



# THE CRITER

*A Monthly Publication of  
The First Church in Marlborough (Congregational)  
United Church of Christ  
July/August 2009*

## FALL FEST

09/19/09  
10:00 to 3:00



*It seems to have stopped  
raining every day.*



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### The Journey...

Sabbath is a time of rest and refreshment. In our overly busy culture, the rhythm of regular Sabbath time is often lost, and only academics really have Sabbaticals, longer times of renewal.

Keeping the Sabbath is one of the ten commandments, right up there with Thou Shall Not Kill. Indeed, when we don't honor our need to stop working, to slow our minds, to reorient ourselves to our core values and commitments, we kill our spirit. Sabbath is a time to let in the gratitude for what God does for us and to let go of the myth that we earn all this by our labor. Sabbath is a time when we experience the refilling nature of sleep, of play, of quiet conversation, of time without electronic stimulation. Practicing Sabbath often quiets the addictions of various kinds and restores balance.

I hope all of you take time for Sabbath this summer. Some of the time, I hope that means you come to worship and reorient your life in community. Some of the time, I hope you spend with family and friends. Some of the time, I hope you connect with the natural world around you.

Keep the Sabbath! It's a commandment. It renews your soul. And, usually it brings joy!

*Rev. Betsy*



**Worship  
Schedule  
for the  
Summer**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
services will be held at  
**9:30 AM**

**Labor Day Weekend**  
the time returns  
to 10:00 AM

### **Our Church Staff**

*Reverend Betsy Waters Senior Pastor*

*Russ Goliger Music Director*

*Jim Duncan Organist*

*Diane Burke Joyful Ringers Director*

*Steve Kotsopoulos UpPraisers Director*

*Amy Lapetina Church Secretary*

*Deb Marino Clerk*

*Cindy Vail Moderator*

*Bob Horne Computer Systems Director*

*Joanne Kotsopoulos Treasurer*

*Cliff Fenton Sexton*

*Anne Tennyson, Sue Buckingham, and Vicki Taylor*

*Sunday School Team*

*Sue Pellerin Collector*

*Jenn Bastien Senior High Youth Director*

*Steven Levy Multi-Media Director*



### **Potluck Picnic and Swim**

Families of all ages and configurations are invited to gather for a picnic potluck and swim after worship on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at Pam and Steve Patten's house in Bolton.

Bring food to share that doesn't need to be cooked and extra lawn chairs if you have some.

This is a time to play together. We might even grease a watermelon and toss it in the pool. There are some cooler places inside, within ear-shot, to let young ones nap.

Let the office know you are coming so we can plan. We'll find a rain date, likely in early September if this doesn't work.

### **A Covenant for First Church in Marlborough**

We, the members of First Church in Marlborough (Congregational) UCC, following

the example of Jesus, who loved and served all, promise we will:

- ❖ Do unto others as we would have them do unto us;
- ❖ Faithfully support the Church with our time and treasures;
- ❖ Seek to do the will of God to promote the life of our church community and the community at large;
- ❖ Listen to, speak with, and interact with each person in the church with respect, honesty, and love;
- ❖ Interact with open minds and hearts, considering perspectives that may be different from our own; and
- ❖ Showing the charity of Christ, we will love and serve the people and property of the church and community in the name of our Lord.



**CRIER POLICY:** The CRIER welcomes all material submitted on a timely basis for publication. Every effort will be made to include all works submitted, however, the Editors need to reserve the right to make corrections to ensure quality of presentation and correctness of information, and use a consistent format throughout. All material should be submitted with the writer's name and daytime phone number. When major corrections are necessary, we will make every attempt to contact the writer. Personal notes, such as thank yous, etc. will be printed as submitted. Overly long items may be shortened for space considerations. All material should be submitted before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication, with some exceptions.

