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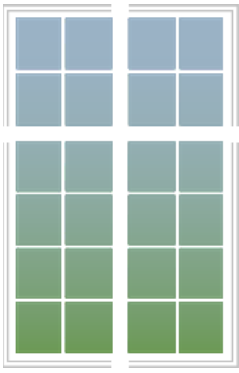
Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00-1:00, Monday - Friday

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Stockbridge, Massachusetts

August 2020 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Worship is at the heart of our shared journey. It is in worship that we come together bringing the fullness of our lives and our world, our joys and our challenges into the presence of God and one another. Through worship, we are shaped for the living of our days by remembering our story, loosening our grip, and welcoming unfolding truth. During worship, we bathe in the beauty of music, poetry, love, and family. As a result of worship we remember who we are, to whom we belong, and why it all matters. These are not new notions – it has been shared in this congregation back to Jonathan Edwards and in the larger church for much longer.

We have worked hard during these past months to engage in worship that matters. We have moved both our Sunday Worship and Wednesday Morning Prayer into online formats. We have expanded our imagination to embrace our present reality. We have connected in new ways to achieve long-standing values and purpose. I also recognize and miss the connection that comes from physically being in the same space at the same time.

On Sunday August 9, we will bring our Sunday worship outdoors to the lawn so that we might be physically together in ways that are safe during this pandemic. We are still making plans so that it can be beautiful and safe. We are designing a liturgy that evokes the worship that has long been so important to us. We are imagining a setting where people feel comfortable and are safe. It will bring us together in ways that are familiar, true, and life-giving. We are also committed to providing an on-line worship on that Sunday too for those who are unable to come. Whether it is a live stream of the

outdoor worship or something else, we will make sure that all can worship!

Starting August 16, we will begin offering another worship opportunity – evening worship at 5:00 p.m. on the lawn. This service will not try to duplicate our Sunday morning worship – for that will continue to be live streamed every week at 10:00 a.m. Instead it will focus on the idea of connection, and will include liturgies and music designed to flourish outdoors. Our preliminary imagination includes openness for moments of quiet reflection; new forms of music that are beautiful, theologically meaningful, and evocative; sharing of faith stories and reflections from lay people in our congregation; rituals that engage the body as well as the spirit; and a chance to linger under the trees as evening spreads.

I am imagining this worship not as a replacement or translation of anything else, but rather a new offering to meet these particular times. It will be a chance to see each other, hear from each other, and connect to the love of God and neighbor. It is a work in progress that I hope will provide spirit, strength, and resilience during these summer months as we can gather outdoors. I do not know what the fall or winter will look like, but I believe that we can and should take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen our shared heart of worship. I welcome your prayers, ideas, thoughts, and concerns as we work through this. We will be providing more details and information as we get closer – so stay tuned.

I cannot wait to **SEE** you and **BE WITH** you.

With love,

Brent

OUR SHARED LIFE TOGETHER

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	August 14	Kinney Frelinghuysen	August 21	Miles Wheat	
August 2	Jacob Geldert Damrow	Kim Ruffing	August 23	Jennifer Germain	
August 6	Susan Moyle Lynch	August 17	Helen McCormick	August 24	Joe Roy
August 8	Muriel Wermuth	Mary Lou Ryce	August 25	Kyle Germain	
August 9	Ashley Collins	August 18	Nora Randolph	Natalie Doerr	
August 13	Barbara Bracknell	Linda Hoddy	August 26	Jon Geldert	
	Ronnie Cunningham	August 21	Emily Brown	August 27	David Cooper
	Janet Canning	Joan Nimmo	August 29	Joshua Hall	
		Linda Russell	August 31	Steven Bankert	

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Moyle, Doris Schulz, Pat Nowak, Russ Fadding, Cindy Ogulnick, Sibylle Baier, Diane Vogt, Gary and Corinne Burke, Mary Jane Dunlop, Stan Osak, Jr., Philip Connor, Ronnie Cunningham's son Colin, Gege Kingston, Barbara Bracknell, Meryle Epstein, Lindsay Hermanski, Jeannie Smith, Natalie Newberg, Betsey McKernan, Alice McKinstry Hawes, and Jeanne Fleming.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH

From the Organ Bench

The praise of God can never be silenced; the ancient and eternal song of God's saving love and redemption will never end. As we endeavor to sing praise to God during these challenging times, it is the psalm prayer for Psalm 150 that expresses our faith, steadfast hope, and abiding joy:

"Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High—Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father."

