



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*

Welcome Back! Good To Be Back

As many of you know, I took a 9 week sabbatical this Summer. This marked the start of my 11th year as your pastor.

This was the first time I had so much time off since I was in middle school. Also, up north, I had no internet and spotty cell service. It made me think of the old days.

I well remember drinking from the water hose as a kid. Drinking from the hose had rules. If the hose had a nozzle, you had to let the water run awhile because water in the hose got very hot from the summer sun. You did not aim the hose at your face, rather you stood to the side, put your mouth into the stream of water, got a mouthful, and then moved away from the water stream to swallow and breathe. Then you went in for another drink.

I think the rules for water hose drinking are useful in other parts of life. Now none of us need another thing to do. Rather, I hope you take this as an invitation to do less.

We should not live in fear of missing out. We are just one person, just one family. We are going to miss things. There is too much news. Too many posts to possibly see, and react to all of them. So don't try.

Take time out from the feeds. Let things cool off. Don't post a reaction immediately. Maybe log off well before bedtime or not log on until lunch. It used to be only brain surgeons needed to be in contact at all hours of the day and night. Now everyone has their phone on at all times. Always being available is a drain on our energy and bad for our well being.

Being back home with cable TV, internet access, and cell coverage I have felt overwhelmed by the amount of information coming my way. Instead of sipping from

a garden hose, I feel like I am getting blasted by a firehose in the face. There is so much “news.” So many emails to catch up on. Facebook notifications. Photos to comment on, photos too perfect because they are more Photoshop art than a true photograph.

All this stuff is supposed to make us better, more informed, more connected people. But it is often too much. This stuff takes our time and puts our attention far away, and we ignore the near and the intimate.

A week after one hurricane, a new hurricane is hitting New Orleans. The local news outlets are covering it like it is going to hit us, but it is a thousand miles away. The hurricane in New Orleans does not deserve our attention the way the previous one did.

It used to be that I knew my local and state officials more than the national ones, not anymore. The far away intrudes on the local. But local is often more important.

The trouble is that there is too much, and not enough time for it all. We can do so much. We can learn about anything. Who hasn't gone online for one thing and ended up spending hours instead? There are so many good things and not enough time to enjoy them all.

It is hard to shut off the flood of info coming at us. But, like drinking from the hose, we have to pull our head out of the stream to swallow and breathe. If we don't take a break every once in awhile, we lose time to think. Humans need quiet time, time to consider and gather energy to DO something about the bad things coming at us.

I pray you got to relax and recharge.

God Bless.

Pastor Brian

SEPTEMBER SERMON TITLES

9/5 “Bread of Life”

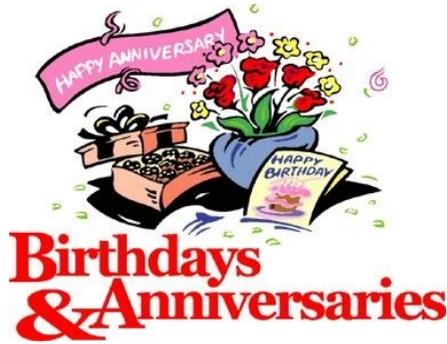
9/12 “Do We Love Being Simple (or Are We Too Arrogant To Admit What We Do Not Know)?”

9/19 “Jesus Warns of Bad Times”

9/26 “Purim - Jewish Halloween”

On September 14th
Lori & Nick Stockhaus will
be celebrating their 30th
wedding anniversary.

**Congratulations,
Lori & Nick!**



September Birthdays include:
Pastor Brian - Sept. 6th
Jacob McPherson - Sept. 14th
Beverly Geddes - Sept. 25th
**Happy Birthday,
P.B., Jake & Bev!**

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS!

On Rally Day, September 12, the Board of Deacons will be hosting coffee hour outside on the church lawn following the worship service that day. In addition to coffee, Hoodsie ice cream cups will be provided (in keeping with the tradition of ice cream sundaes to celebrate the kick-off of Sunday School).

