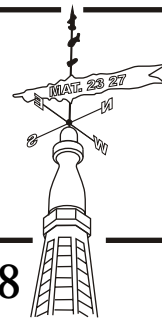


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The Passing of the Peace...continued

Last month we learned a bit about the history of the ritual of the Passing of the Peace its Biblical origins in both the Gospels and the early letters of Paul. For generations, the tradition fell into disuse. However, in the 1960s and 1970s, many Protestant churches revived it, some more successful than others when it came to incorporating it into the flow of the worship service!

Those churches that have been successful in adapting the Passing of the Peace to their worship tradition have realized that it is critical to embrace the fact that the Passing of the Peace is NOT a time of greeting. As one author I read pointed out, too often, it can “resemble a reckless circus rather than a holy greeting. The community spirit of awesome worship, prayer and reverence is crucified recklessly on an altar of Woodstock theater as clergy may easily be heard to remark: “Nice hat, Gloria!” “Hey, good to see ya; quite a game last night!” Nowhere among liturgical precedents will one find the intention of clergy prancing up and down aisles with vestments flapping like butterflies in heat or some extraverted congregants leaping at others merely enduring the assaults.”

The Passing of the Peace ought to be a deeply spiritual time where we actively engage in peacemaking with those around us. The Passing of the Peace is like a blessing or prayer whereby we wish for those around us that peace which passes all our understanding. It can also be a time to become reconciled with one another. If it is a time to truly offer God's peace, can it be a time when we walk up to someone we don't like very much or have been in conflict with and extend our hand in love and peace forgiving one another as God has forgiven us and affirming each other in God's sight?

As we continue to ponder whether the Passing of the Peace is “right” for us as a congregation on a regular or occasional basis, it is important to remember that, above all, the Passing of the Peace is, in the end, not about us. It is a way to express what God has done for us in Christ. The important question is how we celebrate both in worship and beyond – that we have been forgiven and so have been freed to love one another, to pass that love and peace to one another, and to go out into the world to serve in the name of Christ.

For more of Rev. Nancy's thoughts on the Passing of the Peace, read her recent sermon entitled “Havoc or Holiness” on the Pastor's Page of the church website at www.rvccme.org

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Articles can be dropped off at the church office, mailed or emailed to: Raymond Village Community Church, P.O. Box 285 (Main St.), Raymond, ME 04071 - office@rvccme.org or to John Hanley, 221 Valley Rd, Raymond, ME 04071 - weathervane@rvccme.org - Thank you for reading our newsletter!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers of concern go out to:

Those in our Church Family

Rita Gerry, Jane Jordan,
Frank Sullivan and Mary Winant.

In our Extended Family

Sue Barter, Joshua Lambert, Paula Legg,
Hal Maker, Harry McKenna, Irene Morris, and
Margaret Wardwell.

In our Community

The family of Christopher Ball, Larry Bennett,
Dora and Bobby Durgin, Frances and Hazel
Hinds, Kelli Hutchinson, Hal Maker, Dana Reed,
all of our service men and women, and all others
near and far who are sick or in need.

Lectionary Readings for June

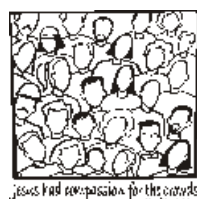
You will hear some of these readings during worship each Sunday. Be prepared and read ahead!



June 1st – Children’s Sunday
Genesis 6:9-22, 8:14-19
Psalm 46
Romans 1:16-17, 3:22-28
Matthew 7:21-29

June 8th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



June 15th –
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 22nd – Youth Participation Sunday

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39



June 29th – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

**Summary of May 8, 2008
Coordinating Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, on Thursday May 8th.

Present were: Nancy F., Caryl, Lori, Fran and Rolf

Absent: Nancy Y., Brian, Dick

Caryl offered the opening prayer to begin our meeting.

Minutes from our April 10th Council Meeting were unanimously approved, as amended.

Pastoral Reflection: Rev. Nancy handed out a brief passage for us to read about the “Marks of the Church”.

This is from the book Inside the Small Church by Anthony Pappas and is included here so you may all review it.

Marks of the Church

The early church delineated four essential marks of the church which could be found from the moment of its birth (Acts 2:37-47): kerygma (proclamation), didache (teaching), koinonia (community), and diakonia (service). To that list I would add a fifth, oikoumene (ecumenism), which is inherent in the gospel and in the witness of the church through the ages. It is faithfulness to these marks of the church which determines congregational vitality not congregational size, not the size of the budget, or any other Madison Avenue measurement. The fundamental questions to be asked are these:

- How is the gospel proclaimed in this congregation? To what extent is this congregation a “good news” place?
- What is the quality of teaching and moral inquiry here?
- What is the evidence that this congregation is a just and compassionate community?
- How is the congregation engaged in servant love in the community and world?
- How does this congregation witness to the unity of the church and the oneness of the human family?

It should be evident that these questions are not size specific and are as challenging and as problematic for the large congregation as the small/rural one. It is my conviction that few congregations, of any size, are focused on these questions.

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After looking this information over briefly, Rev. Nancy asked us to answer these five questions:

1. Which of the five essential marks of the church does RVCC do best?
2. Which one do we need the most work on?
3. For each essential mark, what is an example of something we do and an idea of something we might do?

We all gave input on each question and discussed many different aspects of how RVCC is trying to achieve each of these essential marks. What do you think?

Information on the Leaders Retreat

On Saturday May 17th 12 – 15 people from the Council, Deacons, Christian Ed., and others will meet to look ahead at what RVCC's plans for spiritual growth over the next year. We are all very grateful to Joe Foran for facilitating the Leadership Retreat again this year. Nancy and Joe are working on the agenda and they will e-mail to all involved when it is ready. Each one attending will bring a pot luck brunch item to share.

Reports of the Coordinators

Treasurer (Caryl) Caryl provided us with the monthly statements in our office boxes and reviewed them with us. We discussed any areas of concern and Caryl answered questions we had. After a motion and second the Council accepted the Treasurer's report as given, subject to audit.

Church Clerk (Lori) Nothing new to report this month.

Trustee (Dick - absent) The Spring clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday May 10th. Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. We hope to see many helping hands from the congregation pitching in to beautify our church and grounds.

Missions Committee (Brian absent but e-mailed a report to the council) It is included below.

- The church congregation created 33 health kits and 30 school kits! Thanks to Gloria Metz and Polly Dyer for their leadership on this project
- This Sunday, we will collect the UCC Special Offering, Strengthen the Church
- I have asked the Mission Trip group to include on their next meeting agenda a discussion of ways to engage the full church family in the trip

so that everyone is vested in their good work. I have also provided some ideas of ways to achieve increased involvement.

- We have provided servers at the Wayside Soup Kitchen for two months now, and everyone who has participated has said it was a worthwhile outreach effort. Elaine York, with Andy Morrison's support, continues to lead this effort. The next time we provide support is on Sunday, May 25th. I don't believe we have anyone signed up yet.
- We have also had a good and regular response to our collections for Seafarer's Friend. We will continue to remind the congregation of ways they can help throughout the year.

Christian Ed Committee (Rev. Nancy) Children's Sunday will be on June 1st.

Our sincere thanks to Walt Read who has offered to lead a summer bible study again the year. It will focus on Revelations and the class will use the book Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger. The Adult Study will begin on June 19th and books will be purchased by the end of May. Those interested in participating should contact the church office as soon as possible.

Our sincere thanks to Brenda Olsen who has offered to lead the Summer Sunday School program. It is called "Lift Off" and will begin on July 13th.

The C.E. Task Force is looking into options for how the Sunday School will run next year. One possibility is changing to a one room set up. More information as it becomes available.

Stewardship: The Summer Flea Market has been scheduled for Saturday June 14th and the first of our Pot Roast Suppers will be Saturday June 21st.

At this time we have no Stewardship Coordinator. This position is vital to the council, so please, if your talents may lie in this area we'd love to have you onboard.

Deacons (Fran) The Deacons didn't have a meeting this month. There will be one hundred red geraniums decorating the sanctuary for Pentecost. These will be available to purchase after the Pentecost service.

Moderator (Rolf) Business has been covered in other reports.

Pastor (Rev. Nancy) The Annual Leaders Action Planning Retreat has been scheduled for Saturday May 17th.

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May 18th we will celebrate those who have been long time members of Raymond Village Church. We will be honoring those who have been members for 30 years or more. As part of the church service the congregation will be helping to develop a timeline of our church history.

