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COFFEE HOUSE, SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 6 TO 8 PM

ONE PLUS ONE COOKOUT AT PRAY'S!, JUNE 15TH, 5:30 PM

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THE VOICE

We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God’s love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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Pastor’s Message

It says in the Old Testament: Sabbath breakers should be put to death! (Numbers 15:32-36)

Once, in a class on Judaism, a student asked the teacher what the most important Jewish holiday was. His answer: the Sabbath. *But that happens every week.* Sabbath is the holiest time. After all, the other holidays don’t get mentioned in the big Ten — the Decalogue — the Ten Commandments. But the Sabbath is a COMMANDMENT. And we should honor it.

It is the holiest time for Jews, but what about Christians? Jesus came along and had a very easy standard for the Sabbath. “The Sabbath was made for man, not the other way around.” (Mark 2:27). God created the Sabbath for us — just as Jesus suggests. It is our time. We are supposed to relax, do nothing, be happy doing nothing, and in that way honor the God who on the seventh day, did nothing!

This is where I think we have been running into trouble. Christians have been strict about the Sabbath being a Sunday thing. Our Jewish friends might take issue with this. The Catholics have found a convenient way around the *Sabbath on Sunday* idea — they have a Mass on Saturday night.

Most Mainline Protestant churches are left scratching their heads, lamenting, “What happened to the good old days of church on Sunday, family dinners and Blue Laws.” Not many worked on Sunday, because most everything was shut down. There wasn’t any factory, retail or food service work. In tight communities, people didn’t dare plan events on Sundays. There weren’t sports team games or practices. Birthday parties and baby showers wouldn’t be planned. Sundays were **off-limits** to good, God fearing types. Others respected the God-fearing types.

Dare I say, there is very little respect for the Sabbath anymore. Most communities don’t adhere to a strict Sunday Sabbath ethos. Most churchgoers are unashamedly intermittent with attendance. Regular attendance means ‘every week, as far as humanly possible.’ (I can hear people now, “I go to church every Christmas and Easter, and I’m regular about it!) The difference between a thriving church and a declining church is regular attendance.

I know that young parents have to make difficult choices. You really want your kids to be on the team, and if they have to skip practices or games, the coaches can be very unsympathetic. You know that church will always be there, so... But the church will NOT always be there. Without attending church, the child will NOT develop a church relationship. The child will not become familiar with the worship service, hymns or ritual. When the child does attend and tries to acclimate themselves to the service, the liturgy will be foreign and bereft of any meaning. So, it stands to reason — if it doesn’t have meaning, why attend? And this is a struggle for most Mainline Protestant churches.

However, we can honor the Sabbath. If you honor the Sabbath by attending worship on Sunday, you will help the church. If you honor the Sabbath by picking another day, it won’t do much to build up the church, but it will certainly help you to recharge your spiritual battery.

How do you honor the Sabbath today? Choose a set time. For a family or a couple, it is as simple as carving out an ‘untouchable’ time. If something important comes up on that day, too bad. Honor the Sabbath.

Have a game night. Have a movie night. Read together. Put the phones away, shut down the computers, tablets and laptops. Unplug! Go for a walk.

This July, I will be leading worship at the First Baptist Church in Attleboro. In August I will be honoring the Sabbath — all month! I will be doing all of the things I listed above and more. Find a Sabbath and honor it!

Peace, Rev. Will

OPEN MIC/COFFEEHOUSE

As you know we have been hosting a monthly Second Saturday Open Mic and Coffee House...

This is on the second Saturday of every month from 6 to 8 PM. It is always an open invitation to all in our community to come and sing, play, or share a talent. We will continue the program this summer.

June 8- Regular Coffee House, Fellowship Hall, 6-8 pm.

July 13- PASS THE GUITAR COFFEE HOUSE—Yes, something slightly different.

Because we will be meeting in the much smaller Conference Room (**with A/C**), there will be one guitar and one keyboard (with a small amp)—that's it! All performers are asked to simply show up with their music. All guitarists will use the same guitar. No microphones, no PAs, no cords and wires. The audience will be treated to a night of acoustic delight. We will still have light refreshments. (The side and back door near the lift will be open. Please come through the Sanctuary, or from the driveway side door.)

Aug 10- NO COFFEE HOUSE—we will all be enjoying a Sabbath!

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Charlie Oliver.

June 2 Second Sunday of Pentecost

Scripture: John 10:11-18

Sermon: "Holy Sheep"

June 9 Children's Sunday!

June 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: "In this Boat Together"

June 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: "A Superlative Sermon"

June 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "Friend of Sinners"

The worship service will begin at 9 AM in July, August, and on the first Sunday of September.

Worship Services in July will be held at the First Baptist Church in Attleboro, 118 South Main Street (they have air conditioning in the sanctuary!).

July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10

Sermon: "An Open Door Policy"

July 14

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: "Hometown Hero"

July 21

Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: "Keeping up with the Herods"

July 28

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Sermon: "Christmas in July!"

August worship will be at the Second Congregational Church

September 1 Communion

CAMP SUNDAY 9 AM

We will host the worship service in FELLOWSHIP HALL! Dress like

you're at camp! Wear a T-shirt and shorts. Rev. Will will do his best to recreate a Church Camp Vespers Service. We'll sing the camp classics with guitar and piano. It's the last worship service of the summer, and a wonderful way to usher in a new church program year. Maybe we'll have a campfire and s'mores.

(For those of you who are used to the big comfy chairs, we'll make sure we have some of those in the Fellowship Hall)

September 8- RALLY DAY!!!

Worship goes back to 10 AM- in the sanctuary.

ONE PLUS ONE



All are welcome to join us for our annual summer kick-off cookout. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and pulled pork will be served.

Where: Russell & Betsey Pray's house, 61 Wheaton Drive, Attleboro, MA 02703.

When: Saturday, June 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person to offset the hosts' food expenses.

Bring: Lawn chairs, bug repellent, and a generous food item. Please tell your caller what you will be bringing (appetizers, casseroles, salads, desserts, or sodas).

Contact: If you are not on our call list, please get in touch with Janet Blair, (508) 226-5457 or janbblair@aol.com with any questions.

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We are happy to come to your home for a time of fellowship, whether or not you wish to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with the Church Office. Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen Slawson, Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella are part of the team.

Women's Fellowship

We would like to thank everyone who helped out at the May Breakfast, and Yard Sale; every job is important. Thank you for volunteering! Thanks for your donations to both events.

The Holiday Fair, November 9th, will be here before we know it, so please start collecting Items for Grandma's attic, making items for Ruthie's pantry and Craft Table. We gratefully accept donations of jewelry, books, puzzles, plants, toys and silent auction items. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 508-699-2738 or email, sandraunders99@mail.com.

Thanks again for your service and fellowship. God be with you and have a great summer!

Sandy Saunders, treasurer

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday, June 17th at 2:00 in the Parlor. Shawls are a tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions. *Roberta Ferguson*



reached at 508-222-1149 or jackandjill@attleborosecondchurch.org for a tour of the program.

Katrina Lay, Executive Director

fellowship. Refreshments, materials, and instructions will all be provided. *Hope to see you there!*

Paula Foresman.

Music Notes

CHOIR SCHEDULES

The final rehearsal of the choir season was May 30, so there are no Thursday rehearsals in June for both the Bell Choir and the Adult Choir. Rehearsals will resume on September 5th, the Thursday after Labor Day.

The Adult Choir will continue to sing through the month of June, except for June 9th, Children's Sunday. The Bell Choir will play in church on Sunday, June 2nd.

Thanks to everyone for a year's worth of great music! Special thanks to those who participated in the Pentecost celebration for all the effort that went into preparing and performing the various Phish arrangements. I heard many enthusiastic comments afterwards, from both the in-house congregation and online viewers.

