

E-News for the Week of Sunday, July 31

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Worship Participants

Celebrant: Rev. Nancy Wright

Altar Guild: Barbara Sponem

Communion Assistant: Johanna White

Liturgical Assistant: Audrey Stone

Lector: Herb Tilley

Organist: Ann Gnagey

Greeters: Karen & Red Martin

Ushers: Peter Grant, Charlie Cutting, and Jake Hansen

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, 7/27

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

Sunday, 7/31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and KidzKamp

4:00-7:00 p.m. St. Timothy Worship Service (rental)

Wednesday, 8/3

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

Upcoming Birthdays

7/27 John Qubrosi

7/27 Isaac Sponem

7/28 Susan Norton

7/30 Johnathan Fry

Sunday School News

The last KidzKamp is this Sunday, July 31! Join us to learn all about Woodland Animals!

Children's programs take a break until September 11, when we resume Sunday School.

September 11 is also "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday".

After the 10 AM service, our congregation (and others helping us) plan to pack 12,000 mac and cheese meals for the local food shelf. Each meal costs 25 cents. Please consider having your children save quarters from their allowance or their money, to contribute to this effort. Quarters might be placed in an envelope labeled Macaroni money, or GWOH. Bigger checks are welcome as well for this important and monumental undertaking. Think about it like this: \$25 make 100 meals and feeds 100 people. It is like the story of the fishes and loaves...a little gift offered can make a lot of meals! Please plan to help in contributions and in planning to set aside time to pack meals on September 11. A tall macaroni thermometer to gauge our giving progress is in the narthex. On this 15th anniversary of 9/11, bring the family and friends and do God's work for others.

Warmly,
Lydia

HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

JUMP NEWS

That time of year has come again - yes, it finally feels like summer has arrived, but also the time for the JUMP bags has arrived!

Our July JUMP bags are being collected now! You can bring in the bags anytime from now 'til the end of July. Last year we donated 60 bags of food. This year hygiene items are the most needed so the list has changed. Please note the items on the list and fill'em up!

Bags, lists, and encouragement will be available at church. As always, if you would like a personal shopper, the Dreibelbis Jr. Ushers are on the job! You give us your donation and Lauren, Noah, and I will shop 'til we drop!

Thank you so much for your continued support for our neighbors in need. Questions? Contact Beth Dreibelbis, 899-4557 or edreib2@comcast.net.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list!

Mac & Cheese Challenge

We've been talking about our Mac and Cheese Challenge but what is it exactly? Early in September members of the Social Action Committee will drive to Rutland, with a trailer, to pick up the bulk supplies and assembly line equipment. When we get back to the church we'll need help unloading and storing the materials we picked up. On the day before the event, volunteers will set up two or three assembly lines in the fellowship hall and stage the bulk supplies.

On **Sunday, September 11**, after the service, lunch will be provided and then we'll assemble to begin the process. A volunteer from another congregation, who is certified to oversee a food packaging event, will oversee the process that will, ideally employ 45 - 50 people. On the assembly line we'll use special equipment to carefully measure ingredients to produce individual packets of nutritionally enriched meals. 12,000 packets will be boxed up for efficient distribution, and the whole event should take about three hours, can you imagine that? Then we'll clean up and, later in the week begin to distribute the bounty.

So, we need your encouragement, your help unloading, setting up, and packaging, and we need your financial support. This is what Ascension is all about.

Want to see the work in action at another church? Watch a video

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGANKsERJrg>

The Property Committee Needs Your Help!

The Property Committee has a number of projects ahead of us. Some more urgent than others. Some are beyond the scope of our members and will require professional help. Others are "in-house" jobs doable by the committee or volunteers from the congregation. Check out the list of projects on the "Property Committee" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We welcome any and all help!

Mowing Sign-ups

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to mow the lawn! We have someone for the week of the 10th, but so far no one has signed up for the rest of July or into August. We've done a great job so far of helping to ease stress on our budget by doing some of our maintenance tasks, like mowing, ourselves. If you can take on a week of lawn mowing (or even team up with a friend), it would be a great help! The sign-up sheet is on the Property Committee bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Richard Butz.

Names Tags Are Important

To make it easier for members to find their name tags, there is new storage box on the table right outside the library in alphabetical order. Please find your name tag and wear it each Sunday, and then return it to the box. Lauren Dreibelbis will be maintaining the box.

Hymnals

The Worship and Music committee invites anyone to make a memorial donation to purchase a new hymnal. To accommodate all worshipers, we need to purchase about twenty new hymnals. The cost for each ELW hymnbook is \$22.50. The name of the person in whose memory the book is given will be placed inside the hymnbook. Please inform Pr. Nancy by email if you are interested.

Coffee Hour

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

Additional News and Opportunities

New Campus Minister at UVM

Joe Cotner, an ELCA pastor, will start on August 1 as the new campus minister for the Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) at UVM. CCM is an ecumenical ministry of the American Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), Presbyterian Church USA, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church (UMC) and has had a presence on campus for more than 50 years. Currently, Marcia Gustafson serves on the CCM board. In years past, both Pastor Nancy and Bill Valliere have been board members. More information about CCM will follow in the fall.

Film "Oriented" to Be Shown August 3 in Waitsfield

We recently joined Peace and Justice Center staff to preview the film *Oriented*, a feature documentary that explores the lives of three gay Palestinian friends confronting their national and sexual identity in Tel Aviv. As the *Variety* review stated, "The result puts a uniquely Middle Eastern spin on a classic coming-of-age tale." In making the film, first-time director Jake Witzenfeld followed the trio of real-life friends for a year and a half; the resulting 80-minute documentary has screened in festivals including the prestigious Sheffield Doc/Fest and Los Angeles Film Festival.

Press reports and the film's trailer can be accessed at www.orientedfilm.com.

When we saw the film, we were struck by its honesty and the integrity of the people whom we meet—the three protagonists, their lovers, friends, and families. Full of humor and insights grounded in reality, this is "probably the first film about gay Palestinians that is blissfully free of clichés" (+972). The documentary does not present clearly defined answers to the ambiguities that swirl around the young men at its heart; rather, it offers us space for exploration and conversation.

The Peace and Justice Center, with a number of cosponsoring organizations including Outright Vermont, Pride Center of Vermont, and Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel, will show the film at the Big Picture Theater and Cafe in Waitsfield on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. For more information and tickets, please call 802-863-2345 x 6.

---Mousa Ishaq and Kristin Peterson-Ishaq

Main Street Landing Black Box Theatre presents:

Bob Stannard & Those Dangerous Bluesmen

All Proceeds Benefit JUMP (Joint Urban Ministry Project)

Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 8:00 PM (Doors Open at 7 PM)

Main Street Landing Black Box Theatre at 60 Lake Street, Burlington, VT 05401

All tickets \$21.75 (Ticket prices include a Box Office Surcharge)

Every individual, regardless of age, requires a ticket.

This production is exempt from VT Sales Tax – documentation in show folder.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the direct link to purchase tickets.