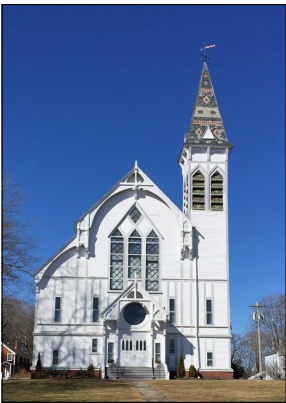


# ***From the Hill***



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**June 2018**



As I prepare my heart for this, my last month as your Pastor, I reflect how grateful to God I am for my time with you, and how thankful I am in so many ways.

For each important and amazing connection with God-

I thank you all...

At the Baptismal font, where we invite and welcome the journey's beginning-

I thank you all.

At the food pantry and Ruth's house, feeding, clothing, and helping-

I thank you for all the Ministry opportunities.

At the lasting good-byes, honoring the lives that touch, mold, inspire, and guide ours-

I thank you for the chance to walk with you.

At the candles lit in remembrance on All Saints, the big Christmas Eve services of carols by candlelight, or the first rays of light shared at Sunrise on Easter-

I thank you for the moments of joy and reflection in worship.

At the times we talked together, worked together, laughed together and cried together-

I thank you.

At the times we breathed and centered together and entered into prayer together, I know that God did and will continue to work through your faith.

God's grace is something unfolding in our days, and I pray that God's grace bears witness in you all, always.

***Now may our God direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.***

2Thessalonians 3:5

With warmest love-

*Rev Lorraine Edwards*



## Worship with us in June!

<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	Worship with Communion—Food Pantry Sunday No Church School Classes.
<b>Sunday, June 10</b>	Church School and Graduate Sunday
<b>Sunday, June 17</b>	Service of Godspeed for our Office Manager, Marilyn Crosby
<b>Sunday, June 24</b>	Service of Godspeed for Rev. Lorraine G. Edwards



### Summer Office Hours

During the Summer, the church office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 900 am to 12:00 pm.

Summer office hours begin, June 25 and continue will continue through Friday, August 26th.



During the summer months we hold our worship services on Wednesday evenings. The **first Wednesday service will be on July 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will conclude our summer worship on September 5<sup>th</sup>, with our Sunday Services to resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to lots of fun, good food with meaningful services.

## Greetings From the Diaconate

Alecia, Emily, Kristen, Marie, and Rachel wish you a very happy Spring! As we watch the trees bloom, feel the warmth of the spring air, and hear the promise of new life, we appreciate each of you, for all your contributions, and for helping us create a welcoming, caring, and giving church! June is an eventful month, so check our calendar for upcoming activities!

We appreciate our Confirmands and all the efforts they placed into confirmation, and we look forward to celebrating our Graduates!

We extend our thanks to Marilyn Crosby, our Office Manager, for all the work that she's done for us over the years! We appreciate her dedication, and for supporting all our office needs by organizing our programs, putting together all the bulletins and newsletters, in managing the office, and assisting Reverend Lorraine in whatever she needed! We thank her for all her years of service and for everything she's done. Please join us June 17, 2018 to honor Marilyn and wish her well in her retirement.

Goodbyes are always difficult, as are changes in life, but we invite you to wish Reverend Lorraine well in her next phase of life by honoring her June 24, 2018. We very much appreciate her years of service with us! We especially appreciate all the countless hours she prayed for us, lead us in worship, provided pastoral care, and compassionately

joined us in life's moments of mourning and in times of celebrations. She will always hold a special place in our hearts as we prayerfully send her onto her next phase of life as she leaves her position as our pastor. Just as Lorraine loved us while she served us, we pray for her to have blessings on her, the closeness of family, and to be surrounded in God's love and guidance.

Our church's strength is food and fellowship! We invite you to celebrate the beginning of summer on our church lawn at the Strawberry Social June 26, 2018! We will continue the food and fellowship and invite you to join us for Summer worship, which will resume July 11, 2018 – September 5, 2018 on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm for a light dinner and 7:00pm for fellowship services. We will have guest musicians, lessons from the Psalms, Bible trivia, and other fun activities! We look forward to seeing you there and having you as a part of our summer series.

In reading The Living Bible Translation of Psalms 23, it reminds us that our guidance and provisions are ultimately from God.

*"Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He gives me new strength. He helps me do what honors him the most."*

*Psalms 23:1-3*



We are having a Mini Golf Tournament to be held at Nunan's Nursery Ice Cream and Mini Golf on Sunday, June 10th at 1:00. pm, with a rain date of Sunday, June 7th @ 1:00 pm. The cost of \$15 is for 18 holes of mini golf, a sundae or a frappe, along with prizes. If you can't join us please consider sponsoring a hole to help raise funds for our building fund.

There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to sign up as a team or let us team you up with other team mates. If you would like to sponsor a hole, Nunan's will provide signage for individuals or businesses. Businesses can provide us with a logo and that can be put on the sign as well. When you sign up, please differentiate between - golfer or hole sponsor. Hope to see you see you!



## *Strawberry Social & Band Concert*

*Tuesday, June 26th, 6-8 PM*

*"Enjoy the Beginning of Summer  
on our Church Lawn"*

*Strawberry Shortcake  
Strawberries/Ice Cream  
Raffles*

*Help is needed with hulling, serving, set up and clean up.  
Raffle Items Needed*

*In case of rain the social will be in Fellowship Hall.*

*Any questions contact Emily Knapp or Janice Murphy*

## **Congratulations to Our New Members! 2018 Confirmation Class**



*Catherine Dougherty  
and Tori Orender*



*Cadynce Pesce*



### **From the Member-at-Large**

The Church Council is very interested in your ideas as to how we can grow spiritually as a church. How can we expand what we do well so that it reaches beyond our own walls? Please share your thoughts with me or with any of the Council members. Other thoughts and concerns may be told to me as well at any time.

