



# A New Spirit

June 2011

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## **SPECIAL CHARGE**

### **CONFERENCE**

**JUNE 5, 2011**

*A special Charge Conference will convene immediately following our 10A.M. worship service for the sole purpose of voting to recommend Stephen Finlan to the District Board of Ordained ministry for licensing as a Local Pastor.*

*A vote by paper ballot is required. Our District Superintendent has designated Pastor Lori to preside.*

### **June Angel Food Ministry**

On-site orders are due by 2:00PM on 6/12  
Online orders are due by 11:59PM on 6/15  
Distribution will be 7:30AM – 9:00AM on  
6/25

## CONGRATULATIONS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Alex Davis  
Hunter Halstead  
Caitlyn Hickey  
Trevor Kenyon  
Ryan Laders  
Sami Martasian  
Hannah Walker

## AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

Haley Brown ~ RIC

Michael James Dunne ~ URI  
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Golden Key  
Honor Society, Magna cum Laude

Andrew Martasian –  
Merrimac College  
Bachelor of Arts, Summa cum Laude

## June Calendar

			1 4:00 Women's Book Study 4:45 Scouts 5:00 Scouts 6:00 NK Photo Guild 7:00 Trustees	2 12:00 Ladies Fellowship 6:00 NK Land Conservancy	3 Set-up for yard & rummage sale	4 Yard & rummage sale
5 8 & 10 Communion 9:15 Adult SS 10:00 Sunday School <b>11 Special Charge Conference</b> 1:00 Community Dinner 5:00 Youth Group	6 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 NK Photo Guild	7 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir	8 4:00 Women's Book Study 7:00 SPRC	9 12:00 Ladies Fellowship 7:00 Finance	10	11 8:00 Men's Breakfast
			Annual Conference			
12 <b>Pentecost</b> 8 & 10 Worship 9:15 Adult SS 10:00 Sunday School 1:00 Community Dinner 5:00 Youth Group	13 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Bible Study	14 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 AA 7:00 Choir	15 4:00 Women's Book Study 4:45 Scouts 5:00 Scouts 7:00 AdMin	16 12:00 Ladies Fellowship  <b>Newsletter Deadline- All events for for July</b>	17	18 9:30 UMW
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# Grace Notes.....Body Building.....by Pastor Lori

School is winding down for the summer and transitions are underway. It's one of the times each year I find myself thinking about my favorite teachers and lessons. Do you remember yours? My favorite teacher? I had several. My favorite lessons? There were two: once in geography in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, my small group enlarged a map of South America on brown paper and then painted it, noting special features, and then printing the names of the countries, rivers and oceans. It was beautiful and hooked me for life! The second lesson was learning to sing the French national anthem. Through music I learned to love languages. While I liked to read, these lessons came alive as I became actively involved in the learning. It was transformational! Education has promoted the need to understand and teach to various learning styles - visual, auditory, and tactile/kinesthetic – since the 70's. We have tried to incorporate these styles into Christian Education, understanding that people learn differently.

Our mission as a church is “to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” Christian Education, therefore, is not only about knowledge - informational learning; it is also about transformation - changing hearts. Christian Education and Spiritual Formation are two sides of the same coin; as we learn and have experiences in learning Christian discipleship, we are formed spiritually. Preachers, lay speakers, teachers, and leaders of small groups are all part of the spiritual formation process. As Christian educators we have the challenge of teaching not only *why* it is important to be a disciple for Jesus Christ, but also *how* to be a disciple. According to Ephesians 4: 11-13 pastors and teachers have the responsibility “to equip the body of Christ, until all of us come... to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Jesus Christ.”

Gleaning from basic educational research there are two dimensions to learning (Kolb 1970's). First, by perceiving through senses and feelings, or subjective experiences; or through intellect or objectively conceptualizing. Second, by processing through reflection; or by action or doing. Later research (McCarthy, 1987) incorporated these understandings with four basic learning styles and using the right and left sides of the brain. Ex: The relational learner asks, “Why?” The analytical learner asks, “What?” The practical learner asks, “How do I use the information?” The dynamic learner asks, “What if I use the information this way?” Most people teach from their strengths and reach those with a similar style. We need to be intentional in incorporating all the learning styles. As we do we will connect with more people.

Now is the time to review and plan for our transformational learning opportunities for the year ahead. Now is the time to develop classes for new small groups, and to plan those spiritual formation opportunities that teach to the tactile, the visual, and the auditory. The church must take seriously transformational learning. Why is a subject important? What does the learner need to know about the subject? How can the information be used in every day life? If put into practice, what difference will it make? How will lives be changed? Whether in the congregation or in small groups the same principals apply. It is a life-long process. Think about what you knew when you were twenty. Compare that with what you know today!

Transformational learning is about connection. God is using us, with our strengths and weaknesses, our personalities, and our experiences to build the kingdom. We, with the power of the Holy Spirit, have the responsibility of developing our skills that we can be more effective in the ministry we have been given. We are all privileged to possess and use our gifts to build up the body of Christ!

P.S. Do you know your learning style? Google ‘Learning styles’ and find out! Then find out where you fit into our Christian Education and Spiritual Formation teams by speaking with Nina Dunne, Lisa Bowe, our co-lay leaders Paula Martasian and Jay Hickey, or me.

## ***Lectionary for June***

### **June 5<sup>th</sup> - Ascension Sunday/Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Texts: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

Sermon: Transitions

### **June 12<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost [Wear something red!]**

Texts: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

Sermon: Come, Holy Spirit

### **June 19<sup>th</sup> - Peace With Justice /Trinity Sunday First Sunday after Pentecost**

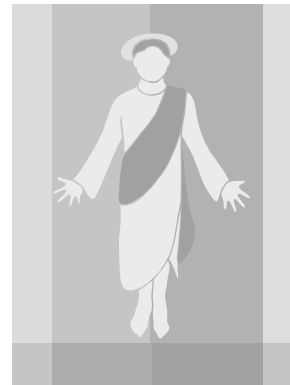
Texts: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8 (UMH 743); 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer

### **June 26<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday After Pentecost**

Texts: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13 (UMH 746); Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

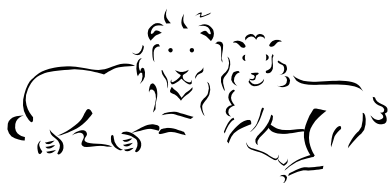
Sermon: The Lord Provides!



## **AN INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM**

John Wesley believed that we should partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion whenever possible. In the UMC we believe that the Sacraments are our outward response to an invisible grace at work in us through Jesus Christ. We do not need to understand all that this means for our lives to be able to participate. We invite persons of all ages, races, intellects, etc. to come to baptism and communion. We serve at an open table. If you love the Lord, or desire to know the Lord, you are invited to come and partake in the grace of God in Jesus Christ. So that the congregation may have the option of communing each week, we are including Holy Communion in our 8 A.M. worship services.

Most every experience in our lives can be considered a moment of grace, and may be viewed as sacramental. The Roman Catholic Church celebrates seven sacraments: baptism, confirmation, communion, confession, marriage, Holy Orders, and anointing of the sick. In the UMC, as with most Protestant Churches, we celebrate two Sacraments as these were directed by our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave specific instructions to the disciples to "remember me" each time they ate of the bread and drank of the cup. (Luke 22:19) He also gave instructions to "go and make disciples..., baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28: 19) If you have not been baptized and would like to be, please speak with Pastor Lori.



## **INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP to LIVERMORE FALLS, MAINE July 10 -17, 2011**

We have been talking with Kay Webb, pastor of the Livermore Falls UMC and director of the UM Economic Ministries, about our mission trip. Several possibilities exist, along with an unusual mission that our youth began thinking about a year ago! We are developing an art and spirituality project to introduce the children, youth, and adults to scripture and the hope we have in Jesus Christ. You don't have to be artistic! This is about helping people to express their spirituality through art in whatever form it may be. We will be collecting art materials in the Library... paint brushes, flexible wire, air dry clay, acrylic paints, watercolors, charcoal pencils, art paper, feathers, materials with animal prints, newspaper, whatever may be turned into an art project. There is more information in our weekly bulletins.

## **COMMUNITY DINNERS GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**

### **Background:**

Two years ago the clergy participating in ecumenical events in North Kingstown identified a need from their respective congregations and interactions with the greater North Kingstown community for providing a warm meal in the winter time. There are many reasons why a person might have a need to eat in community. Some include people eating alone who are in need of fellowship, a spiritual boost, if you will. Some join us because of the hard economic times and life circumstances that necessitate that they stretch their dollars, and, at least once a week, they do not have to choose between eating a good, balanced meal and paying for medications or other day-to-day expenses. We hear about cut backs and reductions in the services and care provided to seniors. And, yes, there are homeless, poor and those living in compromised arrangements like a room in a motel with no way to cook who need a place to come. The reasons are many and those from the 5 churches wanting to respond to the needs of our neighbors are participating in this beginning program to provide a community meal. It is an opportunity to bring people together for fellowship, no judgments, and to serve our neighbors by feeding them in body and spirit. We welcome all.

### **Serving the Community at NKUMC:** How can you help?

The NKUMC Community invites all to participate in our local mission to serve those in North Kingstown in our commitment to provide a meal on Sundays starting May 1 and running throughout the summer until the fall program begins. Last year, we hosted the Easter dinner at NKUMC, and we were asked to please continue this program throughout the summer. One of the regular participants gave a very moving speech on how grateful he was and how much they needed to come together each week. We are responding to that request this year. We are in communication with interested churches to participate in this ecumenical effort. They will help as they are able this summer. We are providing the May Calendar with places for you to sign up where there is a need. Those interested in this local mission work have been meeting this spring and clarifying the roles of hosting, serving, cooking, clean-up, and coordinator. In our discussions we have identified a common call to serve those sent to us by ministering to their food, emotional and spiritual needs. There are many small tasks that can be accomplished each week. We welcome all and encourage you to talk to any on the team and speak to some of the coordinators who include Pastor Lori, (294-9293) Dave Beutel (884-7854), Jay Hickey (884-5243) and Paula J. Martasian (741 – 8222)

### **Community Dinners for North Kingstown:**

#### **Host Protocol**

- Have someone to greet serving group
- Provide name and phone number for contact person if questions arise
- Have coffee set up and ready to start, if not started already (minimum of one hour before dinner)
  - Provide sugar / creamers
- Have kitchen ready for needed tasks
- Demonstrate cooking/warming facilities
- Show where cooking utensils are located
- Demonstrate dishwashing system
- Have tables and chairs set up
  - Table cloths
  - Salt and Pepper shakers
  - Show group where tables/chairs should go after program

Take care of trash

    Show serving group where trash goes and where spare bags are stored\*\*

    Show serving group where brooms, mops for spills and clean-up are stored

Janitorial services

Lock up afterward

### Serving Protocol

Provide contact names and phone numbers to host church

Contact Host Church by Wed. of the week serving to clarify

- ❖ When church will be available for bread and dessert delivery from Stop and Shop in Narragansett
- ❖ When church is available on serving day for cooking and serving team to be present
- ❖ If needed, set up a time to walk through kitchen to know how things work and what utensils, cooking pots / pans, etc. are available

Organize menu, food purchase and preparation

Pick up bread and desserts from Narragansett Stop and Shop on Sat. prior to 9:00AM and deliver to host church or store and bring on Sunday.\*

Bring food to host church

Set table with dishes and silverware

Serve food to participants

Clear tables

Wash dishes

Take care of trash\*\*

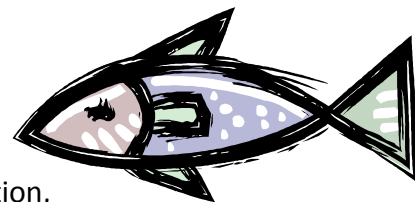
Put tables and chairs where host requests

Make sure building is secure

\*Tasks that can be shared but need to be clear ahead of time.

When you sign up to help you may volunteer to coordinate, do pre/set-up, cook, or clean up. And always we visit with our guests to make sure they feel welcome and have the assistance they may need.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR F.I.S.H.**



Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH) is a local , all volunteer organization, providing rides to North Kingstown residents for Medical, Dental, and Social Service appointments. FISH has been working well in North Kingstown since the mid 1960's. The need for more drivers is necessary to continue this service. Drivers get a reimbursement of .44 a mile. The drivers take the rides they feel comfortable doing. The telephone workers work from their own homes. They volunteer their time once a week, to receive phone calls of folks who need rides, then proceed to find a driver on the list to see which one of them is willing and available on that day. In the past year FISH has provided rides for over 600 people. Please call the FISH line at 295-12311 for more information.

**FROM WHERE I SIT .....MAKING SPACE FOR VISION..... by Rev. F. Richard Garland**

John Hunter is a teacher in the Richmond, VA school system. He tells the story of being hired for his very first job, teaching gifted children in an era before such an approach was in vogue, a time when there were no materials. Uncertain about what would be involved, he asked: "What do I do?" In response to his question, the Supervisor asked a question of him: "What do you want to do?"

At first he was shocked, but, looking back, he said that the question would become a template for the entire career he would have after that. In his own words: "That question 'cleared the space' - no program directives, no manuals, no standards. She created such a space for me that I endeavored to create a space for my students - an empty space whereby they could create and make meaning out of their own understanding." Some of his extraordinary work is featured in a film: "World Peace and Other 4th Grade Achievements."

We hear a lot these days about mission statements. Dare we admit that too often they do not engage people? The language may be soaring, rooted in the identity of the institution, forward looking, even stirring. But somehow it is often just words on paper, easy shuffled or put away in a folder. When Martin Luther King, Jr. announced, "I have a dream," he gave voice to a vision, and the world was electrified. Unfortunately, more often than not, mission statements, even those of churches, elicit little more than a yawn, or worse, disdain.

In their book "The Art of Possibility," Rosamund and Benjamin Zander argue that "...by and large, mission statements are expressions of competition and scarcity" that tend to motivate people competitively but tend not to provide guidelines or inform them as to meaning and direction for the long term. They assert that, "A vision releases us from the weight and confusion of local problems and concerns, and allows us to see the long clear line. A vision becomes a framework for possibility."

We read in scripture: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." [Proverbs 29:18, KJV] Indeed, vision and visions are an integral part of scripture. Visions are seen as conveying messages from God, often associated with prophetic activity or apocalyptic revelation. Visions look ahead, calling people to a new reality, transforming them in the process, and often transforming the world as well. They awaken understanding and imagination. They are the stuff of possibility, hope and new life. Without vision we flounder in the tired world of the past, trapped in worn out assumptions, easy answers, and life sapping convention.

From a Biblical perspective, it is clear that vision has its root in the activity of God. In creation itself, or a burning bush, or a still small voice, or a flash of light on the Road to Damascus, God speaks a vision and life springs forth. It is as though God clears the clutter of chaos, fear and misplaced priorities and shows a vision of new meaning and understanding.

God is uniquely capable of setting before us the vision that will bring new life. With Saul, who became Paul and the preeminent early Christian missionary, it took a flash of light that blinded him and knocked him off his horse. God can do that, but wouldn't it be refreshing if we spent some time making space for vision: clearing the clutter of our lives, creating an empty space where God can find a welcome place to offer vision and hope and possibility. Perhaps if we slowed down, quieted down, simplified our lives we might be more ready to see the vision that will transform us. The ancients called it Sabbath: it restored their souls, it refreshed their bodies, it gave them focus, and through it they had a clearer vision of the meaning and direction of their lives.

The vision of God is a long clear line that reaches to eternity - a place where all things are made new and all peoples walk in the Light of God who is revealed as Immanuel. When we set about making space for that vision, we hasten the day when God's kingdom comes and God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven.



## WOW! Summer Church School!

A Great opportunity for children K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
June 19 – August 28

As the school year comes to a close, we expect the same to happen to the church school program. Not this year! A Sunday morning Bible based program has been designed specifically for our children, K- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Summer Church School will begin after “Children’s Time” at approximately 10:15 and end at 11:00.

There are three main objectives to the program:

- ♥ children will meet adult members of the congregation
- ♥ children will be exposed to Bible stories presented thru different media
- ♥ children will learn how God enters lives of people in biblical times and now

The lesson will be based on the Sunday morning Scripture, so you and your child can have a meaningful conversation in the car on the way home from church. We hope that you will register your child for this summer program. Fill out the registration form below and place it in the collection plate on any Sunday before June 19. Thank you.

Pastor Lori and Nina Dunne

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### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

School grade entering in the fall \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to food \_\_\_\_\_

BEE STING ALLERGY YES NO Will you carry an EpiPen? YES NO

Are you able to provide a snack for one Sunday? YES NO

**“INCH BY INCH, ROW BY ROW...  
GONNA MAKE THIS GARDEN GROW!”\***

You needn't be a Master Gardener to help our Food Pantry garden grow. The plan is to grow greens to share with the Pantry and the Community Dinners. The soil has been turned and crops planted. A variety of tasks are awaiting your attention: weeding, mulching, watering and harvesting, to name a few. This will happen at the garden, which is located behind our parsonage. Many hands will keep the garden growing and help us have a healthy harvest to share with our neighbors in need. All are invited to help, individuals and families; this is a great learning experience. If you can help make our garden grow please contact one of us:



Dave Beutel  
884-7854

Paula Martasian  
885-3773

Marilyn Moffett  
294-2188

\*The Garden Song, by John Denver

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

***Spring Yard & Rummage/Clothing Sale***  
**JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> 9Am – 2PM**

It's time to spring clean but don't throw out those unused or forgotten treasures. We're having a Yard and Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. You may bring in your donations beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>; set-up June 3rd & 4th. Please only bring clothes in good, wearable condition. Clothing left at the end of the day will be sent to Big Sisters, Project Outreach, Reach Out♥. Economic Ministries, and other charitable organizations. Please speak with Cathy Morrison if you can help.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**If your birthday and/or anniversary date is incorrect or if you would like yours added, please notify the church office.**

**June Anniversaries**

- 3 Jay and Ruth Sperry
- 7 Mike and Paula Wilberger
- 11 Matt and Kelly Bourgeois
- 17 Mark and Marilyn Moffett
- 21 Charlie and Bonnie Seekell
- 26 Robert and Lynn Beatty

**June Birthdays**

- 3 Joshua Johnen
- 10 James Smith  
Charlie Dwane
- 11 David Beutel
- 13 Mary Pierce
- 14 Lorraine Berube  
Bonnie Seekell  
Bowman Halstead  
Harrison Dewhurst
- 16 Marina DerManouelian  
Brooke Barske
- 18 Marsha Taylor
- 21 Eve DerManouelian  
Zach Pierce  
Brandi Weller
- 23 Ryan Wilson  
Jennifer Morrisette
- 24 Joseph DiPalma  
Richard Blott
- 25 Syd Gledhill  
Lizann Gibson
- 27 Suzanne Harkness  
Kelly Bourgeois
- 30 Marilyn Moffett  
Robert Beatty  
Katherine Cihat  
Graham Pellegrino  
Robert Johnson

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST RI STUDENTS/FAMILIES WITH COSTS OF EDUCATION**

Do you – or someone you know – need help with the costs of education? The Rhode Island Foundation, thanks to hundreds of generous individuals who value education, may be able to help.

The Foundation administers more than 150 scholarship funds to assist students from middle school to post-graduate study and from every city and town in Rhode Island with the costs of education. Last year alone, the Foundation distributed nearly \$1 million in scholarship assistance to Rhode Islanders.

Some of the scholarships are for specific geographic regions such as the Bernard and Henrietta O'Rourke Scholarship for residents of Lincoln, RI. (See the story at right to learn about one of last year's O'Rourke Scholarship recipients.) Others target specific schools such as the Lawrence, Allen, Singletary Scholarship for Hope High School or Central High School graduating seniors (or renewal applicants). Still others are designated for specific groups such as the Major Jeremiah P. Murphy Scholarship for the children of active, retired, or deceased Providence police officers.

Individuals applying for many scholarships at the Foundation – both new and renewal applicants – should apply through a new online system. Applications for other Foundation-administered scholarship funds should be submitted directly to a school or organization.

The scholarship section of the Foundation website provides detailed information, including a directory of all Foundation-administered scholarships with eligibility criteria, application information, and deadlines; an eligibility questionnaire; and access to the online application system.

### **2011 New England Assembly of the Laity (NEAL)**

**August 5-6, 2011**

**Rolling Ridge - North Andover, MA**

**"A Touch of Grace - Nurturing Body, Mind, Spirit"**

The 58<sup>th</sup> gathering of the New England Assembly of the Laity (NEAL) will be held August 5-6, 2011 at The Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center in North Andover, MA. *"A Touch of Grace – Nurturing Body, Mind, Spirit"* will start on Friday evening and end on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The NEAL Assembly gathering includes keynote speakers, small group discussions, music, singing, worship, prayer and fellowship. There will be special activities planned for Saturday afternoon to nurture body, mind and spirit.

Registration forms and information are available at NEAL's website – [www.assemblyofthelaity.com](http://www.assemblyofthelaity.com). For more information and a registration form to be sent to you or to a friend in the mail, please email [laityrus@yahoo.com](mailto:laityrus@yahoo.com) or contact Kathi Peterson, 2011 Chairperson (860) 928-2530 or David Dunham, Registrar (860) 963-7817.

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**Join us for Summer Church School & Worship!**

**June is here & we may have many things that keep us from our regular schedule of church attendance. The bills the church receives are regular. If you are going away, please do your part to send in your pledge to the church so we can pay our commitments timely. Thanks! Finance Committee**