPherson - Sept. 14th
- Laura DuHamel - Sept. 19th

Happy Birthday!



**Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!**

On September 14th Lori & Nick Stockhaus will be celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary -  
**Congratulations!**

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY SUPPER**

Our next Community Supper will be held on Saturday, September 21st at 5 p.m. 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. Look for more info to come in future bulletins or call the church office. Thank you!





We have had a busy and eventful summer at First Congregational Church. Now as we enter the month of September, there are many awarenesses listed. Some of them are as follows: Childhood Cancer, Infant Mortality, Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib), Childhood Obesity, Traumatic Brain Injury, Newborn Screening, Ovarian Cancer, and Prostate Cancer. It is also National Cholesterol Education Month, Food Safety Month, National Preparedness Month, National Recovery Month, Whole Grains Month, and World Alzheimer's Month.

Sept. 8th-14th is National Suicide Prevention Week  
 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day  
 15th-21 National Rehabilitation Awareness Celebration  
 18th Get Ready Day  
 18th National School Backpack Awareness Day  
 25th National Women's Health & Fitness Day  
 28th Family Health & Fitness Day  
 28th World Rabies Day  
 29th World Heart Day

I have set the date for the Flu Shot Clinic with the CVS pharmacist. It is Sunday, September 15, 2013. Your insurance will cover it. I have some forms already if you'd like to fill one out now, and I will keep them locked up at church. This isn't restricted to church members. We will do the same as last year, and that is to have the pharmacist set up in the green room right off Fellowship Hall.

If you need to borrow any medical equipment, please check the closet inside the door of the educational wing. If it's there and you need it, take it — please!

Children going back to school with backpacks, please check to make sure the weight is distributed properly. Don't let them hang down low.

Have a healthy, happy start into the season!

God Bless!

Debbie Pranaitis, Parish Nurse



On August 11th we celebrated the baptism of Dakota Frederick Young. Dakota is the 4½ month old son of Amanda Bubon and Rainell Young. Proud grandparents are Alberta & Brent Orcutt, and great-grandparents are Frederick and June Orcutt. We pray for God's continued blessing and guidance upon Dakota and his family.

### 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 Diane Moore (508) 832-8078 or Shirley Hill (508) 832-6335 with any questions. The pumpkins are scheduled to be delivered on October 5th and we'll need many hands to unload the truck. **Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall.**



Last year this fundraiser yielded \$8,000.00 in proceeds for the Church!



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