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A note from **Pastor Chip**

May 2022

Dear Church

Spring is a time of growth and of regeneration. The earth itself comes back to life and emerges from its winter slumber in an explosion of color that invigorates and energizes us. Whether it's the first crocus poking through the ground, the dogwoods blossoming, the first mow of the season, or the realization that your eyes are watering and your nose is running, everyone has a moment when they say to themselves "Spring has truly sprung."

Spring is indeed a time of rebirth and renewal, which we celebrate not only in nature, but through our worship and fellowship and communion. On Easter, we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and his invitation to join him in new life. We raise our joyful noise and shout our Alleluias, delighting in God's love for us and for our world. As new life sprouts and blooms all around us, we are reminded that new life is always taking root within our hearts as well.

There is new life blossoming and flowering in our church community as well! Some of that new life is returning to the familiar and comforting cycles of church life that we had known before the pandemic: inperson worship, with choirs and coffee hour and passed communion; dances and plays and Family Nights in Fellowship Hall; commission meetings and Scout meetings and Al-Anon and Piecemakers and on and on. Our halls are bustling and busy, filled with the voices and footsteps of young and old, as Wilbraham United Church springs back to life!

There are also brand-new things happening, in new ways and in strange places, with new ideas and fresh faces. Seeds of faith that were planted in the long winter of COVID are now shooting up, revealing their beauty, announcing their presence, affirming our hope. We tended to the garden of our church with faith and love, never losing hope that our work would bear fruit.

We see that fruit in our church school, and in our worship and fellowship, throughout our building and with our staff and volunteers. We see it in the new faces we are just now meeting, and in the comfort of reuniting with longtime friends. We see it in the new leadership model coming to life and empowering us to move into the future with boldness, confident in God's promise and our gifts.

Wilbraham United Church is alive. We are growing in faith. We are reaching new places and new people, sharing hope and love, proclaiming justice and mercy, and practicing peace and welcome. We have heard the Good News of the Gospel—Christ is risen!—and we have seen the signs of rebirth in the world around us. In thanks and in praise, we keep on planting and tending and growing, creating and sharing and giving, our hope and faith and love. Let our garden bloom for all to come and see, for all to know and believe, for all to be welcomed and loved in the name of God.

Blessings — Chip





From the Organ Console...5.1.22

I love to practice – especially organ. I enjoy the time it takes to learn the notes, figure out registrations for how I want the notes to sound, hear the sounds in the space and finally get to the fun part when enough practice has turned a piece of music into something that feels familiar. The past six months have been full of excitement finding sounds and combinations of sounds that live within the WUC organ! It has so many of them to give.

The console is the control center of the pipe organ. The organ itself is the many pipes through which wind passes allowing them to play their note. Every key on each manual or keyboard (the instrument at WUC has three: Swell; Great; Pedal — each one being a Division of the organ) sends wind through a limited number of pipes in the pipe chamber. Each stop (the rocker tabs across the upper console façade) produces a different type of sound from a group (rank) of pipes controlled by that stop. Every key on the three manuals has a connection to its corresponding pipe in a rank of pipes, at one pitch level.

An organist creates various sounds by selecting certain stops to use either alone or in combination with other stops. The WUC organ has a memory bank that can recall several sounds. These are managed by thumb and toe pistons, also located in the console façade: 6 general pistons operated by thumb and corresponding toe pistons; 5 thumb pistons for two of the divisions; and 4 toe pistons for the pedal division. The general pistons switch out the entire sound of the organ in each division at the same time by using a thumb or toe piston that needs to respond immediately to generate the signals so the new sound can play. The divisional pistons change the sound for only one division.

Currently the toe pistons are not functioning and the thumb pistons are not reliable (sometimes they respond very slowly – sometimes if pressed 2 or 3 times they will then respond – sometimes not at all). I set without use of the pistons most of the time, however for a hymn that comes up quickly in the service, and especially for postludes, rapid changes are needed to keep the music flowing. Those changes are often sluggish or won't happen with our organ as it is now. For example, if you're listening to a postlude being played, you might think it's ended because there's no more sound. But what's really going on is that the piston controlling the new sound is unable to pull that new sound up.

All pipe organs need regular TLC just like our cars, houses or our own bodies, and the WUC pipe organ is no exception. The pipes for one rank, the Quintaton 16' which is shared by two manuals, have been removed by our organ curator to facilitate work on the ceiling in the pipe chamber. The tallest Quintaton pipe was supporting the chamber ceiling which had slipped down. That entire ceiling will be repaired – then the curator will return to reinstall the Quintaton pipes and tune them accordingly.

This organ is full of great sounds that can sparkle in the sanctuary. Please hang in there as we work our way through the TLC concerns for this lovely instrument. If you have questions, I'm happy to talk about them and find answers if possible.

Happy May Day – celebrate spring! Blessings, Bobbie



Exciting Things are Coming!

For the first time in over a decade we are embarking on a Capital Campaign to support our church and invest in its future.

There is a lot of work to be done, but many hands make light work! There will be opportunities for everyone to come together and help. W

First, we are looking for 5-6 members to volunteer for the Campaign Team. This team which will steer the campaign over the next 2 years. The time commitment will vary, but we plan to meet monthly beginning in May. Please If you feel called to participate in this way, please email the Campaign Team at wuccapitalcampaign@gmail.com
In an equally important way suggestions Second, and equally important, we are looking for need input from everyone for our campaign goals. If you have ideas of projects or goals you would like to see as an outcome of the campaign, please submit your <a href="https://www.mere.com/here.com

What is a Capital Campaign?

A Capital Campaign is an effort on the part of a non-profit to raise significant funds. These funds are raised to fund major projects, benefit our community, and fund our endowment to secure the future of our church. A Capital Campaign usually last from 1-3 years and have has many benefits. Bloomerang defines some benefits of a Capital Campaign:

Raising the money to fund a one-time need for the organization—in most cases having a building that meets the needs of the community served by the organization.

Strengthening the organization's infrastructure—working on a campaign requires that the organization evaluate its readiness for a campaign, and subsequently build an infrastructure to run a campaign including staffing, board commitment, software to manage the campaign, gift acceptance policies, etc. This stronger infrastructure will leave the organization in a much better position to do ongoing fundraising.

Increased public awareness—during a campaign, there will be a great deal of publicity and cultivation efforts to help raise awareness of the organization in the community. These efforts, like the strengthened infrastructure, will help the organization's future fundraising efforts.

This campaign will be a true group effort, and we thank_you in advance for your help during this important time in our church.

Blessings, April Beston



Church School Calendar

DATE	TOPIC	SCRIPTURE							
May 1 *Communion	Saul to Paul	Acts 9:1-20							
May 8 **Mothers' Day	Peter and Tabitha	Acts 9:36-43							
May 15	Peter's Dream	Acts 11:1-18							
May 22	Lydia	Acts 16:9-15							
May 29 **Memorial Day Wknd	No Class—Memorial Day	No Class—Memorial Day							
June 5*Communion/Pentecost	The Holy Spirit	Acts 2: 1-4, 36-42							
June 12	Celebration Sunday!	Celebration Sunday!							



Thank you to all who participated



Due to the generosity of family and friends, the church has memorial scholarships available. They are for church members who are attending college or a seminary.

For more information and an application, please call Judy Hoffman (596-8352) or email her at (imjrhoffman@hotmail.com).



Loaves and Fishes updates

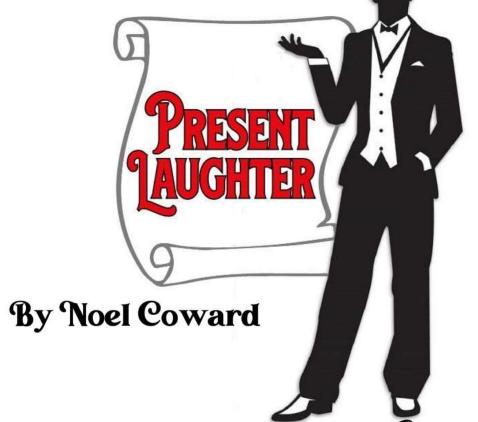
We have begun preparing meals the Sunday before the third Thursday when casseroles are delivered. Preparing meals on Sunday will make it all much easier. Thank you Pastor Chip for this idea!

Currently, meals are still being heated in Springfield and sent home in containers. Larry and Ed have been loading and delivering the casseroles on the third Thursday of the month.

Food must be ready (including cookies) before 9am. Right now Cookies are still needed and can be dropped off anytime. Eventually we hope that cakes will return. As soon as this happens, we will notify the congregation as well as the need for Volunteers to serve the food once covid restrictions lift.

Interested volunteers should speak to Sandy Harris or Edna Colcord. We are looking for volunteers to learn the process to we can eventually do three months at a time. So far it is working out well. We hear only raves about the church's wonderful meal.

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The Piecemakers are continuing to meet on Mondays from 10 to noon. They are excited to have recently received a generous donation of children's print fabric by a Wilbraham quilter. The May schedule of meetings are May 2, 16 and 23. New members are always welcome. Just come to a meeting or contact Nancy at ncpeck10@gmail.com.



Dear Friends,

My name is Tom Jastermsky, Founder and Director of Holy Joe's Cafe which since 2006 has been sending free coffee to military Chaplains in deployed locations. We support Chaplains of all faiths, including UMC ministers. We have never asked to which denomination the chaplains belong. Holy Joe's Cafe is the conduit for Chaplains who set up an oasis not in size but purpose. It's the "taste of home" through coffee which is the most important place for people when they are in the midst of great havoc. Air Force Chaplain Ryan Tyler-Byers said: "As an ordained minister and an Air Force chaplain the ministry we do amongst our troops is a critical one. We help to spiritually ground their deepest fears, anxieties, and hopes with compassionate accompaniment."

I would like to introduce to you Holy Joe's Cafe ministry, and also share an article from the Southern New England UCC Conference titled Holy Joe's Cafe Sees Greater Need Due to Russia-Ukraine Conflict. Humbly we ask for financial support for postage to mail our coffee and to purchase additional coffee. Feel free to call me anytime on my cell at (203) 859-0031. Please consider making a donation ONLINE via Holy Joe's Café website @ https://www.holyjoes.org/donate. Any amount would be a huge blessing!

For additional information about what we do please visit our website at <u>HOLY JOE'S CAFE</u>. Let's continue to fix our eyes on Jesus and keep praying in joyful hope for one another.

In His service, Tom

"I'm continually with you.

You do hold my right hand." Psalm 73:23

Thomas Jastermsky
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Holy Joe's Cafe - Est. 2006





Looking for ways to help?

In-person and Livestream worship help needed!

No experience necessary! Please contact Kim Ryan, Marty Lyman, or Deb Trimble.

Loaves and Fishes is looking for volunteers to help with food preparation. *Please see Edna Colcord or Sandy Harris for more information*.

Sunday Flower Delivery: Volunteers are needed who are willing to deliver Sunday flowers during regular Sundays when the donations are designated for someone who might be happy to receive a bouquet.

Please see Edna Colcord for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

We welcomed Andrew Morehouse from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts on Sunday, March 27th. They are excited to be opening a new facility in Chicopee. He also introduced a new program hosting Family Farm Days throughout the growing season! Families can visit and learn about regenerative farming practices.

There are volunteer opportunities working at the farm getting it ready for Family Farm Days. Other opportunities include supporting brown bag meals for elders and food sorting. To find out more

Do you love Shopping and are looking for ways to help WUC? Well... we have the perfect idea for you!

Gift cards continue to be on sale on Sundays after worship in the Narthax. Along with Big Y and Stop and Shop, we offer Amazon, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunkin Donuts and Barnes and Nobles. Most of us will be shopping at Lowes and Home Depot for our gardening needs this spring. Think ahead, and pick up a gift card this Sunday. Graduation gifts to purchase? You can't go wrong with Amazon or Barnes and Nobles.

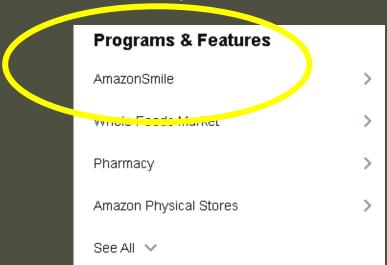
All cards you buy, help to support our church. An average of 8% is returned to us. If you have a favorite restaurant or store you frequent, stop by the gift card table and we can order it for you.

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Lowes \$25
Barnes & Noble \$25
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- 2. From here you can select "Amazon Smile" and then your charity of choice.



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References - May 2022 (Year C)

Sun., May 1

Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Mon., May 2

Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:1-25 Acts 9:19b-31

Tues., May 3

Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:26—2:1 Acts 26:1-18

Wed., May 4

Psalm 121 Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11

Thurs., May 5

Psalm 23 Ezekiel 11:1-25 Revelation 5:1-10

Fri., May 6

Psalm 23 Ezekiel 20:39-44 Revelation 6:1-7:4

Sat., May 7

Psalm 23 Ezekiel 28:25-26 Luke 12:29-32

Sun., May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation7:9-17 John 10:22-30

Mon., May 9

Psalm 100 Ezekiel 37:15-28 Revelation 15:1-4

Tues., May 10

Psalm 100 Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35

Wed., May 11

Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:17-20 John 10:31-42 Thurs., May 12

Psalm 148 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 Revelation 10:1-11

Fri., May 13

Psalm 148 Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 11:15

Sat., May 14

Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27

Revelation 11:16-19

Sun., May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Mon., May 16

Psalm 133 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 Acts 11:19-26

Tues., May 17

Psalm 133 2 Samuel 1:4-27 Acts 11:27-30

Wed., May 18

Psalm 133 Leviticus 19:9-18 Luke 10:25-28

Thurs., May 19

Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:1-5 Acts 15:36-41

Fri. May 20

Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:6-8 Acts 16:1-8

Sat., May 21

Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:9-15 Luke 19:1-10 Sun., May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23-29 *or* John 5:1-9

Mon., May 23

Psalm 93 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 Revelation 21:5-14

Tues., May 24

Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Revelation 21:15-22

Wed., May 25

Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 Luke 2:25-38

Thurs., May 26

Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

Fri., May 27

Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9

Sat., May 28

Psalm 97 Exodus 33:18-23 John 1:14-18

Sun., May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

Mon., May 30

Psalm 29 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40

Tues., May 31

Psalm 29 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29

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Daily Lectionary Scripture References - June 2022 (Year C)

Wed., June 1

Psalm 29 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27

Thurs., June 2

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25

Fri., June 3

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10

Sat., June 4

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 5:1-11

Sun., June 5

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 or
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Mon., June 6

Psalm 48 Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Tues., June 7

Psalm 48 Ezekiel 11:14-25 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Wed., June 8

Psalm 48 Numbers 24:1-14 Luke 1:26-38

Thurs., June 9

Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:13-18 Ephesians 1:17-19

Fri., June 10

Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:19-26 Ephesians 4:1-6 Sat., June 11

Psalm 8 Proverbs 4:1-9 Luke 2:41-52

Sun., June 12

Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Mon., June 13

(Semicontinuous begins) Psalm 83 Genesis 31:17-35 Galatians 3:1-9

Tues., June 14

Psalm 83 2 Samuel 19:31-43 Galatians 3:10-14

Wed., June 15

Psalm 83 Malachi 3:5-12 Mark 2:1-12

Thurs., June 16

Psalm 42 and 43 Genesis 24:1-21 Romans 2:17-29

Fri., June 17

Psalm 42 and 43 Job 6:14-30 Galatians 3:15-22

Sat., June 18

Psalm 42 and 43 Proverbs 11:3-13 Matthew 9:27-34

Sun., June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

Mon. June 20

Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:1-13 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Tues., June 21 Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:14-26 Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed., June 22

Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:30-37 Luke 9:37-43a

Thurs., June 23

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Fri., June 24

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2 Kings 1:1-12 Galatians 4:8-20

Sat., June 25

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5 Luke 9:21-27

Sun., June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Mon., June 27

Psalm 75 2 Kings 2:15-22 1 John 2:7-11

Tues., June 28

Psalm 75 2 Kings 3:4-20 Ephesians 5:6-20

Wed., June 29

Psalm 75 2 Kings 4:1-7 Matthew 10:16-25

Thurs., June 30

Psalm 30 2 Kings 4:8-17 Romans 7:14-25

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