



THE STEEPLE BELL

JUNE - 2016

Dennis Union Church Dennis, Massachusetts

**WITH JESUS AS OUR ANCHOR AND COMPASS,
GOD BIDS US TO BE A BLESSING IN THE WORLD**

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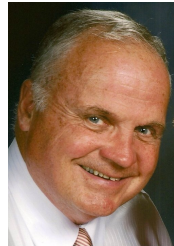
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I don't know how you feel about dandelions, but I like them. I know they're weeds, but I like them anyway.

Yes, they can be a real nuisance, but I think they're kind of pretty and add a splash of color to the lawn. Some folks are really

bothered by the presence of dandelions in their almost perfect lawn.

One man, for whom dandelions were “**the** enemy,” wrote the following letter to the Department of Agriculture: “Dear Sirs, my lawn is infested with dandelions. I have pulled, poked, prodded and pried them. I have sprayed them. I have used every device and every chemical known to humanity, but they keep multiplying. They are everywhere, and I am at my wits end. What can I do?” The Department of Agriculture responded, “Dear Sir, since you cannot get rid of your dandelions, we suggest that you learn to love them.” (Clergy Journal – January '85)

There are “dandelions” in everyone's lives. We may never learn to love them, but the least we can do is learn to accept them. “Dandelions” are the things, or perhaps even the people, that we cannot change or get rid of no matter how hard we may try. “Dandelions” are our challenges, “the crosses we must bear.” Life without “dandelions” would be dull and colorless.

Former President Dwight Eisenhower learned a very important lesson from his mother at a young age. He said, “Once, when I was a boy, my brothers and I were playing a card game with my mother. My mother dealt me an utterly impossible hand, and I began to complain bitterly about it. My mother said, “Boys, put your cards down. I want to tell you something, especially you, Dwight. You are playing a game in your home with your mother under loving circumstances. We all love each other, and I have dealt you a bad hand. Now when you go out in life where they don't love you as much, you are going to be dealt many a bad hand. What are you going to do? You are to trust God. And, like a man, you are to play out the hand that is dealt to you.” (Clergy Journal – April '85)

You do not have to be an expert to recognize a dandelion in your lawn or in your life. If there are things in life that can be changed, work to change them.

There are other things that simply must be accepted and loved because they cannot be changed.

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.” (Serenity Prayer)

Blessings and Peace, Terry



THE JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE
IS VERY "BUSY"!
PLEASE READ THE NOTES CAREFULLY

June 5 – One service at 10:00 A.M.
 This special communion service celebrates the 150th Anniversary of The Dennis Union Church
 Sermon: *Yesterday, Today, and Forever*
 Text: Hebrews 13:8
 Music: Choirs

June 12 – Two services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
9:00 A.M. – Youth Sunday presented by our children and teens.

11:00 A.M. – *Hyannis Sound* is our special guest
 Sermon: *The Heart of God*
 Text: Luke 7:11-17
 Music: DUC Singers and *Hyannis Sound*

June 19 – Two services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
 With guest preacher: Rev. David Powers and Music by The Berkshire Children's Choir
 Rev. David M. Powers. David was the pastor of The Dennis Union Church from 1977 through 1993. David is a native of Springfield, MA. He graduated from Carleton College in Northfield, MN and The Harvard Divinity School. David currently lives in Dennis. He is the author of two books: *Snapshots of the Kingdom: Communicating the Parables of Jesus* (2006) and *Damnable Heresy: William Pynchon, the Indians, and the First Book Banned (and Burned) in Boston* (2015.)

June 26 – Two services at 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
 Sermon: *First Things First*
 Text: Luke 9:51-62
 Music: Bells

ANNOUNCEMENT

The church office will be closed, from now on, at 12:00 noon on Fridays. It will still be open until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

- June 5 Given by Paul & Emily Woudenberg
 "In honor of Mother's and Father's June birthdays."
- June 12 Given by Sue & Sarah Martin
 "In honor of Jack's birthday."
- June 19 Given by Gail Stern
 "In loving memory of Mary & Hans Stern."
- June 26 Given by Ralph & Judy Conrad
 "In loving memory of our parents, Freeman & Roma Conrad, and Lawrence & Helen Elliott."



If you would like to be more involved on Sunday mornings we have three opportunities for you:

- (1) Volunteer to usher once each month or to fill in as needed (speak with Earl Springer)
- (2) Volunteer to work with the Welcoming Committee as a Sunday Morning greeter (speak with Sue Schofield)
- (3) Volunteer to work with the AV Committee recording and streaming our Sunday Morning worship service (speak with Jane B. Wilson)



Terry is willing to call upon parishioners at home and to offer communion to those who are shut in. Please call the church office if you would welcome a visit.