Our Member-at-Large to the Council is Joanne Kelly.



### **Light The Church Fund**

Contributions for lighting the church can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to make a contribution or need more information please contact JoEllen Fielding at 978-352-6904.

***Our steeple is lit this month  
by Reverend Lorraine Edwards to honor  
the years of ministry shared together with you of First Church.***

**NOT ONE . . . .  
NOT TWO . . .  
BUT THREE !!!**

**We've raised funds to purchase  
THREE WATER BUFFALO for Heifer Project  
International!**

They will be given to disadvantaged



families for lightening their loads, giving them the opportunity of a lifetime to become self-sufficient.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING  
THE HEIFER SALE ON MAY 6th.** Two special donations came in that put us over the top of our goal! One was in honor of a son's birthday; the other was in honor of a close family connection with the Heifer organization. We are grateful for these

contributions AND the many other generous donations that overflowed the waiting baskets at the sale. Your donations to this ministry is heart-warming. It is a reminder of how very important our animal friends are to the health and well-being of the planet, and how humanity is intertwined with all creatures great and small.

Our gifts will be welcomed not just by the three families who will each receive a water buffalo, but also whole villages will rejoice!

Poor people and poor villages share whatever gifts are given to them. These animals will help the neighbors, and their offspring will be passed along to other needy families. The tradition of "Passing Along" initiates an actual ceremony. It is with seriousness and dignity that an animal is passed along to another family. This ceremony results in great joy and dancing in the streets!

**Total raised: \$786!**



**"The Sharing Basket"**

There you will find envelopes with dollar amounts indicating on-going church expenses. You are encouraged to take an envelope and donate as you are able. Please look for the display in the Narthex on Easter. We truly appreciate your support."

# Church Pantry Sunday is June 3rd

**Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**9:30 am—11:30 am**



We want to thank all for their generous donations to our Community Food Pantry! We have received a bounty of vegetables, soups, cereals, baking items. We still need the following items for the food pantry :

Following is a list of items that are in need:

Individually wrapped soaps      Individually wrapped toilet paper  
Paper Towels      Shampoo      Deodorant (men's & women's)  
Dish soap      Cleaning products (409, Lysol, sponges, etc.)  
Toothpaste      Tooth Brushes      Coffee & Tea      Canned Tuna, Chicken & Spam  
Juice Boxes      Bottled Juices

Donations of grocery store gift cards are always welcome. These enable families to get those perishable items that they cannot get at the food pantry.



**Pet Pantry Items:** We now offer pet food to help families keep their animal companions fed and healthy.

Canned and Dry Food      Treats      Cat Litter



Each month we have a group of people who meet to talk about books selected by members. Meetings are held in different houses or at the church. If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact the Church Office or any of the people listed below to get directions to that month's meeting.

All are welcome and you do not have to RSVP to attend. Below is a list of the books they will be discussing in the coming months in case you want to get the book ahead of time or you might just be looking for a good read.

Date	Title	Author	Hostess/Location/Phone No.
June 27, 2018	The Traitor's Wife	Allison Pataki 2014	Nancy Aberman Nancy's home: 199 W. Main St Nancy: 978-352-2793

# Our Music Ministry

Our music rehearsals are as follows:



**Band:** Instrument required. If you don't have one but can read music speak to Bob Knapp. There are always rhythm instruments if nothing else!!

We are planning to play on the front lawn again this year for the **Strawberry Social on June 26th!** For those of you not regularly appearing with the band please let me know if you are interested in playing and I'll make sure I have music for you. Here's the schedule:

Sunday @ 11:40am: 6/24

Mondays @ 7:00pm: 6/11, 6/25

Tuesdays at 7:00pm: 6/6, 6/20

Tuesdays @ 7:30am: 6/5, 6/12



**Bell Choir:** Ability to read music. Any age welcome.

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm: 6/5, 6/19



## FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to contribute flowers or make a monetary contribution for the Communion Table for an anniversary, birthday or a special occasion please contact Jaime Krenn at 978-352-7932 or the Church Office.



Allan Barlow

Benjamin Fregeolle

Sarah Moore

Michelle Bridges

Marion Harding

Vivian Rasmussen

Rachel Edwards

Michael Kalfin

Lindsay Tobin

Jeffrey Fehlmann

For everything you do,

Thank you for the love and prayers you sent my Mom, she surely loved and missed you all.



God Bless,  
Nancy Jones-Hoerst  
(daughter of Ruth Jones)



# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon. Rev. Edwards' Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:30am—12:30pm or by appointment.						
3 10:30am Worship 11:45am Deacon's Mtg	4 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental	5 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 5:45pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Band	6 7pm Boy Scouts 7:00 Band	7 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental	8 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7pm AA	9
10 <b>Christian Development and Graduate Sunday</b> 10:30am Worship	11 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 7:00 Band	12 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 6pm Finance 7:30pm Band	13	14 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental	15 3pm GS Troop 62977 7pm AA	16
17 10:30am Worship	18 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental	19 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 6:30pm Bells 7:00pm Band	20 7:00 Band	21 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 7pm Council	22 7pm AA	23
24 10:30am Worship	25 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 7:00 Band	26 <b>Strawberry Social</b>	27 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental 7pm Book Group	28 4:30-8:30 Martial Arts Rental	29 7pm AA	30

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*Our Church Mission Statement:*

*“To nurture those in our own faith community  
and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”*

We are an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ.