



THE BROOKSIDE CHRONICLE

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It's Official!
Room to Grow, Room
to Serve, Room for You

*is Brookside's new
vision statement.*

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JULY: A MUSICAL MONTH!

***Organ Concert July 19 and
"Pipe Organ Encounter" week;
Farewell Concert, Rob St. Cyr
& Natalie Shaw, July 23;
Rob's last Sunday, July 26***

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Dawn's Doings

Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You

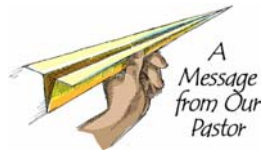
The vote is completed, and the Standing Committee has affirmed the choice with their vote. For the next few years, **Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You** will appear in our publicity as our Vision Statement, tag line, describing who we are succinctly, and in a way that is easily remembered. Let's unpack the meaning.

Brookside is a ten-acre estate with many rooms in the Manning House, a Chapel, classes, offices, meeting rooms, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary that seats 500+. There is certainly room to grow numerically and room for whomever God sends through the door. But, beyond numerical growth, the Bible teaches us something about the importance of room.

In Jesus' parable about the Good Soil, some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants, and they didn't bear grain (Mk. 4:7 and parallels in Matthew and Luke). To bear fruit and to thrive, plants need room to grow. After all the rain we have been having, we are weeding our gardens to give plants room to grow and not be choked by weeds that multiply.

Think about the phrase "breathing room." In our frenzied pace or in the face of some difficult news, we say we need "breathing room," space to just be for a moment, to catch our breath – ruach in Hebrew, which is breath, or pneuma in Greek, which is spirit. See the connections? Someone feels faint, and those around give the person room to breathe! That is exactly what our spirits need, room to breathe with the Spirit of God! It has always fascinated me that cancers do not "eat up" healthy cells. Cancers grow and leave no room for healthy cells. Cancer occupies the space needed for healthy cells to live!

Another aspect of room comes from John 14, a passage often read as comfort and hope at funerals: *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many [rooms].*



If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

There is, in scripture, an understanding of room for you, dwelling place for you as salvation in the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! And remember, at Jesus' birth, there was **no room in the inn**. The One, for whom there was no room, is the very One who prepares room for you. And the very identity of any church is to make room, especially, for those whom the world has shut out and excluded. The church is the alternative community of hospitality in a world that has no room for so many!

God give us room, not to be idle, not to just occupy and possess. We are to bear fruit in the growth of our spirit, our faith, our learning, our character, our compassion, our... Well, you get the picture. And, that growth is not just for our own well being, but is to be used to serve beyond the doors of our sanctuary. There is plenty of room to serve, to find your passion for life in serving.

Brookside: **Room to Grow, Room to Serve, Room for You**, is not simply an easily remembered tag line identifying who we are. It is also grounded in Whose we are and the purpose for our being a church. It has theological depth in its simplicity, and correlates nicely with Dr. Emily Geoghegan's charge to you and me at the Pentecost installation to be "keepers of the space!" I still have the red bangle, and the chair of the Trustees, Laura Sevigny, has the other.

In the Spirit,
Pastor Dawn

Tuesday Iced Tea on the Patio at 11 AM, Wednesday Morning Walk & Talk, 8 AM

Pastor Dawn invites you to join her, rain or shine, for iced tea on the patio or sun room of Manning House at 11 a.m. on **Tuesdays through August 25** (except for July 7 & 14); and/or a morning walk around the neighborhood on **Wednesdays** from 8-9, **July 22–August 26**. We will meet in the Brookside parking lot, and anything and everything can be our topics.

Thank You! Thank You!

I am very appreciative of Brookside's participation in my installation. Thank you to the Settling Committee for the wonderful reception out under the tents. The weather was dramatic with well-timed thunder, but all cleared for the outdoor reception. I was certainly pleased with the hospitality Brookside showed.

Thank you for the magnificent pewter chalice and paten inscribed with the symbol of the United Church of Christ. I have already used it for the June service of communion at the Masonic Home, and will have the opportunity to enjoy its use many days to come. The cup and plate sit on my book shelf, and as I look up from my desk, it is a beautiful reminder of my call to be your pastor and teacher.

It was a grand day, and I look forward to the days ahead as we serve our God together. With gratitude,

Pastor Dawn

Letter Conveys Good Wishes and More

May 27, 2009

Dear Dawn: On behalf of the First Congregational Church of Manchester, United Church of Christ, and for ourselves personally, we write to extend warmest greetings and fullest congratulations to you, the congregation at Brookside and your family at your installation as Pastor on May 31.

Already in these first months in Manchester, you as our closest UCC clergy neighbor have gone extra miles to multiply Christ's ministry. Your ministry has brought blessings to both of our settings.

You extended a welcome when our Interim Senior Pastor arrived in January. You have also maintained a supportive collegiality since then.

You have explored cooperation between our two congregations regarding youth and outreach ministries. Our staff and members have benefited from this.