FELLOWSHIP HOSTS FOR 2016

January '16	Music
Feb. '16	Deacons
March '16	Property
April '16	Missions
May '16	Finance/Flowers
June '16	Welcome
July '16	Christian Ed.
Aug. '16	Deacons
Sept. '16	Music
Oct. '16	Stewardship
Nov. '16	Social Concerns
Dec. '16	Trustees



If you have any quality items you would like to donate to our Auction, please call Nancy in the office. We still have a couple of June dates (Tuesday mornings) open for pick ups. If you prefer, you can drop items off at the barn on Tuesday mornings between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

We're still looking for storage space! If you have a room, garage, barn, etc. we can share with you, please let Nancy know.

We are happy to announce that Richard Burnham has joined our Pick-Up Crew. He has also made use of his truck for pick ups. Thank you, Richard! Thank you, too, to Dick Powell and Jim Van Baalen for their work on the men's items, and to John Livingstone for his work on electrical items.

AUCTION MEETING

The Auction Committee and Table chairpersons will meet on Monday, June 6, at 7 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting will be for the purpose of receiving status reports, preparing for the Silent Auction, and resolving any open issues. Table chairpersons should report on any staffing needs they may have.

AUCTION SORTING

Please note that we will begin sorting all auction goods on Tuesday, June 28. We hope that many of you will come to help us sort through our collected treasures. We always have a lot of fun...and the more, the merrier!

SILENT AUCTION

As you know, the Dennis Union Church will be celebrating its **62nd Auction year!**

Last year we held our second Silent Auction, and thanks to all of YOU, it was, again, a huge success!

In order to continue this great event, we kindly ask our members for help. Your donation of sporting tickets, cottage rentals, gift cards, boating trips and any type of service would be very helpful. Any donation that you can make or acquire would be greatly appreciated! If there is a local business that you know or patronize, please visit them and ask for a donation!

Silent auction items do not have to be limited to gift cards or retail items. Some other ideas include asking a business that performs a service like a landscaper, carpenter or hairdresser, to donate a few hours of their time; these services would also make wonderful auction items.

The Auction Committee is again asking that each church committee or board make up a gift basket that can be offered at the silent auction. Last year, these committees made beautiful baskets and were a big hit!

I have a list of businesses that we have solicited in the past that could be called or visited as well. Any gift, donation or ideas are welcome! As they say "Many hands make light work"!

If you could please contact me by email, phone, text or come see me at church, it would be much appreciated!

Luke Furey, 774-212-3459
LFurey@todayrealestate.com



COUNTRY STORE
SAVE THE DATES!!

Save June 23rd for Jam and Pie making. Don't bring anything except yourself and a knife! We will be concentrating on strawberry/rhubarb jams and pies (to be frozen).

SAFETY IN THE PLACE OF WORSHIP

Several members of the congregation attended a workshop in May focusing on safety in the worship place. One of the many things we learned was that you should always be aware of where the nearest exits are in case of an emergency. When you sit down in the sanctuary next Sunday, look around. Identify the nearest exits. Ask yourself, "In an emergency, how would I get out?"

Also, please know that if you have children downstairs in the Sunday School, the teachers will be responsible for getting your children out of the building safely. Please do not go downstairs looking for them.

At some point we may practice an "in place" fire drill during worship.



SUMMER "SUNSET" WORSHIP

In July and August (July 6 through August 24) we are adding a "sunset" worship service to our weekly schedule. The service will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. These services will be informal, but meaningful. You are invited to come in your golfing or gardening clothes, on your way home from the beach or on your way to dinner. The services will be 30 to 45 minutes in length. Music will be provided by a variety of church members and friends. *If you are willing to share your musical talent on one evening, please be in touch with Terry.*



MODERATOR'S CORNER

At our May 10th meeting, Council approved moving forward to officially becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation. We have been ONA in practice for several years, and we sense now is the time to adopt a covenant and make it official.

You may ask why make it official? After all, we advertise "All Are Welcome". The LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community feels that this applies to everyone but them.

We need to talk to and listen to one another and educate ourselves. We must write and affirm a public covenant that welcomes the LGBT community. This can and should be expanded to include persons of every race, ethnicity, age, economic circumstance, ability, gender, etc. First we must form a task force. If you are interested in being part of this, please let me know. DUC has been talking about this for over 30 years. It's time to get on with it!

There will be a Congregational Meeting between services on Sunday, June 26, at 10 A.M. Terry has promised a shorter worship service. There will be no Fellowship Hour. At our Annual Meeting in February, we approved moving up to \$25,000 from Capital Funds to paint and repair the church steeple. Turns out we will only need \$7,675 (includes \$1,000 contingency). Trustees want to request the remaining funds be used to address other capital needs. We will also seek authorization to proceed with the kitchen renovations.

Watch for information on Summer Sunset Services to be held on Wednesday evenings in July at 6:30 PM in our sanctuary. Informal, come as you are, abbreviated worship services, followed by ice cream or gelato on the lawn.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for the prayers, positive vibes and cards sent to me during my time of recuperation from surgery. It's amazing how uplifting a card can be. All is well.

Judy Berrien,
Moderator

Usher's Ministry

JUNE USHERS

June 5	10:00 service only Bob & Joan Stout	
June 12	9:00 svc. Bill & Joanne Crowell Ken Mills	11:00 svc. Dewey & Ruth Lund Bobbi Trepte
June 19	Mike & Cheryl Cerbone Betsy Crowell	Mike & Debi Rilea Elmer Eschenburg
June 26	Dick & Jane Wilson Kent Whitcomb	Sandy Wiper Elmer Eschenburg

JOINING THE CHURCH

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dennis Union Church, please speak with Terry. We have not yet set a firm date to have new members join the church, but we know we have some interested folks.

A SPECIAL OCCASION

Betty and Bill Boothe's daughters, Sally, Barb and Donna, invite you to share in the celebration of our Dad's 90th birthday and our parents' 63rd wedding anniversary on **Saturday, June 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Dennis Union Church.**

We hope you can join us to celebrate these two special occasions!

Sally Bienkowski, Barbara Stabile, Donna Hunt

No gifts please – just drop in to wish them well!

BERKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH AT 4:00 P.M.

We're having a return visit from this wonderful singing ensemble, conducted by Julie Bickford (Maggie's daughter-in-law). A free-will offering will be taken. They will sing a rich and varied program and then be the musicians for the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 19th.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Patti Goyette	June 3
Judy Chesley	June 4
Cheryl Cerbone	June 5
Caroline Clancy	June 6
Judy Conrad	June 10
Lori Doig	June 10
Bette Anne Crowell	June 11
Strat Haskell	June 12
Bob David	June 12
Mary Ann Eldred	June 12
Ann Swaim	June 14
Jane Springer	June 17
Julie Drake	June 20
Nancy Berquist	June 23
Josh Crowell	June 25
Judy Berrien	June 25
George Bartlett	June 25
Todd Williams	June 27
Joan Van Baalen	June 28
Tyler Reed	June 28
Bev Turner	June 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Jane Wilson	June 4
John & Judy Livingstone	June 6
Howard & Judy Chesley	June 11
Bob & Joan Stout	June 18
Jerry Rosen & Victoria Schuh	June 23
Earl Springer & Lois Andre	June 24
Sam & Mary Crowell	June 25
Cal & Karen Mutti	June 26
Dewey & Ruth Lund	June 27
Dennis & Patti Goyette	June 29
Ken & Martha Mills	June 30
Dave & Pam Thibodeau	June 30



FAITH NEIGHBORHOOD MEAL

We have a supper to cook on **June 3rd**. Your help is needed to assist in the kitchen at our church and later, at Faith Assembly of God Church. If you can donate a salad vegetable, lettuce, fresh fruit, juice boxes, or dinner rolls, please let Cindy (cindyfiscus@hotmail.com) know!



Children and Youth

YOUTH SUNDAY JUNE 12

- *Students will lead in Word and Song
- *Scholarships recipients recognized
- *Our year celebrated in style!!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes continue throughout the summer!
 July 3 – September 18 : one service at 10:00
 Our summer theme is *“Under Construction”*
 In honor of our involvement in the HABITAT BUILD,
 we will enjoy themes from the Bible that BUILD US
 UP. We will also be creating useful projects for the
 new home owner.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Summers on Cape Cod are very busy, but I would like to meet for lunches, ice cream, trips to mini golf....stay tuned for an agreed-upon schedule.

FATHER’S DAY SUNDAE

Join the kids as they prepare Sundaes for Father’s, Grandfather’s, Friends..on Sunday, June 19th @ 10!



JAZZ IN JULY IS COMING! JULY 24TH

I need a few angels to make this project fly. If you would like to make a contribution to this wonderful summer tradition, please see me or send a check to Finance. Thank you! -Maggie

UPDATE ON VISIONING

Your Visioning Committee has been meeting and listening to you. About 50 people have been involved with the meetings at Carole Bohn’s, the Berriens, Heatherwood and here at the church. We have one more pair of meetings to do:

June 2 and June 9, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the church.
 After the completion of the meeting, we will be compiling the comments we have heard and share them with you at a meeting, most likely held during this summer. You will be seeing the comments prior to the meeting. This journey is good. We appreciate your time, your dedication and care. Thank you.

Your Visioning team: Connie Bickford, Sue Martin, Judy Berrien, Luke Fury, Rev. Terry and Lois Andre.

SOLAR PANELS

Several church members have asked the question, “Are the solar panels working?” The Property Committee was asked to investigate this concern. Based on the solar panel meter readings, which are read on the first day of each month, it is reasonable to ascertain that the panels have a positive effect on lowering our utility bills.

For the past three months, the KWH output readings have been: Feb. 303; March 803; April 1047. If one was to multiply these outputs by the utility bill’s charges (\$.225), we have saved the following: Feb. - \$.225 x 303KWH = \$68.18; March - \$.225 x 834 KWH = \$187.65; April - \$.225 x 1047 KWH = \$235.58.

We hope this information answers the concerns of our church members! -Your Property Committee

HYANNIS SOUND IS COMING BACK TO DUC!

Hyannis Sound is a group of ten young men from college a cappella groups around the country who come together each summer to perform at private and public functions across the Cape and the Northeast. They are full of talent and wit, and present a show that is truly fun for the whole family.

Starting Thursday, June 9, they will be holding shows at DUC every Thursday night throughout the summer. Shows start at 7:00 p.m., and tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For more information about Hyannis Sound, go to www.HyannisSound.com.



**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
IS IN PLANNING STAGES FOR DUC**

5 Reasons for a new pictorial membership directory—

- 1) It's our 150th Anniversary - in 2066, it will be needed for a bicentennial display
- 2) The last time was 2010--6 years ago; so, good as it was, it's a bit outdated
- 3) It will be a great gift to welcome our new pastor
- 4) We have exhausted our supply, so we have none to give to our new members
- 5) It will be fun

Here are the dates for photography:
July 14, 15, 16 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
September 21, 22, 23, 24 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) October 5, 6 (Wednesday, Thursday)

In early June, the schedule will be posted. You can sign up during fellowship hour at church, or you can go online to reserve a time for your photographic session [here](#).

Each individual or family participating will receive a free 8x10, and a copy of the directory.

Karen and Cal Mutti, Co-chairs, Steering Team



**Eventide Theatre Company presents:
Remembering Gertrude Lawrence, a
concert by pianist Robert Wyatt**

June 4th @ 7:30 pm and June 5th @ 2:30 pm
In the Sanctuary of DUC

Tickets: \$20

www.EventideArts.org or (508) 398-8588

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JUNE 26, 2016, 10:00 A.M.**

In accordance with the by-laws of the Dennis Union Church, the date of Sunday, June 26, has been set for a special congregational meeting to be held between services, at 10:00 a.m., in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Authorize release of \$17,000 from the \$25,000 set aside for Steeple painting and repairs, to be used for other capital expenses.
2. Authorize the Property Committee to proceed with the kitchen renovations.

At our Annual Meeting in February, we approved moving up to \$25,000 from Capital Funds to paint and repair the church steeple. Property accepted a bid for \$7,675 (includes \$1,000 contingency) and wishes to release the balance of those funds for use for other capital needs.

Also at the Annual Meeting in February, we moved to create a sub-committee of the Property Committee to begin planning the full renovation of the downstairs kitchen. This plan is to be submitted to the Trustees by June, 2016 and to the congregation for approval.

Judy Berrien
Council Moderator

**MA CONFERENCE DUES
PLEASE HELP BY CONTRIBUTING
YOUR SHARE**

Did you know that the MA Conference assesses dues for every church member? These dues offset some of the costs for Conference services and programs as well as expenses associated with regionally deployed ministers and staff. This year the dues are approximately \$20.00 per church member. To help offset this expense to the church, we are asking every church member if they *would be willing* to pay their own Conference dues to keep our church's operating expenses down. Please make all checks payable to Dennis Union Church, indicating on the memo line – MA Conference Dues and send them to the church or place your envelope in the weekly offering plate. On behalf of the DUC Finance Committee, thank you for your donation!