*Bill MacPherson
Director of Music*

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

There are at least three events in June at which Second Church members can be a presence in the greater Attleboro Community:

- June 2, 2:00-4:00 pm,
77 Park Street:
Pride Flag Raising
 - June 22, 12:00-6:00 pm,
201 County Street:
Celebration of Juneteenth
 - June 22, 2:00-6:00 pm,
Veterans Park, North Attleborough:
North Attleborough Pride Festival
- We can't all be everywhere all at once, but there are plenty of opportunities in June to make our presence known - and enjoy community fellowship, too.

And speaking of fellowship: we will again try for a "crafternoon" meeting in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 on Monday, June 17th. Bring a project you'd like to work on or bring your expertise and help someone learn something new. You can help out with a project for next fall's Fair. Even if you're not a maker, you might have new ideas to share. No new ideas? Just come to enjoy the

Christian Education

The weather is warming up, buds are becoming leaves and flowers, and we can hardly believe how much each of our Sunday School friends has grown over the last year! They have asked deep questions; explored the bible through story and song; and built a community of prayer and compassion.

Sunday School Fundraiser – Ronald McDonald House: Many thanks to all who donated in May to the children's envelope fundraiser to support Ronald McDonald House at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

Sunday School: To finish off the year strong and prepare for a very special Children's Sunday we will be having Sunday School for all classes on Communion Sunday June 2nd.

Children's Sunday: On Sunday June 9th, the children and youth will be leading worship! They will be continuing the theme of Rev. Will's Lenten Sermon series on generations by sharing what in the church is meaningful to a tail-end Gen Z or Generation Alpha attendee. Get ready, they have a lot to say!

- Participants are asked to wear their favorite shirt or outfit – no dress code, just whatever they feel most comfortable in.
- All participants should arrive by 9:00 am for final song rehearsals and practice with the microphones.
- During worship we will have our pray-ground setup in the front of the church, and all are invited to enjoy the toys and crafts in between their contributions to the service.
- Following worship we will celebrate with an Ice Cream Social – including dairy free options.
- If you would like to scoop ice cream or lend a hand in the day's festivities, we would be happy to have your help!

Summer Family Fellowships: All are welcome to join us for a few drop-in events this summer! Our first will be a hangout at Bliss Dairy on Saturday June 29th at 2pm. Stop by, get your favorite ice cream or snack at the

The school year is coming to an end, but we are looking forward to a fun filled summer! We are so excited to launch Summer Preschool! We will be offering 7 weeks of summer preschool this year! We will still be offering our famous Kindergarten Readiness week in August as well. If you know anyone who has a child between 3-6 who is looking for a fun summer option, please send them my way.

I continue to be amazed by the teachers here who, day in and day out, show dedication to our school. The Jack and Jill community is like no other preschool and I am grateful each day to be able to connect with many different families each year.

The teachers are busy putting the finishing touches on each child's portfolio. Over the course of the year, the teachers collect work samples in the form of drawings, paintings and photographs in order to create a "memory book" which we bind and gift to each child at the end of their school year. This is a true labor of love. The families really treasure these portfolios and children tend to look through them as they get older. The teachers spend the end of the year very busy with celebrations, portfolio making and enjoying their last days with their students.

We are having our final graduation rehearsals. Our commencement exercises will take place on Wednesday, June 5th at the Newell Shelter at Capron Park. Admission price is one canned good to support Second Church's food pantry.

We will be celebrating the end of the school year with the 3's by hosting a family sing-a-long with Mrs. T on Thursday, June 6th.

We have limited openings available in our 4 Day Pre-K, Mixed Age, Enrichment and 3's classes for the 2024-2025 school year, so please, send your friends and family our way. 5 Day Pre-K is currently full! I can be

New Members, April 27, 2024

window, and join us on the lawn area for games and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you if you can make it and if this date doesn't work for you look out for more events in July and August to be announced!

Open Volunteer Opportunities:

We're also always looking for on-call volunteers who would like to fill in when one of our regular teachers is unavailable on a Sunday morning, and we have an open Committee spot, so there are lots of ways to get involved! If you are interested, please speak with Sue, Nicole, or me as we would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Diane Osborne,
Chair of Christian Education
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Did You Know?