While it is now necessary to have measures in place to restrict singing, as are in the best interest of the church and world at this time, we can continue to remain steadfast with the hope that God's message provides us. While we await some semblance of normalcy to return, we have a wonderful opportunity to be led in song each Sunday by our dedicated section leaders and, although congregational singing is not currently possible, we may read and pray the words of hymns in silence while they are interpreted on the organ, piano, or other instruments.

Right now we must do what we can with what we have, all the while trusting in God's grace, glorifying God, worshiping and making music to the best of our ability. Perhaps it was for times such as these that the psalmist exhorted us: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth" (Ps. 100:1).

~ Sándor Szabó, Minister of Music

Open Office Hours for Pastor Brent

I miss you all so much! I want to be able to connect with you. I will hold open office hours Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. In order to be able to connect with people one-on-one we are asking that you call the office and reserve a time with Will. When you do indicate whether you would prefer a Zoom conversation, a phone conversation, or a time under the tent. I look forward to being with you.

Board of Deacons

The Deacons are primed to facilitate the gathering for worship on August 9, under the advisement of the Regathering Committee. We are so grateful to the Committee and to Pastor Brent for all the creativity and care that are going into the plan, and we hope that the opportunity to gather together in person renews not only our faith, but also the joy in our church-family ties.

The Deacons are also focused on the benefits of live-streaming our services for those of us who are away from the Berkshires, “shut-in” for health or social reasons, or visiting as a way of seeing and hearing a loving and vibrant church in action during the pandemic.

The Deacons are grateful to the other Church Boards for their ongoing commitment and creativity: among other things, to Mission and Action for the Food Pantry and the Lost Lamb project, both of which enable the church to share God’s love and our own bounty with the larger community. To Christian Education for engaging the children in worship activities every week online. To the Board of Music for providing uplifting and inspiring music at each service, and for sharing the joy of welcoming Sándor Szabó as our new Minister of Music. To Growth and Fellowship for experimenting with Virtual Coffee Hour and providing social and emotional support to those in need. To the Trustees for their stewardship of the empty church building and our decreased finances in this tense time of restriction and need.

I’m personally grateful for the Deacons, who are enthusiastic and a joy to work with: eager to brainstorm, reach out, collaborate, set up, participate in, review, and adjust the different formats in our worship together during COVID. We seek to continue and improve the worship opportunities and encourage everyone to provide feedback on their experiences so that we can make adjustments. Please call, email, or text any of us with ideas and suggestions about worship!

The Deacons are grateful for Cathy Clark, who became Church Moderator in the upheaval of COVID. Cathy’s energy, dedication, and covenant with each of us are a buoy in the storm, and she provided a joyful start to the Deacons’ year by

helping us identify opportunities to pursue.

Will Garrison has kept the worship services running smoothly. The weekly emails about church doings, the bulletin on the website every Sunday, immediate thanks for online donations, friendly voice on the phone, timely Zoom invitations, this newsletter—Will keeps us connected to each other and the church. In addition, Will has cleaned the sanctuary while the church has been closed. Brass does not stop tarnishing when the church is empty! We thank you, Will, for your care for the people and the building of this church.

If ever there were a pastor meant to provide leadership in a pandemic, Brent Damrow is one. I feel secure when Brent is here. I am supported, the Deacons are focused, the congregation is nurtured, the Church takes action, the community feels the love of God. Amen? Amen!

Elizabeth Young on behalf of the Board of Deacons: Evelyn Battaglia, Hal Brink, Anna Duhon, Joshua Hall, Donna Jacobs, Jim McMenamy, and Ted Randolph.

Art Gallery News

The Church’s Art Gallery, in the JE Room, is open by appointment. Works by artists Jeannene Booher, John McKinstry, Olga Schwede, and Terry Wise on the theme of Summer are on display. Should anyone wish to purchase an art piece, please contact the artist or the church office. Enjoy the show!