Please look for a coffee hour schedule to come for the remaining Sundays in 2021. We will be looking for volunteers to sign-up to host coffee hours in fellowship hall following the weekly service.

Church member Carrie Grimshaw recently shared the following: "I had a dream about coffee hour (it was kind of like a potluck) and it was really good and nice to catch up with my church family. Please share this . . . and hopefully it will put a smile on someone's face."

FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

To the Scholarship Comm.
Thank you for gifting
me the Craig
Whitcher scholarship.
I am very excited to
start school and will
miss you all.

God Bless you
Rebecca McPherson

Thank you so much for
awarding me the Ralph and
Esther Warren scholarship
this past weekend. I feel so
honored to have been selected
for this award.

Because of your generosity,
I get to enjoy my sophomore
year at the College of Charleston,
where I am studying computer
science and minoring in
mathematics. Outside of my
academic pursuits, I am looking
forward to continuing to serve
middle school students through
the Mount Pleasant Wildlife
ministry.

Thank you again for your generosity!
Sincerely, Addison
(MacPhee)

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Happy fall, the weather is getting cooler and the kids are back in school. I hope everyone was able to carve out some vacation time this summer and enjoy family, friends and good weather.

RALLY DAY IS COMING!! Sunday, September 12, we will hold "lawn Sunday school." The Board of Ed. decided last spring that, due to the positive responses from the Spring classes and the unpredictability of the virus, we will again hold Sunday school outside, until further notice. For those of you that did not attend last spring, we meet outside by the tree on the lawn and have an activity that all can participate in. Due to this being Rally Day, I am asking ALL parents to drop their kids off and fill out a registration form. PLEASE PRINT, so I can read email addresses (that you check regularly) and phone numbers. I also need to know about any allergies.



CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin at 11:30 after the service on September 19th. We will meet in the green room (located just outside of fellowship hall, in the office wing). This first week, parents are asked to attend the first 15 minutes or so. We will also be requesting Email and cell numbers for kids as well as parents. We are planning to discuss upcoming events, so please have a calendar available. Confirmation will meet weekly after service till approximately noon. While the kids are in class, you are welcome to stay and chat with other parents in fellowship hall or leave and return for your child at noon.

YOUTH ON a MISSION will hold its annual pumpkin sleepover on Friday, September 24. YOM will provide pizza and have a sign up sheet for drinks and snacks. During this sleepover we will also discuss what the kids would like to accomplish and plan for the upcoming year. If you are unable to sleepover, please consider coming for a little while to participate in the planning and games and then leave around 10:00 p.m. We want everyone's input.

I also want to inform all of you of my resignation from my position as Director of Religious Education effective October 1. I have held this position for the past 13 years. I can't believe how much has changed in those 13 years; the years have been filled with so many memories I will cherish forever. Watching the kids grow into young adults and going off on their own has been inspiring. I would not have been able to do my job all these years without my church family stepping up when needed to help out. This church is truly a family filled with special people and love.

Thank you so much to the families who have allowed me to be a part of their children's lives. It has truly been my pleasure, and I feel I have learned as much or more from them than they have from me. You all have become a tremendously important part of my life.

Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your lives and for your support.

God in His wisdom will guide me.

Jean McPherson
Director of Religious Education

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2021 pledge statements from January through August of this year will be mailed out in September. To save on postage, those current in their pledges will not be receiving a statement. Please be assured that from every generous pledge received, no matter the amount, your gift of love and support, in turn, is blessed and appreciated.

As always, thank you for helping us with our year-end budgeting needs.

If you have any questions regarding your pledge, I (Sue MacPhee) may be reached at: 508-832-9347 (home phone), or email me at susiemac2002@gmail.com. Please include your name and call back number with some details that will help me in responding.

From the Stewardship Committee

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

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

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, SHARE OUR FAITH, SECURE OUR FUTURE

This year has been so challenging and chaotic! And yet we know we can always count on God, our church, and each other. We have helped each other through these tough times. We've made a difference in our community. In sharing our faith, we grow stronger. And in uncertain times, we look toward a brighter future.