Just last evening our two congregations hosted a potluck celebration at First Congre-

gational Church that you led in planning in order to host a Ukama delegation from Zimbabwe in cooperation with the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. This would have been difficult for either church to do alone. This morning our friends from Africa will meet at Brookside after home hospitality that you led in arranging from both of our churches. This cooperation is helping First Congregational Church folk to begin to consider sustained participation in the Ukama project. Thank you for opening this window on Brookside's experience of Ukama so that our congregation could learn from it.

Although our Interim Senior Pastor will be out of state for a long planned church conference at the time of your installation, we and our whole congregation will hold you and the congregation at Brookside in special prayer in our morning service on Pentecost Sunday. Our lay delegation plans to be present at your installation.

May God bless you, your family, the congregation at Brookside, and strengthen Jesus' ministry in Greater Manchester through your service here.

*Faithfully in Christ,
William Jones, Senior Deacon
The Rev. Stephen C. Washburn,
Interim Senior Pastor*



Congratulations to Laura Sevigny!

At the NH Conference Annual Meeting, Laura was voted as President Elect of the Conference. She will serve in this position for two years and learn about our life together as the NH Conference, then she will become the President of the Conference. It is a big responsibility, and Laura brings honor to Brookside with her election. The Conference recognized in her what we know: Laura has great organizational skills, is dependable, following through with commitments, and a way of leading with grace and good humor! Way to go, Laura!

Pastor's Vacation/Renewal Time:

Pastor Dawn will take some "renewing" vacation time from **July 3-17**.

During her time of absence, pastoral emergencies will be handled by the Revs. *Pete and Joyce Lovejoy* and members of the Board of Deacons; please call the church office at **669-2807** for assistance.

Saying Goodbye with Music

All are invited as *Rob St. Cyr* and *Natalie Shaw* present a farewell recital on **Thursday, July 23** at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will perform a variety of concert literature from Baroque to musical theatre. Several guest artists will be featured as part of the recital. Free-will donation at the door.

Rob's last Sunday as organist/music director at Brookside Church will be **July 26**.



Brookside Concert Kicks Off "Pipe Organ Encounter" Week

Organists Michael W. Smith and Peter Krasinski will present a concert on **Sunday, July 19** at 7:30 p.m. in Brookside's Sanctuary. The program promises to be fun and varied, including transcriptions, show tunes, medleys, and even a few classic selections for organ duet, organ and piano, and organ solo. In the artists' words, it is "not your grandmother's organ recital!"

This concert kicks off a week-long program for teenagers entitled "Pipe Organ Encounter," or POE. Sponsored by the New Hampshire Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the POE is an exciting opportunity for teenage pianists to experience the organ through daily lessons with prestigious teachers, workshops, recitals and concerts, as well as a day trip to Boston. Both of Brookside's organs will be used during the week for lessons and master classes. This year's POE has attracted 32 students from all over New England, and as far away as Texas, California,

Washington and Ontario.

The July 19 concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact *Kathy Metivier* at **669-1891**.



Loaves and Fishes

Thank you! Due to your generosity, we collected **25 bags** of groceries and other non-perishables for New Horizons in June. With summer here, eligible children do not receive their free meals at school, so families rely more than ever on the food pantries for help. Please consider putting some extra items in your supermarket basket for those in need. Our next collections are **Sundays, July 5 and August 2**. Please remember to bring your donations in another week if summer vacations will keep you away during our *Loaves and Fishes* collection days. Thanks again!

Caring for Our Troops

Thank you, on behalf of the Called to Care ministry, to those people who contributed to Sam Donoghue's box. Eight boxes of products were collected and have been sent on their way.

Returning to Brookside

On **Sunday, July 26**, the *Rev. Dr. David Van Arsdale* will be preaching as a reunion of the 1970's Pro Christo Youth Group culminates with the former youth group members worshipping with us. A student minister with Brookside from 1970-72, Dave has completed 37 years of ministry and currently serves as pastor and head-of-staff at Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City, Arizona (www.scfaith.org). Pastor Dawn looks forward to welcoming the Pro Christo members and Dr. Van Arsdale.

If you were in Pro Christo, or know of someone who was, please contact the church office (**669-2807**) and we will put you in touch with the reunion organizer.

Fran Hakenson Looks Back on June 7

I want to thank everyone who made Children's Sunday and the picnic extra special this year. Special thanks go to Thandi, Peyton, Sam and Chris for the excellent presentation of their mission trip to Atlanta. Special thanks also to God for a perfect day for the picnic, and for all the people who prepared and shared the wonderful food.

[Note: Church School Coordinator is currently a 10-month position. Fran is "off-duty" from mid-June through mid-August, when we gear up for the 2009-10 program year.]



Help with Summer Child Care

Can you help with child care in the Infant/Toddler room this summer? During lemonade time the CE person of the week will have a clip board with a sign-up sheet. Look for them if you can help – or they just might buttonhole you!!