## ***July Worship Leaders***

- 7/5 Communion  
Bob Murphy (Lead), Pauline Wills, Bill Davis, Sandy Stetson (Bread)  
Lay Leader: Jim Saart  
Greeters: George & Suzanne Duquette
- 7/12 Bob Murphy (Lead), Dawn Holt, Jody Maher, Vicki Taylor  
Lay Leader: Bill Davis  
Greeters: Pat Kennedy & Trenton Vartabedian
- 7/19 Linda Warren (Lead), Anne Tennyson, Frank Marino, Alan Christensen  
Lay Leader: Gary Hollis  
Greeters: Thelma Nilson, Joan Beauchemin
- 7/26 Deb Beauregard (Lead), Laura Lane, Christina Fehlow, Richard Rowell  
No Lay Leader required  
Greeters: Shirley Ney, Doris Asbury

## ***Focus Group Follow-Up***

Wonderful things are happening, growing out of the focus group ideas. Some varied fun and fundraising projects have been set into motion. We need a few more people to work on exploring a capital campaign. If you are interested, let Rev. Betsy know and she will send you some hand outs. A meeting date will be set for the summer.

There was interest in learning more about planned giving. Folks said, if Maebelle can be that generous, we need to think about what we might do. Planned giving is a way for you to invest money, get a large tax deduction, get a lifelong pay out of interest at a much higher rate than most places offer, and when you die, the principal goes to the church with a probate charge.

This is worth learning about! Stay tuned for a program in the early fall.

## ***Evangelism is Far More than Being Friendly***

Evangelism is a ministry of inviting, teaching, and welcoming others into the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is focused on mission. It is purposeful. AND it doesn't believe that small is good. It believes that the church is not primarily for insiders. It is for everyone. At the very least we can never stay the same if we're always welcoming others into this community of faith and mission.

*(adapted from a course on media and evangelism)*

Join Rev. Betsy on this ministry team.

The first gathering will be July 19<sup>th</sup>, after worship, to make a plan to involve EVERYONE in this effort.



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU and THANK YOU

On Sunday, June 14, we celebrated our children and those who have helped them grow in their knowledge of Christianity through Sunday school. One person who was overlooked and needs a special thank you is **Susan Pellerin**. Sue, or Mrs. P., has acted as superintendent several times before but most recently she assumed the responsibility this past school year. She has the unique gift to step in and make things happen, and that is just what she did for the Sunday school. On top of that, she always has time to listen to a child, a parent concern, or a Sunday school teacher's question.

But the most beautiful, unselfish thing about our beloved Mrs. P is she does all this in the name of God.

As of July, Sue will no longer be Sunday School Superintendent. Those of us on the ministry team want to thank her immensely. We will miss her organization, energy, and drive. Her gifts have made this world a better place for all of us at First Church and especially our children.

Sunday School Support Ministry

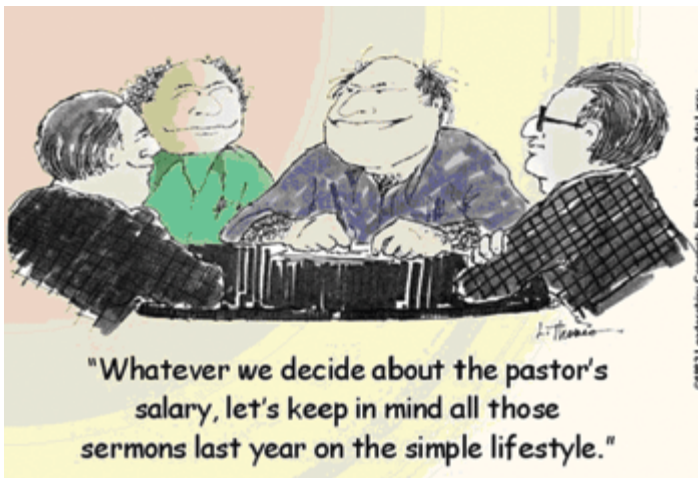
Marnie Hooker

Belinda Thresher

Sue Buckingham

Vicki Taylor

Anne Tennyson



# FALL FEST

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This is truly a community effort. Groups who meet in First Church have been invited to participate in our first ever FALL FEST to be held on September 19th, There will be an amazing variety of activities, but only if we all chip in to help in some way.

Headlining for our FALL FEST Music Selection will be Marlborough's own "Apple Crisp"! These incredibly-talented jazz musicians are high school friends who formed a band a little over a year ago and are climbing the local charts! Well-known for their talents at Marlborough High School events, they have also appeared at Harvest Café in Hudson, MA.

Their music includes tunes by Dave Matthews, Chicago, and Blood Sweat and Tears, and they just finished writing several home-grown originals! Joining them in the line-up will be the The Assembly of God—Shalom Brazilian Band, possibly the Sweet Adelines, and our own First Church music groups as well.

We hope to offer you these "sweet" sounds from the outside staging on the Common, weather-permitting! Don't miss this one!

**THE  
MUSIC  
TEAM**



## THE ENTERTAINMENT TEAM



What fun!

A bouncy house, juggling, games, face painting!

It will happen if we get some volunteers -- to staff a wii tournament, to paint faces, to oversee the bouncy house, and take tickets.

Maybe you have a game that kids of all ages would enjoy, or one for the smallest among us. Maybe you've always wanted to be a clown or to run a cupcake walk or wear a pocket apron for grab gifts.

The entertainment group needs your energy. Please contact Kim Matheson [kimmatheson@comcast.net](mailto:kimmatheson@comcast.net) or Chip Horne 508-460-1555

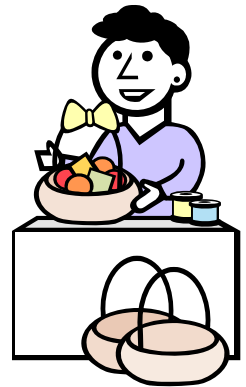
## THE BOOTH AND TABLE TEAM

This team is planning a basket raffle, information tables, and a variety of craft tables.

For the basket raffle we will need individuals, families, church groups, or local businesses to create and donate a theme based basket. Examples are a healthy/sports basket, toy baskets aimed at a particular age group, a photo basket, car care/cleaning basket, or an ice cream sundae basket. We welcome your imagination.

Also accepting new, interesting items to contribute to partial baskets. The values of these baskets can vary, but we would like a list of what is included.

Please contact Donna Merlini at 508-485-5552 or Anne Tennyson 508-393-0446 for more information.



Information tables will offer handouts about church activities. We need volunteers to gather info and staff these tables.

We are inviting crafters to buy space for a small fee to sell their creations. If you know of interested crafters or for more information, contact Rene Mograss 508-460-6167.

## THE FOOD TEAM

Wait until you see the line-up of goodies we have.

Our sisters and brothers from The Assembly of God—Shalom are planning a Brazilian BBQ.

The First Church Grill will be fired up under the experienced care of Gary Hollis to provide hot dogs and hamburgers, chili, sausage, onions and peppers, (hopefully) corn on the cob, and a few other lunch-time treats. Hot tea, coffee, and chocolate will also be available.

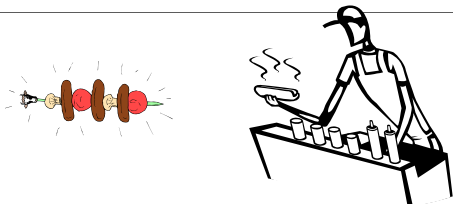
The Lemonade Stand will be brought out to serve cold drinks. The Women's Fellowship will provide a finger-food snack bar as well as offer apple crisp.

The Country Store will be set up with different offerings if we can find someone to take charge of it.

In addition, there will be cotton candy, popcorn, and ice cream.

We will have sign-up sheets in coffee hour as we will be looking for help staffing these locations and for donations of both specific items or the money for us to go shopping.

Any help you can offer would certainly be appreciated.



The FALL FEST plans for Sept. 19 are under way but we need your energy and imagination...there is still LOTS to do ...

We have several teams working on the event such as advertising and P.R, food, music, crafts, and entertainment, mission tables...Here's a bit of what's happening so far.

**Advertising** - Bob Vail has kindly offered to make one of his fabulous wooden signs for the front of the church. We are working on flyers for around town and plan to promote the event in local newspapers and cable. We are also working on some tee shirts and First Church buttons. Would love a sign for the common fence...any contacts or ideas, please let us know.

Please join us for the next meeting on July 15 at 7:00pm and share you thoughts and talents.

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**Choir:** Thursday @ 5:00 pm

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<b>5</b> Rev. Phyllis Preaching	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Sunday School Task Team	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 pm AA	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Rev. Betsy returns to pulpit	<b>13</b> 7:00 Trustees	<b>14</b> 6:30 PPG Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00 Fall Fest Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00 pm AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Welcoming Committee Meeting After the service	<b>20</b> 7:00 Deacons 7:30 Missions	<b>21</b> Council at Liz Mahoney's 6:00-10:00	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 pm AA  Amy on vacation	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> U2 Charist Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 	

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2	3	4 Amy returns	5	6	7	8
9 Pot Luck and swim at Pam & Steve Patten's after worship	10 7:00 Trustees	11	12	13	14	15
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30	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WORSHIP SERVICE TIME RETURNS TO 10:00 NEXT WEEK</b></p>					

# THE BOOK OF LIFE

## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

5<sup>h</sup> James Gill, Didi Snow  
6<sup>th</sup> Rodney Willis  
7<sup>th</sup> John Merritt, Ruth Russo, Jamie Stetson,  
Joanne Kotsopoulos  
9<sup>th</sup> William Goliger  
10<sup>th</sup> Donald McElman, Ella Kinney  
12<sup>th</sup> William Stone, Russ Goliger  
13<sup>th</sup> Joan Beauchemin  
16<sup>th</sup> Madeline Hasbrouck, Karen Martin,  
Jessica Tessier  
17<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Atsma  
18<sup>th</sup> Patricia Kennedy  
19<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Hollis, Sarah Shaw, Barbara Stone,  
20<sup>th</sup> Susan Pellerin  
21<sup>st</sup> Ruth Alcarese  
22<sup>nd</sup> Richard Yurkus  
24<sup>th</sup> Ryan Chandler, Christine Crocker  
25<sup>th</sup> Pamela Patten  
27<sup>th</sup> Timothy Goliger  
29<sup>th</sup> Max Hooker, Peter Stott  
31<sup>st</sup> Alita Naylor

## HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY

8<sup>th</sup> Rob & Willow Howlett  
12<sup>th</sup> Pamela & Steven Patten



## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Martin  
3<sup>rd</sup> Madelyn Rennie  
4<sup>th</sup> Donna Ziegler  
5<sup>th</sup> Tina Byrne, Sandra Charland  
7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Martinangelo, Tammy Ducey  
8<sup>th</sup> Ed Ducey  
9<sup>th</sup> Amelia Kinney  
10<sup>th</sup> Rachel Schlacter  
13<sup>th</sup> Christopher Hill, John Snow  
16<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Clark, Steven Cordeiro  
21<sup>st</sup> Marilyn Wedge  
23<sup>rd</sup> Steven Patten  
25<sup>th</sup> Andrew Youngstrom  
27<sup>th</sup> Richard Holmes  
30<sup>th</sup> Alan Burke, Glenn Owens

## HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

6<sup>th</sup> Pat & Roger Beaudet  
16<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Thomas Wahl  
17<sup>th</sup> Sandy & Fran Charland  
26<sup>th</sup> Sandy & Bob Stetson  
Deb and Ed Beauregard  
28<sup>th</sup> Susan & Dennis Rawley





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**Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. M. Elizabeth Waters**

**Summer Worship Service**

Sunday 9:30 AM  
Nursery Care

**All are Welcome!**

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Note the change in date