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

And we are looking forward to sharing **Consecration Sunday** with you (in some form) on **October 24**.

“Our faith becomes strong as we express it; a growing faith is a sharing faith.” – Billy Graham

“Everything has changed because of what we're facing, but nothing has changed in terms of who He is in our midst. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” – Sally McClurg

In His love, your Stewardship Committee

Nan Johnson, Ron Klaucke, Marilyn Kulesa, Ellie Lowell, and Linda Mahlert

HWG JOB POSTING: Float teacher needed to assist classroom staff as needed.

Qualifications: meet DEEC qualifications including CORI/SORI and fingerprinting; physical within last 6 months, including TB test and proof of MMR; willing to attend weekly staff meeting. Must enjoy working with and have experience with young children.

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. until noon; Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Pay: starts at \$14.25/hour.

Please forward resume to: director@herewegrowpreschool.com.

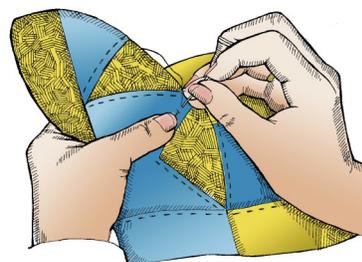
It is with heartfelt appreciation that the Board of Ed. wishes to recognize Jean McPherson for her many years of service as the Director of Religious Education. Jean has submitted her resignation effective Oct. 1st. Her leadership will be missed, however, we are grateful that we will be able to keep in touch with Jean as she continues on as part of our church family.

Please contact Tricia Gervasi at: trishgervasi779@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more about the Director of Religious Education position.

WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AS WE GEAR UP FOR RALLY DAY ON SEPTEMBER 12.

I would like to acknowledge all the quilting group ladies for their efforts. I have enjoyed being a part of this group for years; first, Linus, run by Carol Murray, and now, Auburn Comfort Blankets. It is a worthwhile effort enjoyed by friends.

Joyce Ringgard



QUILTING GROUP



I hope everyone had a safe, healthy summer. The Delta variant still has people concerned. Mask or no mask? I say, whatever you are comfortable with. Certainly people with other health issues should be more concerned, but not to say that the rest of the people can't get the virus. I know people who have been vaccinated and have tested positive. It seems they have had cold or flu like symptoms. Be careful and sensible. Wash your hands and keep your hands away from your face.

September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month, National Cholesterol Education Month. It is also Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Sports Eye Safety Awareness Month.

September 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day.

September 13-17 is National Rehabilitation Awareness Week.

September 20-24 is Falls Prevention Awareness Week.

I still have a like-new easy lift chair that I have to get rid of. All I ask is that you pick it up from my mom's house on Mill St. She never sat in it and the woman who had it before her went to a nursing home soon after she got it.

On Sunday, September 26th, the pharmacist from Auburn Pharmacy is coming to administer the flu shot. I will have 2 different sign-up sheets, just in the Narthex. One is for 65 and older and the other is under 65. This is what your age is on the day of the shot. I also will have the forms so you can fill them out ahead of time. Any questions, call me at 508-612-4521 or debpra@charter.net

Debbie Pranaitis, Parish Nurse

Dear People,

After a year and a half absence, the choir will be back starting October 3rd, Communion Sunday. Hooray!! Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 23rd, at 6pm in the choir room.

Anyone interested in joining the choir, please contact me, a choir member, Denise in the office, or Pastor Brian. We would love to add members to this beautiful ministry that so enriches our Sunday morning services.

This year has been difficult for so many people. One of our choir members, dear Debbie Mahlert, suddenly passed away last spring. Her place in the choir was always by her sister Linda's side. Our hearts go out to Linda and the whole Mahlert-Brothers family.

My family and I want to thank everyone for the support you gave us during our sweet Charlie's illness and death. Your prayers and concern helped give us strength through this most difficult time. You are truly God's hands and Spirit in this community. Thank you!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's mercy endures forever!" Ps. 118:1

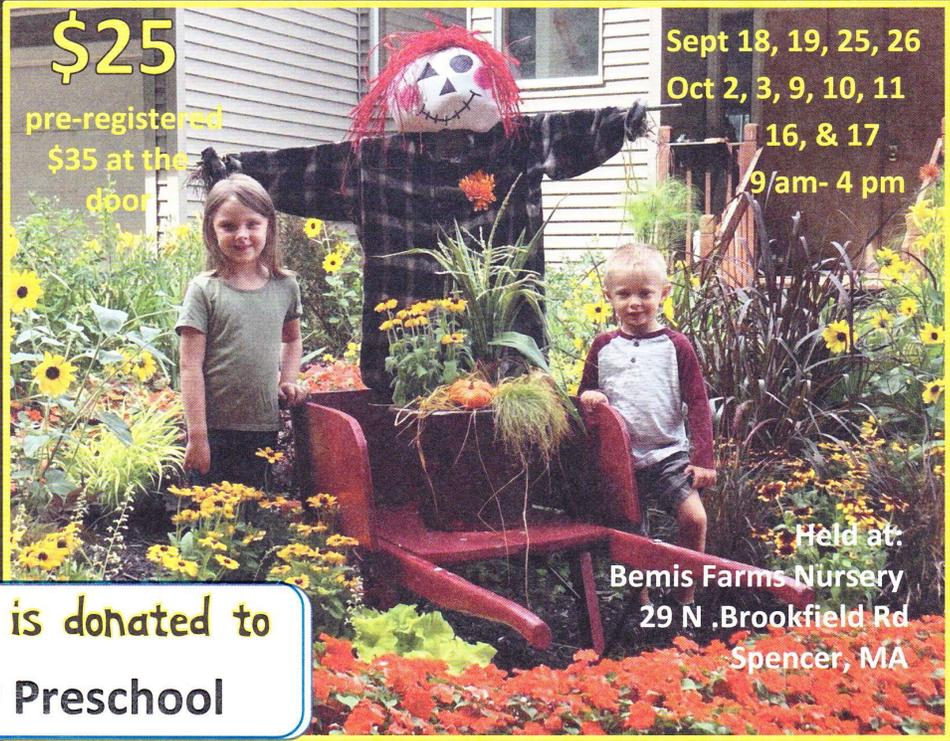
With deep gratitude,
Paulette

Make a Scarecrow, Make a Difference

Reimagined for 2021:
Scarecrow-in-a-Pot!

The frame comes attached to a pot of soil. Dress the frame with your choice of shirts, stuff a head with hay, and attach some "hair".

Plant a colorful mum and fall grasses in your pot. Tuck in a cute gourd, too! Then it's time for fun and games, as each scarecrow purchased includes admission to the Pumpkin Path for 1 adult and 1 child. Additional tickets are \$5. Children under 2 are free.



\$25

pre-registered
\$35 at the door

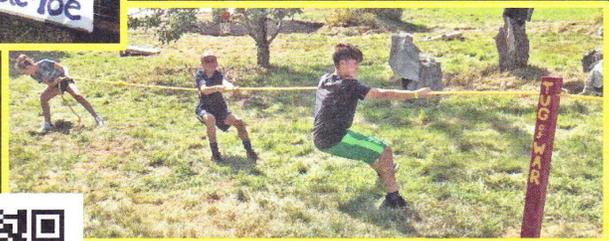
Sept 18, 19, 25, 26
Oct 2, 3, 9, 10, 11
16, & 17
9/am- 4 pm

Held at:
Bemis Farms Nursery
29 N .Brookfield Rd
Spencer, MA

**\$10 From each one is donated to
Here We Grow Preschool**

The Pumpkin Path is an Enchanted Field

where Pumpkins grow on Trees and kids, young and old, play Farm-themed games.