~ Olga Schwede



“Tufted Titmouse” by John McKinstry

Race and Racism

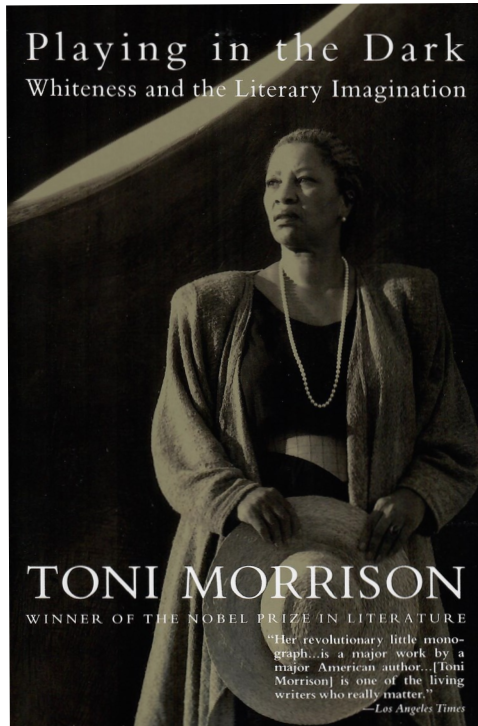
Exploring an Important Topic through Small Groups

We are in a critical moment in the history and the future of our community, nation and faith. Long practiced and deeply embedded practices of racism and discrimination are being laid bare and confront us with many challenges. What are we going to do? Who are we going to be? How does God call us to live? What does it mean to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God in relationship to racism?”

For Jonathan Edwards, the connection between the practice of our faith and the practice of our living are inextricably intertwined. Kenneth Minkema, the Director of the Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale Divinity School claims that Edwards fundamentally knew that “religious affections exhibit themselves in enduring Christian behavior and practice.” In other words, what we do and value as a church ought to show up in our lives just as what is happening in our lives ought to show up in our practices and worship.

Our goal is to bring this critical moment as fully as possible into our faith journey and bring the truths from our faith to bear on this moment and our responsibility to it. Our plan is to do it through a series of Small Groups of six to eight. Springing from our Vision, the Small Group Ministries of the church bring together people in safe environments to build relationships, explore topics, and deepen our individual and shared faith.

Haven’t tried a small group yet? Call us in the church office and we will put you in contact with someone who has.



One group has already started. That group had originally come together to explore Sabbath and decided as that work was ending to begin work on Race and Racism. As Jo Ann Levitt reflects, “It was a natural transition for us, having met for several months exploring Sabbath experience in depth. This new focus has provided a profound wake-up for each one of us.” The adjoining page contains some reflections from participants.

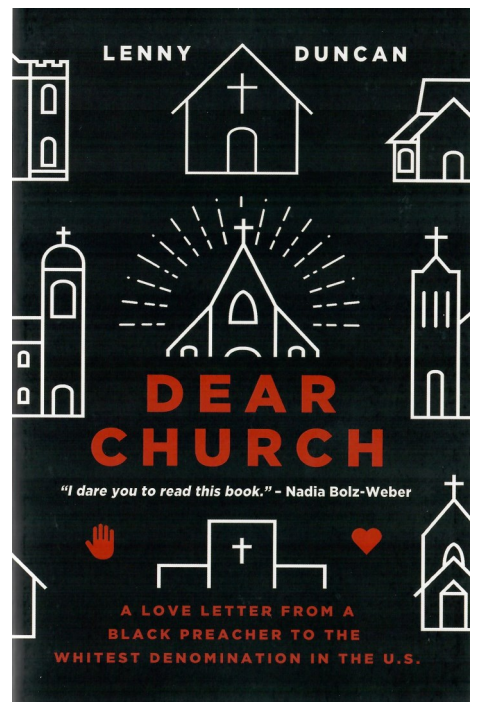
Another Race and Racism Small Group is launching through CE. Drawing on texts like *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, Toni Morrison’s *Playing in the Dark*, Jim Wallis’ *Original Sin* and *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan, the goal will be to learn from the reading and each other, share our thoughts and our fears, reflect on where we are and where we want to go, and just as importantly get to know each other better. Each person will read one of the books and the process will take four to five weeks. Once this work is done, we will offer a second level that invites people to consider aspects of racism and how to respond. A first group led by Linda Russell will have started by the time you get this. We hope a second group led by Pastor Brent will follow shortly thereafter. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office.

Most of us would not choose to be socialized into racism and white supremacy. Unfortunately, we didn't have that choice. While there is variation in how these messages are conveyed and how much we internalize them, nothing could have exempted us from these messages completely. Now it is our responsibility to grapple with how this socialization manifests itself in our daily lives and how it shapes our responses when it is challenged.

From *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard for White People to talk about Racism*
by Robin DiAngelo

Terry Wise:

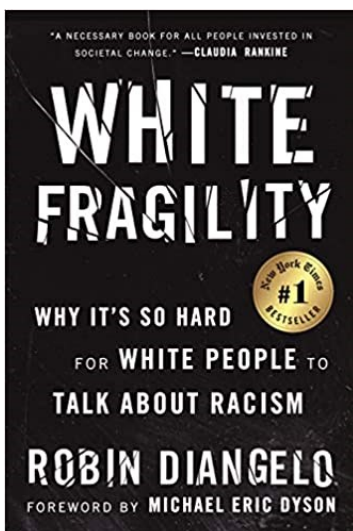
At this point in time I feel obligated to study this topic in depth and learn more about racism. But it's not an easy process. It's tough material to digest, and the truth is—I haven't had to deal with these issues in my relatively easy life. So while we're doing these readings, what's become important is not to succumb to guilt on the one hand, and on the other—to not take the easy road and just turn away from it all. That is a temptation. But it really helps to talk about it and compare notes in our small group. It raises awareness. You might take some bad action if you're not aware, and reaching for greater empathy goes a long way. I'm not sure I'll ever be in a position to take more definite action, especially living in this community. But it's interesting to me that on many occasions in the past, I traveled to different parts of the world as part of a cultural exchange, and yet right here in our own back yard, we don't think about that possibility. We have a lot to offer and a lot to learn from each other. What if



Vicky Cooper:

In my life I've become more conscious of racial issues; I lived for a while on Nevis, a black island in the Caribbean. I adopted two beautiful children from Jamaica, and of course the **Black Lives Matter** movement has truly opened my eyes. In my work as a librarian I always love to read! Not long ago I attended a workshop highlighting "Diversity in Children's Literature" that helped me create a better platform for interracial studies. But there's always more to learn. Even conversations with my daughter who's been in quarantine with me, have undergone change; we've both been learning; in fact, she herself is reading *White Fragility* and conversing with a group of her peers, in a group not unlike the one we've formed here. The question I ask myself is how can I do more? I continue to introduce readings from black literature for children at the library and just posted the book *Patchwork Bicycle* on the West Stockbridge Instagram account.

I feel that it's important for each of us to become aware of our own racism. At first I wasn't keen on sharing openly about some of my biases and prejudices in our small group; I thought people would look at me askance. But now I trust the group more and am willing to speak openly and honestly. What's also occurring is that I feel more confident about speaking up if I see something happening that's racist; I'm ready to call it out and help other people become more aware. I just wish we had a more racially diverse community here in the Berkshires.



Jo Ann Levitt:

I've been super-charged meeting with our small group these last four weeks. It is rare to encounter so much honesty and vulnerability, and I'm learning to really explore the *underbelly* of this difficult topic of racism—how weirdly and subtly it has shown up in my own life. In a thousand years, I would never have labeled myself as racist. Now I know differently. A powerful by-product of this discussion has been the ability to get to know my group members more deeply. What amazing, thoughtful and courageous beings! I feel blessed in our connection. While the Sabbath group created a platform for getting to know one another, this continuing group process is an opening for riveting personal transformation along with in-depth social change. Who knew such a thing could happen while conversing back and forth across our Zoom squares?

The Service League

What do the women of the Service League talk about when they can't talk about the Summer Fair and the Holly Fair? Well, you'd be amazed to hear the topics we've covered and the important decisions we've made during our weekly socially- distanced outdoor brown-bag lunches. For instance, we really think we should have been consulted before the Larrywaug Bridge was closed. And we had to put our heads together to sort out the best way to maneuver around the new traffic markings at the intersection of Routes 7 and 102.

Then there's the question of carpenter bees (don't get them), what to do if you encounter a bear (don't feed it!), and why **Nancy Wilcox's** FaceBook page is acting up. Does **Helen McCormick** have to quarantine when she goes to Virginia to see her son? No. Did **Hal and Ann Brink** have a socially distanced outdoor birthday party for their granddaughter Camille's 21st birthday? Yes. Did **Jane McCormick** have a great time in Maine with her daughter Beth's family last week? Yes again. And is the **People's Pantry** still managing to function while **Anne Hutchinson** visits family in New Hampshire? Apparently so. And everybody agreed that the **Lost Lamb** is doing a great job as **Open Table** reincarnated, that we're glad to have **Brent and Jon and Jake** back home, and that it was lovely to hear the strains of violin music coming across the lawn as we had lunch together on the green between the JE Room and Proctor Hall. Not sure, but we think it might have been courtesy of **Shelly Szabó**, whom we warmly welcome, along with her husband **Sándor**, our new Minister of Music, who, we all agreed, played a beautiful service on Sunday.

And that's it for this month!

~ Margaret Hornick, for the Service League

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

“Open Table - Catch the Spirit”

There's a certain excitement in the air on Thursday evenings in front of the Lost Lamb on Main Street... tables and signs are going up, lists are double checked, and the restaurant staff is bustling to finish up bagging the meal for our Open Table Food Ministry! Soon, volunteers will greet walk up customers with a smile and a wave, and drivers will head out into Stockbridge and nearby communities to drop off the home delivered meal.

Over the past eight weeks, volunteers have safely distributed hundreds of meals to members and friends of our congregation. In the midst of the pandemic, Thursdays have become a rich time of outreach and engagement – as we meet old friends, and make new ones. The idea is simple... share a tasty prepared meal for those who simply would enjoy this gift of food. Just this week, we heard a customer say how glad her daughter was for the program – as it was the one night she did not have to worry about her Mom eating a good meal!

The Open Table program will continue for now, and we're looking for a few more volunteers who would like to join us on Thursdays (flexible schedules every other week) for approximately for 1 – 1.5 hours between 4:30 to 6 PM. Opportunities include in person distribution of the meals on Main Street, and drivers to deliver the meals locally. With safety in mind, these interactions are contactless, but the warm hellos, smiling eyes and grateful words of thanks ensure that this experience is powerful! Will you consider joining us at the Open Table and Catch the Spirit! For more information, please reach out to Will at office@stockbridgeucc.org.

~ Charlotte Rodgers

Church Family News

In the midst of this pandemic, art exhibits are being cancelled and postponed. Seven of my large paintings are held captive in the Great Barrington Baba Louie's restaurant while indoor dining is verboten. However, the Cooperstown Art Association decided to hold its 85th (!!!) Annual National Juried Art Exhibit completely online this year. While it is always a better experience to see

artwork in person than on a screen, this does give a wonderful opportunity for people anywhere to see the show. Not to mention how much easier it was to send digital images than physical paintings. I have two paintings in this summer's show — available until August 14 — and one of them won an award! Artwork is shown alphabetically, so mine are near the end. caanational2020.weebly.com
~ Terry Wise



Changing Times – Enduring Truths

The Pandemic has altered so much of the way we have been living for the last six months. It has been challenging and demanding. We have been forced to re-examine how we do things in order to care for one another. We have discovered new rhythms and routines.

Our family has been growing in different ways. Many have been joining in for worship, morning prayer, small groups, Open Table, and other connection points. Even now in the midst of changing ways, the idea of covenant remains central to our identity. Covenant is a form of holy promise making that joins us together to live into our calling to be a family of purpose.

Here at the First Congregational Church that is how we understand membership – a relationship of commitment and covenant. If you have been connecting with us for a while now and are thinking about calling it home and us family, we invite you to consider becoming a member.

Part of the process includes a conversation about what membership is and isn't; about how this church fits into the larger UCC; about our history, this moment, and our future; and the joys and responsibilities of joining in. **If this is something you are thinking about, give Pastor Brent a call at 298-3137 or e-mail him at bdamrow@stockbridgeucc.org.** He would be happy to answer any questions. When we have a sense of who is contemplating this possibility, we will schedule a time for a conversation to move forward.

Hal and Ann Brink

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Congratulations to Holland Brown, who won the coveted Star Baker wooden spoon! Holland baked dark chocolate cupcakes with vanilla frosting topped with sprinkles and fresh cherries to celebrate Beth Rodgers' birthday in June. Thanks to all who participated in this contest, which is now wrapped up. Keep on baking!



Outdoor Worship

August 9, 2020 (Rain Date August 16)

The famous Thanksgiving hymn calls forth this beautiful truth: “we gather together to ask for God’s blessing, to live in community seeking God’s will.” You are invited to join us for outdoor worship. The Re-Gathering Committee is working closely with the Deacons and Staff to provide an outdoor setting that is comfortable, safe, and sacred. We ask you to make the best decision for you and in caring consideration for the larger church.

Things to know:

- We are limited to 100 people for gatherings here in Massachusetts so we will require reservations for those who wish to come. Please call the church office (298-3137) or email office@stockbridgeucc.org to make your reservation.
 - We will set up chairs in groupings that are physically distanced and accessible by wide walkways.
 - With your confirmation, you will receive your location along with a diagram. Deacons will be on hand to help people find their spots.
- The church will set up chairs for each reserved party with the appropriate number of bulletins already set out in a Ziploc bag taped to one of the chairs.
- Masks will be required for all attending. We will have extra masks should you need one.
 - Masks will be required for any singing that we do.
- Folks may request a seat in a grouping at the periphery of the set-up. Just talk to Will about it when you call for your reservation.

This is still a work in progress. Should you have questions, ideas or concerns, please call the office as soon as possible.

Sanctuary Opening Back Up

Psalm 63 is attributed to David during a time when he was in the wilderness hiding from his enemies. It proclaims:

O God, you are my God;
I earnestly search for you.
My soul thirsts for you;
my whole body longs for you
in this parched and weary land
where there is no water.
² I have seen you in your sanctuary
and gazed upon your power and glory.
³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself;
how I praise you!

While we know that God can and is anywhere; not limited or confined to spaces we construct, there is something, none-the-less powerful about being physically in the house of God, in a sanctuary. It is a place where we come together, where we observe the breadth of life’s realities, where we come for moments that evoke tears of joy, revelation, and grief too.

We want to make the sanctuary available to the community once again. Those who call this church home, are welcome to call the office and make an appointment to come and sit during regular business hours. You may sit and pray, read a book, rest, or gaze upon the beauty of God. When you call, we will ask how long you think you might want to stay. That will simply help us to know when the room might be available for someone else. Our building policies ask people to wear a mask inside. Other guidelines will be shared with you as you arrive.

Thanks to Growth and Fellowship, we will also be opening the Sanctuary on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 beginning August 8 to anyone who would like to enter. Space will be restricted to the center aisle and pews. Masks will be required for all who enter, a volunteer will be on hand, and we are revising our self-guided tour. We will practice physical distancing and extravagant welcoming too!

Come back and see.

Volunteers

Tom Ruffing hard at work, preparing to re-paint the black handrails at the front of the church.

Below, the overgrown bushes in the midst of getting a much needed pruning. Volunteer Sean Cowhig is obscured by the bush on the left. Sean was the superintendent Naumkeag a few years ago.

Thanks to all volunteers who help keep the church, inside and out, in good shape. If you would like to help, too, please contact the church office. There is always plenty to do!



The Sanctuary will be open Saturdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, starting August 8. See article on page 10.



We will soon be putting up our newly purchased 20x30' open-sided tent on the church grounds, suitable for small group meetings. Call the office for more information.



Contractor Don Hayward recently installed the beautifully restored shutters on the east side of the sanctuary.



Our church garden is flourishing with five people taking turns watering and harvesting! On Wednesday, July 8th, we made our first delivery to CHP (Swiss chard and chives) and on July 15th we delivered our first three cucumbers of the season along with basil, chives, kale and parsley. Green beans and tomatoes will be ready to harvest soon.

~ Lenore Sundberg on behalf of the garden team, Liz Murray, Stephanie Bradford, Anna Smith and Sarah Boyd



Ted Randolph - The pandemic hairstyles are getting out of hand!