Several weeks ago, a group of wonderful people became members of Second Church. All that was required of them was to make vows before the congregation and shake hands with Rev. Will. That was it. Now if they had joined in the 1800's things would have been a whole lot different.

First off, a deacon and a church member would visit their home just to see how they lived and explain to them what was going to be expected of them as members. This committee of two also wanted to know if the prospective members had been baptized and where they had been confirmed.

The real torture began when they were told to write a confession of their own sins which they vowed to correct.

Later, at an all church meeting this person would perhaps stand and publicly confess to the entire group that they had indeed corrected their mistakes and vowed not to repeat them. Then the congregation would vote to accept or reject them for membership.

I'm sure glad I never had to go through that because the meeting might still be going on.

Ted Moxham

PS This will be my last article for the VOICE. I have had a great deal of pleasure writing them, but for various reasons it's time to fold up my tent. To the readers of my columns all I can say is thanks.



Jordan Holsapple is new member and new choir member, moved frequently while growing up and wanted to find a church family in Attleboro. Here she found a warm welcome, thoughtful and straightforward sermons. Jordan loves to sing, garden and bake. She is a writer of fantasy and science fiction, not easy to practice while she chases her very active 15-month-old daughter!



Jim Flaxington, a long-time resident of Lincoln, Rhode Island, was a member of a French religious order and taught history and counseled at St. Raphael's for thirty years. He has been performing music for many years, most recently at our own Open Mic! His interests include gardening, hiking, and Ancestry.com.



Michelle and Neil Grainger come to us from Norton. In their search for a church, they started by looking online, where they found Pastor Will. They decided to check us out, hoping for a church that wasn't stuffy. Here at Second Church, they found how welcoming we are! They are happy to be learning something new each week.

Neil and Michelle have been married for 27 years. They love nature walks and are often accompanied by their two chocolate labs. Their daughter Nicole teaches fifth grade in Mansfield, and son Ben is a graduating senior at Norton High School.



Alex Saunders' work schedule did not allow him to be with us on the 27th, but he made it for Senior Recognition on May 19th. He wanted to be sure to have an opportunity to join the church before heading off to college in August. Though he's lived in North Attleborough, Canton and Braintree, he's graduating from Dexter Southfield this month and going to Catholic University in Washington DC to study criminal justice. One of his passions is football, but he is also into track & field. The faculty and students at Dexter have come to adore Alex as we do, and he will excel at everything he puts his mind to. Godspeed Alex!



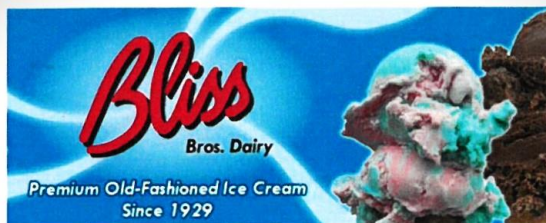
June

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Deb Fobert
- 3 Derek Hall
- 4 Jordan Holsapple
Ray Turcotte
- 5 Julia Bozzi
Virginia Buchanan
Kathy Durgin
Nick Vecchioli
- 8 Alexis Ladner
- 9 Ashley Keith
- 10 Gloria Walsh
- 11 Jessica Priesing
- 12 David Bliss
- 13 Jenna Sencabaugh
- 15 David Broden
- 17 Neil Grainger
- 18 Ann Haskel
Deb Hawes
Kristin Keith
Andrew Saunders
Lily Saunders
- 19 Bob Bliss
- 20 Karen Girczyc
Dave Webb
- 21 Pastor Will Sencabaugh
Jeremy Woodward
- 22 Luceo Ferrant
- 24 Eilidh Gunn
Laura Hauerwas
Nicole Mernin
- 26 Dianne Ordog
- 28 Bette Renoni
- 30 Bob Follett
Chuck Opdycke

July

- 4 Rowan Gunn
- 5 Sheila McKenna
- 7 Lyra Osborne
- 9 Barb Withers
- 10 Sharon Reiley

- 11 D'Anne Olsen
 - 14 Alan MacDonald
Diane Robinson
 - 18 Sue Costello
Lorraine Frye
Jackson Laramee
 - 19 Jen Turcotte
 - 20 Dave Ramsay
Lisa Vecchioli
 - 21 Kacey Janson
 - 22 Bob Withers
 - 24 Molly Kay
 - 27 Claudette Newport
 - 29 Paula Foresman
Dave Vecchioli
 - 30 Stacey Alsfeld
Lynne Holden
Janda Nuovo
- ## August
- 1 Dave Lunt
Maria Smith
Roberta Zarrella
 - 2 Nicole Laramee
 - 4 Anne Reiley
 - 5 Tina Middleton
 - 7 Ty Waterman
 - 9 Amanda Deavellar
Elizabeth Griffin
 - 10 Cathy LaPorte-Jewett
 - 11 Joel Bozzi
 - 12 Mark Bassler
Mason Bourdeau
Gary Middleton
 - 13 Russell Deavellar
Barbara Massey
 - 16 Deborah Kay
 - 17 Susan Brown
 - 18 Jim Flaxington
Curtis Robinson
 - 19 Debbie Smith
 - 22 Wilma Johnson
Hank Reiley
 - 23 Jeannine Sousa
 - 24 Bowie Lancaster
Julie Sencabaugh
 - 25 Alex Brown
Madi Saunders
 - 26 Elaine Killough
Wendy Oliver
Josephine Williams
 - 29 Andrew Cassidy
 - 30 Paige Reiley



I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For...
Breakfast Lunch Dinner
And of course, **ICE CREAM!!!**

Help Support Jack and Jill Preschool

WHERE: Bliss Bros. Dairy, 711 Park St., Attleboro

WHEN: Thursday, June 6th from open to close!

Here's the SCOOP!

A portion of ANY order (Dine in, carry-out, curbside, online)
placed on June 6th will come directly back to Jack & Jill.

**Just be sure to mention that you're with
the Jack & Jill Fundraiser.**

ONLINE ORDERS: Please be sure to note the fundraiser
in the "special instructions" field when you check out!



**PAULA FORESMAN, MIKE TOULOUNTZIS & DIANE OSBORNE
STAFFING OUR TABLE AT A CHILLY SPRING FLING ON BALFOUR RIVERWALK**

SENIOR RECOGNITION – MAY 19TH



Alex Sawyer, left, graduated from Attleboro High School on May 31st. Alex is a part of the Criminal Justice Vocational Program and on the Attleboro High School Mock Trial team. She is part of Attleboro High School's first year of the Youth Court which is a restorative justice program. She was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. She will be attending the University of Southern Maine in an Accelerated Law Program in September.

Alex Saunders, right, will be graduating from Dexter Southfield School on June 1st. Alex began his high school career at Xaverian Brothers High School where he served as Class President and was named Student of the Year. At Dexter, he has been a tour guide, a role model to many of the underclassmen, and then captain of the defense for football. He will be attending Catholic University in Washington DC this fall where he will be joining their football team and majoring in Criminal Justice.

Not able to attend: Ben Grainger, son of new members Michelle and Neil, graduated from Norton High School on May 30th.

J U N E 2 0 2 4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Communion 11:15 AM Annual Corporate Meeting	3	4 6:00 PM Book Discussion Group	5	6	7	8 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
9 <i>Children's Sunday!</i> 10:00 AM Worship	10	11 6:00 PM Book Discussion Group	12 Office Closed 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting	13 Office Closed	14	15 5:30 PM One Plus One Cookout at Pray's!
16 Father's Day 10:00 AM Worship	17 Office Closed » 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	18 Office Closed 6:00 PM Book Discussion Group 7:00 PM Administration Committee Meeting	19 Office Closed	20 Office Closed 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Virtual Meeting	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship	24 ◇ 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution	25	26 7:00 PM PFLAG Meeting	27	28	29
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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE WILL WELCOME FIRST BAPTIST TO JOIN US HERE AT SECOND CHURCH.

RALLY DAY HERE AT SECOND CHURCH WILL BE SEPTEMBER 8TH!