Pre-register at
BemisFarms.com

Open Staff Position:

As mentioned previously in this newsletter, Jean McPherson has submitted her resignation effective October 1st. Please contact Tricia Gervasi at: trishgervasi779@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more about the Director of Religious Education position.

Message from Nominating Committee:

With your help, the Nominating team is trying to fill **20** Committee/Board positions and **one** Clerk-officer position, before the January Annual Meeting. When all committees are full, then the wealth of information cycles forward from the active members to the new incoming members. We ask for your help and generosity to review the following list of committee vacancies. We then ask that you contact a Nominating Rep. or the church office to submit your name as an incoming 2022 nominee. Trust us, the interim Church Clerk and all current committees will appreciate your support! **PLEASE** contact us. Thank you!

The open vacancies without a nominee are as follows:

Committees

- 6 Vacancies for the Board of Trustees
- 6 Vacancies for the Board of Deacons
- 2 Vacancies for the Board of Education
- 2 Vacancies for the Stewardship Committee
- 2 Vacancies for the Music Committee
- 1 Vacancy for the Outreach Committee
- 1 Vacancy for the Nominating Committee

Officer

- 1 Church Clerk

The only requirement needed to join a committee or become an officer is to be an active adult church member who becomes elected at the January Annual Meeting. Note: Committee terms are typically 3 years; however, there are some shorter terms available. Should a term be shortened, the active member need only submit their resignation to the Nominating Committee for council records.

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please contact us:

Sue MacPhee, home ph: 508-832-9347 or email at susiemac2002@gmail.com.

Judi Taft, ph: 508-341-4530 or email at jtaft01527@aol.com.

Sheila Skog, ph: 978-387-7705, sheilaskog@gmail.com

Church Office Phone: 508-832-2845, Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Happy September, here's hoping that maybe now we can catch a break from the heat and humidity of an unusual summer and enjoy some more enjoyable, seasonal weather!

Via phone and e-mail, Outreach had one meeting this summer and chose to donate to three different organizations. A \$250. donation was made to the Joy of Music Program, a nonprofit community music school in Worcester. This was given in memory of 18 year-old Charlie Fosberry. Charlie was the grandson of our organist, Paulette LaBarre. Like his grandmother, Charlie was a talented musician who lost his battle to leukemia in May. The Director, Wendy Ardizzone, states in her thank-you note, "...through your special gift you are helping us pass along the joy Charlie found in music to so many others, including students needing financial assistance."

When the Surfside Condo collapsed in June, we contacted Church World Service to see if they would be doing anything to help support the families waiting to hear the fate of their loved ones. Although they were not, they were kind enough to look into what the needs might be and recommended we donate to Mercy Chefs, a faith based, non-profit disaster relief organization. Their mission statement being, "**Just Go Feed People.**" They provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers and first responders in natural disasters and national emergencies. Check out mercychefs.com to learn more about their work. A donation of \$500. was sent.

Our final donation of \$500. was given to Royal Families Camp. This is a one week camp for foster children run by volunteers from Liberty Church in Shrewsbury. They have expanded their program to include a once monthly Royal Family Club throughout the school year serving the same children with the same dedicated volunteers. Each child is paired with the same adult throughout both camp and club. "This gives them the consistency of a caring adult and, more importantly, instills in them that God truly does have a plan for their lives, they are loved, and they have a purpose." States Liz Belanger, who along with her husband, Ron, are the Camp Directors.

With just under half of our annual budget remaining, we will be meeting soon to discuss how to finish out the remainder of the year.

As always we are open to suggestions of where our church's money should go. If you know of someone or someplace that could use some support, please notify a member of our committee. We represent our congregation and welcome your input.

Cindy Dube, for the Outreach Committee: Pat Bukoski, Judy Murphy, Deb Pranaitis, Judi Taft, Marion Woodcock



A long-time member of our congregation, Marilyn E. Plue, passed away in 2018. Her estate was settled earlier this year. Marilyn left 40% of her estate to The First Congregational Church in Auburn. The Trustees have received the proceeds which amounted to \$168,586.04 which have been deposited in the General Funds of the church. The Prudential Committee has invested the funds so they will be earning interest. No restrictions or stipulations were placed on the use of the funds.

In addition to the generous donation to our church, she also made significant donations to other organizations and charities she supported:

- 30% to the VNA Care Network Foundation.
- 5% to the New England Historic Genealogical Society
- 5% to Family Services of Central MA
- 5% to Worcester Art Museum
- 10% to Clark University
- 5% to the Trustee of her Living Trust

Sincerely,

Stu Campbell, President of Church Council



Raise Some Dough to Benefit

Here We Grow Preschool

We will earn **20%** of the Sales from our
Families & Friends during this time!

When: **Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

Time: **4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Where: **459 Southbridge Street, Auburn**

Phone: **508-832-6583**

Valid for Dine-in, Carry Out, Online & Delivery orders!

- When you place your order, tell us you support this fundraiser! Hand us this flyer or show it on a mobile device, in order for your organization to get credit for your order.
- Online orders enter code **19** at the payment screen and then click apply.
- Papa Gino's will donate 20% of the total pre-tax sales from all the guests that present your flyer during the fundraiser.
- **Fundraiser orders are only valid with regular priced menu items and cannot be paired with coupons or deals.**
- Flyers cannot be handed out in or around the Papa Gino's restaurant on the day of your event.
- Flyers made by the organization will not be accepted for the fundraiser event.
- **RESTAURANT ONLY - Ring this sale using the POS button 19: Fundraiser.**

Beer & Wine, and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
available in select locations.

Here We Grow Preschool



Welcome to the 32nd 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 7, 2021 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 25 openings spread through our T/TH morning and afternoon and T/W/TH afternoon sessions. I am still receiving phone calls from families wanting to visit Here We Grow and conducting 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 or look us up on Facebook.

We have a few staffing changes for this year, as we have had one teacher move and some choosing to make career moves after being out for COVID. So, here is our 2021-2022 staff: Room 1 - Courtney Tomaszewicz and Jill Myhre, Room 2 - Helen Ethier and Jill Stohlman, Room 3 - Anne Coyne and Amy Smith, and Room 4 - Michelle Lempicki. I know these ladies are going to keep HWG the best preschool we can be. We are still looking for a float teacher for Tuesday/Thursday mornings, if you know of anyone looking for a fun part-time position.

Thanks for all the help we received to get ready for the new school year. Because we had a reduced staff last year, the teachers opted to clean their own classrooms over the summer to avoid having to move furniture. A big thank you to Mike Schillinger for all the help he gives Here We Grow and the great job he did preparing the classroom and vestry floors, and to Stan MacPhee for cutting the grass and removing the weeds on the playground. We had a couple of past student volunteers in to help weed the courtyard area as well as some members of the boy scout troop and the Middle School Honor Society here to help spread fresh rubber mulch on the playground.

Until next month, enjoy the weather and stay safe.

Cristi Corey
Here We Grow Director

*** **Please note:** we hope you will join us in welcoming Cristi Corey, Here We Grow Preschool Director, who will be sharing about the preschool program during the worship service on Sunday, September 26th.



We are pleased to announce the birth of Violet Anne Deso, the great-granddaughter of Bob and Carole Murray. Violet, the daughter of Olivia and Joel Deso, made her appearance on July 1st. Proud grandparents are Karen and Stephen Chirsky. Congratulations to all!

Please be in prayer for the following families who suffered losses since the last printing of the *Tidings* in early June.

Donald G. Post, co-owner of the Hillcrest Farm and The Farmer's Daughter Garden Center, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 20, while surrounded by his family. He was 89.

He leaves his son, Robert Post, and wife, Margaret; daughter, Cynthia Bertrand, and husband, Gary; daughter-in-law, Laurel (Johnson) Post; 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Don was predeceased by his brother, Claude Post, Jr., and his wife, Eleanor. His son, Gary Post, passed in 2019. Sylvia Cutting Post, the love of his life and wife of 53 years, passed in 2006.

Don was born in 1931, in Butler, New Jersey, the son of Claude Post, Sr. and Mary (Brautigan) Post. He was raised in New Jersey, working in his father's electronics store and was a successful student athlete, excelling at track and field, including running the Boston Marathon. Don was involved in scouting while in high school, and achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He received a full scholarship to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and subsequently attended Harvard Business School. While attending WPI, his fraternity brother, Charles Cutting, introduced Don to his sister, Sylvia. They were married at the Cutting family's dairy farm in Auburn in 1953.

Don spent nearly two decades leading Hillcrest Dairy's operations in Worcester. He subsequently had a successful career working as a sales and marketing executive for Sweetheart Plastics and Foster Grant.

After "retiring," he and Sylvia founded the Farmer's Daughter with their daughter, Cynthia, by initially selling produce grown on their farm. In the ensuing 40 years, he and his family grew the Farmer's Daughter to become a cherished and successful garden center and seasonal Christmas tree business. Don was known by his customers and employees for his warm welcomes, gregarious personality, dedication to his family business, and his passion for helping people enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature, staying actively involved until his passing.

Don participated in several community organizations serving as the President of the Rotary Clubs of Worcester and Auburn, where he made many enduring friendships, and as the President of the Mohegan Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He served the town of Auburn as a Planning Board member and as a Town Meeting member. He has been a member of several professional organizations including Massachusetts Flower Growers Association, Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association, and Perennial Plant Association. He was also a member of our church.

Don enjoyed traveling, reading and was a fan of Boston sports teams. He was fortunate to have spent over 40 years visiting his home-away-from-home on the north shore of Kauai. His business was his passion, but his true love was his family. A funeral service was held at our church on June 26th, 2021 with burial at Hillside Cemetery.

John G. Millar, 74, of Auburn, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at UMASS Memorial Hospital – University Campus, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Providence, RI, raised and educated in Barrington, RI, John was one of three children born to the late John Millar and Esther A. (Bischoff) Millar. He was a graduate of Barrington High School, before attending and graduating from Rhode Island School of Radio and Electronics. Upon graduating, John enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1966 and honorably served his country until 1970, when he was transferred to the Reserve. He then began his extensive career of over twenty years at Digital Equipment Corporation, from which he later retired from his role as Engineering Project Leader.

In his free time, John enjoyed camping, spending time on the beach, motorcycling, biking, and auto repair. He was known for his quick wit, joke-telling, pranks, and his ability to fix anything.

He leaves his loving wife of 53 years, Carol A. (Stephenson) Millar; his daughters, Kristen Kane, and her husband, Joe, and Carrie Paradis, and her husband, Arthur; his 4 granddaughters, and his sister, Jane Wass. Along with their parents, John was predeceased by his sister, Barbara Ames. The funeral service and burial with military honors were held privately for John's family.

Also, please be in prayer for Alice Carlson and family due to the passing of Alice's daughter, **Barbara A. MacIntosh**, on August 11th. In addition to her mom, Barbara is survived by her husband, Thomas MacIntosh, her children: Corey and Matthew MacIntosh and Amy MacIntosh-Ferguson, and her husband, Matthew. She also leaves her brother, Wayne Carlson, and his wife, Jill; her 4 grandchildren, and her nephew and niece, Gregory and Amanda.

**THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING, THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!
HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE PUMPKIN ARRIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 25TH!**

Please mark your calendars to unload pumpkins on Saturday morning, September 25th. The pumpkins are due to arrive at 9 a.m., but in the past, the driver shows up early, so unloading may begin as **early as 8:00 AM.**

In past years, 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 daily sale hours of 10 - 2 and 2 - 6. Please look for a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall once coffee hours resume in the hall on September 19. You may also call the church office, 508-832-2845, to add your name to the schedule.

Thank you in advance.

The Pumpkin Patch Committee:
Linda Mahlert, Sheila Skog, Judi Taft, and Pastor Brian



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