On June 11th & 12th, Rev. Nancy will be attending a seminar to be trained in the Murphy-Meisgeier Inventory, which is a young adult version of the Myers-Briggs type inventory. (MBTI)

The Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference will be held June 20 – 22. Fran and Rev. Nancy will attend.

Nancy also asked that we keep Rita and Ivan Gerry in our prayers, as well as Brenda Olsen on the passing of her Grandmother Mae.

Old Business: None

New Business: Frank Sullivan has let us know what dates he will be away. I will give the dates to Dick Day so their will be no interruption of cleaning the church.

We discussed doing some research into what it would take to remodel the two downstairs bathrooms into one large handicapped accessible bathroom.

Next Council meeting will be Thursday June 12, 2008; at 7:00 p.m. Prayer will be offered by Fran Mains.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Lambert, Church Clerk

Maine Conference Annual Meeting Coming Up!

The Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference (United Church of Christ) will be held at the University of Maine/Farmington June 20-22. Rev. Nancy and Frances Mains will be attending. They will be attending the business meeting as well as interesting and informative work shops on worship, mission, and other important areas of church life.

Thanks!

My family and I want to thank the church somehow for the lovely service that we had for Mom. We decided that we would buy a plant to add to the landscape of the church for all to enjoy. Perhaps we'll start a trend. We hope that it can add to the patio area by the picnic tables for all to enjoy.

In Faith, Kathleen Bent

And thanks to Kathleen and her family for the lovely flowering Heather plant now planted near the picnic tables!

Flower Donations

Thanks to the following people who donated flowers for the altar in May:

Diane Goosetrey – in memory of her mother, sister, and daughter.

Nancy Yates – in honor of her sister, Julia

Linda McKenna – in memory of her father's birthday (He would have been 94!).

Everyone who purchased the 100 red geraniums on Pentecost!

Bruce Peavey

Dear Raymond Village Church Community,

As you know I have had quite a challenge with an injury I sustained in January. It kind of brought my life to a halt. Living alone is a challenge with an injury but my friends at the Raymond Village Church made it easier to deal with.

The following is a partial list of people that gave of their time and talent to be a true friend to me in my time of need.

First and foremost I want to thank my dear friend Rosemary Tripp. She called daily and made sure I had something to eat and if I was OK and didn't need anything. If I did she made it happen. Mark Latham who cleared my yard of snow after already doing Rosemary's and was already cold. Thanks so much Mark. Anne Harriman and Jeri Keane-Dreyer who brought hot meals even during snow storms. Muriel Yeager who handmade a special mitten to cover my cast and help keep me warm. Finally I would also like to thank the RVCC community for all the cards and calls especially Lori Lambert and Reverend Nancy.

This show of Love and caring is just one example of what makes RVCC what is and I want you all to know it is greatly appreciated.

Bruce Peavey

June is Pot Roast Supper Time!

Our first Pot Roast supper of the season is on Saturday, June 21st. Be in touch with Polly Dyer if you would like to help out in any way. We need lots of volunteers to have a successful supper. And remember many hands make light work! If you don't feel that you can help, then be sure to come and eat and bring a few friends. Our suppers are famous in the area, and so we need everyone to come and enjoy the food, help if you can and be sure to spread the word!

Celebrating our Church History and Longtime Members

What a fun and interesting celebration we had on May 18th as we explored the history of RVCC together. Check out the timeline that is in the Vestry and PLEASE ADD PHOTOS, PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS, AND OTHER EVENTS TO THE TIMELINE! It is your stories that add flesh and bones to our history!



We also honored people who have maintained an active membership status at RVCC for more than 30 years. The following people received a certificate of Recognition:

- Sylvia Lydick – 70 years
- Elizabeth Shively – 50 years
- John Winant – 50 years
- Mary Winant – 50 years
- Helen Wykoff – 49 years
- Wayne Whitney – 49 years
- Rosemary Tripp – 48 years
- Linda Whitney – 33 years
- Caryl Gilman – 33 years
- Beverly Blake – 33 years
- June Kaulback – 31 years



Thoughts on Stewardship....It's More Than Just About the Money

Frances Mains shared this stewardship reflection during worship last fall but it is a good reminder any time of the year of the role of RVCC in our lives:

Many of you know by now how I felt when I walked into this church for the first time. I was enveloped by the warmth of folks who came forward to greet me, and was so grateful to Muriel, who offered me a seat, and introduced me to those nearby, when I went down near the front so that I would hear what was being said from the pulpit. I had been invited by Adma, who on learning that I was moving into the area, told me my former pastor was going to be interim preaching that Sunday. Listening to Phil bridged the gap, and I remember how pleased I was at the music I heard coming from the choir loft.

That is history, now, as I never stopped coming, and am happily at home in this neat little church, where everyone, including Pastor Nancy, who joined the church with me, keeps me happily involved in my new life in Raymond. When I left Gorham, I was one sad lady, and extremely homesick. Raymond Village Community Church has proved to me that there is still life to be lived. You folks are so filled with ideas and ways to make the world a better place, and you make things happen. I can only pray that some of what you have shown me rubs off on me, and that I can make such a difference in the life of someone who needs me, like I need you.

I am so proud to be given the right to take care of my church. I don't have a lot to give financially, but I really want to do my share to support my new church home I have a willing heart and am trying to make a difference by the things I am able to do, and I sincerely hope that what I can regularly give, plus my eagerness to help, will enable me to carry my share of the load. This church really makes a difference in its missions, and its outreach, and its community involvement, and in my life. I am really proud to be affiliated. And you accept me with all my foibles, and you have made me feel like one of you, even with all my bells and whistles. I love your goals, your pastor, your music, and you, and I truly feel duty bound to be a good and loving steward of this heartwarming place. God bless this house, its purposes, and us.

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; now let us commit it to life.

- Edwin Markham



"The kiss of sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth."

~ Dorothy Frances Gurney



"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never. In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common. This is to be my symphony."

~ William Henry Channing

Shalom Club's Last Meeting

Shalom Club will have a final meeting after church on June 8th to finish the Care Baskets. Polly Dyer will be bringing lots of card-making supplies (and does she ever have a lot!) and will have lots of ideas for making some awesome cards to go along with the baskets. Hope everyone in grades 4-6 can come!

Mission News

With the help of our entire church family, we delivered 30 school kits and 33 health kits to Church World Services in May! This is a fantastic achievement and it comes at a time when these kits are so needed in areas around the world hit by natural disasters. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the creation of the kits, from purchase of the items to sewing of the school kit bags. A special thanks to Polly Dyer, who led the School Kit creation, and Gloria Metz, who headed up the Health Kit creation.

A reminder that everyone is urged to sign up for RVCC's monthly support of the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland. On the fourth Saturday of each month, RVCC provides the serving staff for the Kitchen. All who have participated so far agree it is a



Polly stands proudly with the completed school kits!



Our intrepid sewers work on creating the school kit bags.

most worthwhile cause, a very fulfilling mission effort, and great fun! The time commitment is about three hours, including the trip to Portland. We are hoping to get wide participation from our church family for this important outreach ministry. Anyone interested can contact Elaine 892-5611 or email:

SeeburgC@hotmail.com,
or sign up on the sheet in the vestry.

On May 11, we collected one of our four UCC special mission offerings, Strengthen the Church. We collected \$140, which will go to help support funding new churches and building leadership and ministries in the UCC denomination. Thank you to all who gave!

Still Looking for Land!!

Joe and I wanted everyone to know that we are still looking for land in the greater Raymond area. We are interested in purchasing 10 or more acres of wooded land somewhere between Raymond, Harrison, and Poland. We are not looking for lakefront property.

We would appreciate anyone being able to help us:

1. To identify good, reputable realtors who really know the area north and east of Sebago Lake.
2. To identify land owners who might be interested in selling some of their land.

Thanks from both of us.

- Rev. Nancy

I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.

- George Washington Carver

2008 Flea Market Peddles Fun, Wonderful and Wacky

Saturday, June 14 is the date for the 2008 Raymond Village Flea Market, held at the Raymond Village Community Church on Main Street. Mark your calendars, clean out the garage, save your pennies and call your friends.

This year, we'll have delicious food, beautiful plants, baked goods, and dozens of tables of flea market treasures. If you want to reserve a table (\$15) or space (\$10) please contact Polly Dyer at shortie37@verizon.net or 892-4301.

The Raymond Village Flea Market is the spring fundraiser for the Raymond Village Community Church, a United Church of Christ. Services are held each Sunday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. A nursery and Sunday school classes are available during the service. All are welcome. To learn more visit:

<http://www.rvccme.org>

SunSet Gap Mission Trip August 2008

There are 15 people from the Raymond Village Community Church that will be embarking on our first church mission trip to help serve the people in Cosby, TN through F.A.S.T (Faithful Advocates Serving Together). We will be serving alongside the Office of Disciples Volunteering and UCC Office of Volunteer Ministries in the local Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee. We will be helping fix up homes, gardening, and worshipping with the local people in an area of chronic poverty and increasing environmental concerns.

One of our inspiration verses is Isaiah 58 6-7: "Where it speaks of the bonds of injustice that need to be loosened, undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed be set free, to help feed the hungry, bring the homeless and poor to our homes, cloth the naked and cover them, and NOT TO HIDE YOURSELF FROM YOUR OWN KIN."

SunSet Gap Community Center is a place for the people of Cosby, TN to get help. Their needs are great and many. We know that we can not solve all their concerns, I know that this church can send a message of compassion in SMALL AND IMPORTANT WAYS. One way is to help with the needs of Preschool items. This list of needed items is as follows: plastic Crayola scissors, glue sticks, primary pencils, tempera watercolor paint (powder), poster board, children's cassette tapes, shovels, rakes, small brooms, Crayola crayons (8 pk), Campbell soup labels, dishes cereal bowls, juice cups, dish towels and dish cloths.

Our Mission Trip team would appreciate you helping out by bringing these items to church starting June 1 (Children Sunday) and throughout the month of June and July. A collection box will be placed on the Mission table for your donated items.

We know that the Sunset Gap Community Center will truly appreciate of your giving and gifts for the blessing is that we will see the hand of God working in their lives even from Raymond, Maine.

The Gordan Family, The Keane-Dreyer Family, The Stevenson Family, Nancy and Joe Foran, Elaine York (RVCC Mission Team) SunSet Gap Mission Trip

Lift Off!

Our Summer Sunday Children's Program will begin on Sunday, July 13th for all children entering Grades 1-6. Brenda Olsen is once again the intrepid leader and this year will be taking the children on a ballooning adventure to learn about God and the Bible. Spread the word and be sure to join us!

Fair Trade Coffee and Tea....It's Doing Good by Doing Right

"Fair trade is about justice. It's about us as consumers in the United States putting our faith for us and humanity in a system that works for farmers...It's really about changing our consumer purchases to make a difference for people around the world. (Melanie Hardison, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A))

Visit our Fair Trade Coffee and Tea "store" in the Vestry. Buying fair traded tea and coffee is a good thing to do and your costs are less than you will find in the grocery store. Purchasing at the church helps to support our efforts to serve fair trade coffee and tea at coffee hour and other special church functions.

Action Planning Retreat

Recently a number of your church leaders gathered in the Vestry on a Saturday morning for four hours to plan a direction for RVCC in the next 6-9 months. They began by celebrating all of the events, projects, and programs we have going here at RVCC. It was quite a long list and included events related to worship, mission, buildings and grounds, fellowship, and other aspects of church life. They recognized that because we are involved in so many things, we need to be careful not to burn out our volunteers and spread ourselves too thin. Consequently, the initiatives they came up with are focused on how we can leverage time and volunteer commitment by improving or enriching current programs or focusing new events on strengthening our ties to the Raymond community.

1. Expand the Good Apple Project and Produce Exchange
2. Explore kitchen/bathroom upgrade options
3. Determine how to increase impact and visibility of Flea Market in future years
4. Community Outdoor Movie Night
5. Activities to encourage participation of older youth in the life of the church
 - a. Opportunities to bring friends to sing and share in the music life of the church
 - b. Sponsor Monday Meal for Seniors
 - c. Sharing art with the wider congregation joint classes, exhibits, etc.
6. Church Talent Show

"When I took the leap, I had faith I would find a net; instead I learned I could fly." (John Calvin)

Getting to Know Our Volunteers

Our church is made up of folks who are always ready to lend a hand. Adma Willis is one of those dedicated servants...so much so that it is difficult to list her unsung endeavors, as she discovers something else that has to be done. Adma mentions a couple of her responsibilities in her answers, but those of us who know her aren't surprised when she pops up on another avenue. Always willing, with energy that never seems to wane, Adma's quiet steady vital volunteer work is a great part of what keeps this church going and growing. Must be the mother hen in Adma that drives her to get others interested in making a difference in the life of this church, convincing someone else of their ability to join in with her as she leaps in to fill a need.

What is your favorite part of doing your volunteer activity?

I love getting to know the other volunteers. Doing things together is lots of fun.

Why did you decide to get involved in this activity or project?

Some things, such as the Christmas Fair, I've been asked to do. Some, such as Project Linus, I've done because it is special to me, and I want to get others involved.

What did you learn about yourself or about your church family that surprised you through this activity or project?

Working on the church suppers, I've been surprised to see how dedicated many people are. Some jobs have been filled for many years by the same people. I am also pleased and surprised to see and meet many community people who look forward to our suppers.

Rev. Nancy and Joe to Attend Summer Collegium

Virginia Theological Seminary will be the site of the Summer Collegium in Support of Small Church Ministry from June 25th July 3rd. Rev. Nancy and Joe were 25 clergy couples selected from over 150 applicants to participate in the Collegium, which is completely funded and paid for by a grant from the Lily Endowment. Participants are from all over the U.S. and Canada and represent 8 different denominations. Rev. Nancy and Joe have been working hard preparing for the Collegium by reading three books and completing several writing assignments.

June 1st is Children's Sunday

Come and honor our children and their teachers! Ministry to our children is such an important part of being the Body of Christ here in Raymond, and we are thankful both to our teachers and to the families who have made Sunday School a priority this year. Children will receive certificates and gifts, and Brenda Olsen will be telling them about the Summer Sunday Children's Program. Some of our youngest children may have a special song as well!

There will be a BBQ after church for EVERYONE! In addition, one of our anthems will be a combined choir extravaganza with the Regular Choir, the very Occasional Men's Choir, the Youth Singers, and the Junior Choir. Thanks to Donna Hurd and Diane Goosetrey for pulling this off!

Thanks to our teachers and youth group leaders this year:

Alice Richards – nursery,
toddlers through Kindergarten
Bekah Gagne – Alice's assistant

Tracie Morris and Debbie Wallingford – Grades 1-3

Kim Allen and Vicki Gordan – Grades 4-6

Brenda Stevenson and Vicki Gordan – Youth Group

Touched by the Spirit

When have you felt the presence of God in your life? This is a new column in the Weathervane and is a chance for you to share your thoughts on that very question. All reflections will be anonymous. You can write a book or just a few lines. You can write in complete sentences or in fragments. Here are some thoughts from someone in our church family:

"I was driving the long Rt 85, when my favorite classical station started playing Rhapsody in Blue. I've heard it many times, and it has never hit me quite the way it did today. I don't know what triggered my feelings, but all these thoughts of how music enters the heads of these composers started to run around my head. The more I thought about it, the more powerful the composition became, until the tears came, about the time the theme showed up. Did anything like that ever happen to you? I can think of one other time that it happened right off handy. The more the music played the more it hit me, and although I didn't try, the tears didn't stop either. I receive gifts sometimes that boggle my mind."

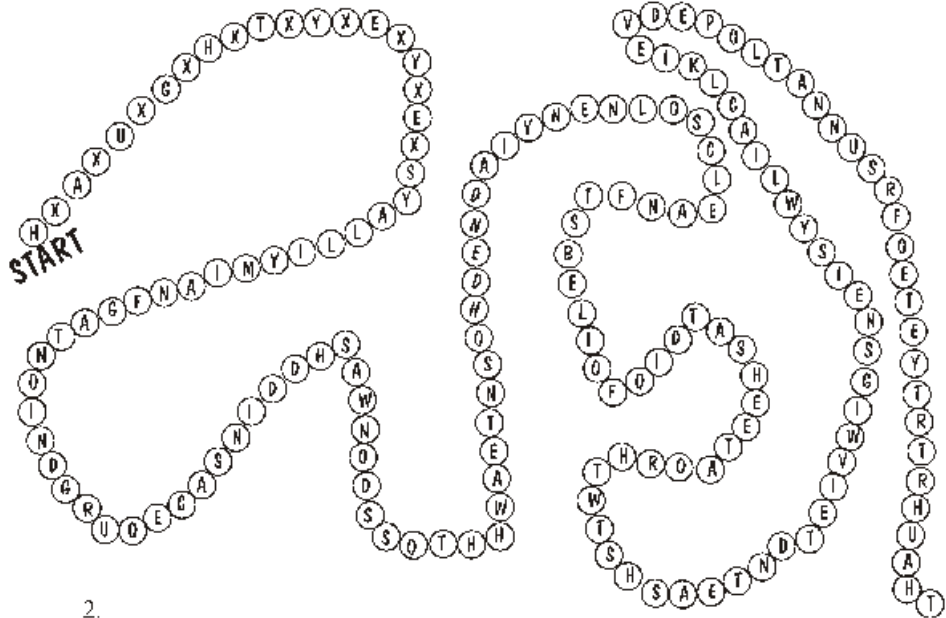
Send your thoughts to the Church Office at office@rvccme.org or to Rev. Nancy at revnancy@rvccme.org. Hope you will share part of yourself in this way, so that we can all become closer as a church family!

Kid's Korner

Or anyone who feels like a kid!

Seven Things

In Proverbs 6:16-19 we learn that there are seven things that are an abomination to God. Start at one end of the path and write down the first letter and then every other letter. When you reach the end start back writing every other letter beginning with the next to last letter.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Answers: 1. Fearing the Lord, 2. A lying tongue, 3. and hands that shed innocent blood, 4. a heart that devises wicked plans, 5. feet that run to a lie, 6. a witness who testifies falsely, 7. and one who sows discord in a family.

College Corner

Dear Raymond Village:

I'm just writing a quick thanks for remembering me when you mailed your college care packages. It's always nice to receive mail, and even better when it's a bunch of great food! I hope the spring is treating you all well, and that the weather is finally warming up a bit. Again, thank you!

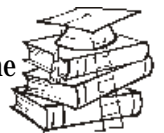
Sincerely, Tim Foran

Thank you so much for the thoughtful care package you all sent me while I was away at college! It was a very kind gesture and I enjoyed the munchies immensely, as I'm sure you can imagine. So thanks again.

Take care!
Erin Dodge

Congratulations to our high school graduates! Be sure to congratulate them and wish them luck on their future endeavors:

- Ali Gordan will be attending Stonehill College
- Lacey Knudsen will be entering the Marine Corps
- Lyzz Stevenson will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington



Graduation

Congratulations!

Welcome to our New Lay Delegate

Thanks to Mary Elizabeth Seals for volunteering to be a lay delegate to Maine Conference and Cumberland Association events. She will join Frances Mains and Rev. Nancy in attending meetings, ordinations, and installations.

June 2008

RVCC Calendar online - check for the latest updates at www.rvccme.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Children's Sunday!	2	3	4 6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Pack 800 Den Meeting	5	6	7
8 10:00 am Worship	9	10	11 6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	12 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Church Council	13 7:00 pm AA	14 8:00 am RVCC Summer Flea Market!
15 10:00 am Worship Choir sings! Father's Day!	16 7:00 pm Troop 800 Committee Meeting	17	18 6:30 am Men's Fellowship	19 7:00 pm Summer Adult Study First meeting	20 7:00 pm AA Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference begins Weathervane articles due	21 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Pot Roast Supper (vestry use all day)
22 10:00 am Worship	23	24 6:30 pm Troop 800 Summer Camp Meeting	25 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Rev. Nancy leaves for Summer Collegium	26	27 7:00 pm AA	28 WaySide Soup Kitchen Contact: Elaine York 892-5611 FMI
29 10:00 am Worship Elder Celebration!	30	July 1	July 2 6:30 am Men's Fellowship	July 3 Rev. Nancy returns from Summer Collegium	July 4 7:00 pm AA Happy Fourth of July!	July 5
July 6 10:00 am Worship	July 7	July 8	July 9 6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	July 10 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Church Council	July 11 7:00 pm AA	July 12



The important thing is neither your
nationality nor the religion you
professed, but how your faith
translated itself in your life.

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Please come and join us at
Worship and bring a friend!!!

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