Got Camp?

It is not too late to register for many of the camps being offered by the New Hampshire Conference.

- There are Big Feet/Little Feet camps for an adult with a child in July. This is for children in grades 1 to 4.
- Adult and Family camps;
- Star Island programs;
- plus the regular camping programs for grades 3 through 12.

For more information about camp, log on to www.hortoncenter.org. Call the church office (669-2807) about the availability of scholarship money.



Secret Pals in Full Swing

Adult Pals should have received the name of your Secret (Child) Pal by the end of June. We hope you have sent your Pal a note or small activity by now. Be sure to do so two or three times more this

summer. If you've misplaced your Pal's address or have questions, please contact the church office, 669-2807.

A reminder: during fellowship, after worship on **Sunday, September 13** is when you'll meet your Secret Pal for a special lunch. Be sure it's on your calendar!

Congratulations, Grads!

High School:

Meridith Antonucci graduated from Manchester Central High School. Interested in Environmental Studies, she will attend Colorado College in Colorado Springs in the fall.

Phillip Decknick graduated from Goffstown High School and is going on to UTI in Norwood MA for auto mechanic, diesel & refrigeration.

College/University:

Nolan Antonucci graduated from Syracuse University in May 2009, Mother's Day weekend, with a degree in Public Relations. He is currently seeking employment.

Kevin Hamer received his Bachelors of Science in Mathematics with a Physics minor from the University of New Hampshire in December. Kevin is running the testing lab at Whaleback Systems in Portsmouth, NH, as a computer engineer. He lives in Portsmouth, NH, and is happy to announce that he recently got engaged to Shanna Bleakley, also a UNH graduate.

Kurt Rodman recently graduated from Daniel Webster College with a BS in Aviation Management.

Kathryn Stallard graduated from Salem State University, Salem MA with Honors (BA in Spanish, Minor in Public Relations). Kathryn received the Academic Achievement of Excellence Award from the Salem State Foreign Language Dept. She hopes to work in the Boston area.



Looking Ahead

This fall we are looking forward to Anne Rodman leading a "Companions in Christ Series" (see separate article below), and Pete Lovejoy and Fran Hakenson leading a book study on *Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos*. Stay tuned (bulletins, September *Chronicle*) for more details.

New Adult Small Group Forming

Companions in Christ – a 28-Week Journey exploring five essential elements of the Christian life and discovering a deeper experience of and response to God.

(1) Embracing the Journey – The Way of Christ (five weeks) – an explanation of spiritual formation as a journey toward wholeness and holiness, individually and in community, through the grace of God.

(2) Feeding on the Word – The Mind of Christ (five weeks) - an introduction to several ways of meditating on and praying with scripture.

(3) Deepening Our Prayer – The Heart of Christ (six weeks) – a guided experience of various classic forms and styles of prayer.

(4) Responding to Our Call – The Work of Christ (five weeks) – learning about our gifts and giving ourselves to God in willing obedience and receiving the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

(5) Exploring Spiritual Guidance – The Spirit of Christ (five weeks) – an overview of different ways of giving and receiving spiritual guidance from relationships, growth groups and in congregational life.

Hopefully the group will begin in August or early September. We will meet weekly with possible breaks between the sections. The group meets for approximately 1.5 hour with an expected daily commitment of 30 minutes. The details of time and day of the week will be determined from the response of those interested. To help with planning, please contact *Anne Rodman* (624-5179 or annelrodman@yahoo.com) and let her know of your interest by **July 10**.

July/August, 2009



Holy Communion

On the first Sundays in July and August we will celebrate Holy Communion by intinction. This practice is used at our Maundy Thursday Service, and it creates a meditative way of celebrating this sacrament. The servers will walk to the center aisle. One person will have a cup with juice and the other a plate of bread. Intinction simply means that after taking a piece of bread, the recipient dips the bread into the juice and then eats the bread immediately. Those who are unable to walk forward will be served at their pews. We hope that you will enjoy this different but reverent way of celebrating Communion during the summer months.

Nursing Homes, Summer Worship

The service of Communion will continue monthly at the Masonic Home, at 1:30 p.m. on **Mondays, July 6** and **August 3**.

No worship services are scheduled for Courville during July and August.

Baptisms

Baptized on June 21 were: *Alexander David Bryant*, son of Jason & Laura Bryant; *Lillian Paige McKinney*, daughter of Jason & Elizabeth McKinney; and *Yuzhou He (Gin)*, a student at Southern NH University.



The sacrament of Baptism is generally scheduled monthly, on the third Sunday. If you are interested in receiving this sacrament on **August 16**, please speak with *Pastor Dawn* (see contact info. below).

Interested in Membership?

The next scheduled date for receiving new members will be **October 18**. There will be a new member breakfast on **October 4** at 8:30 a.m. in the Manning House Dining Room. If you are interested in learning more, please contact *Pastor Dawn* (669-2807, ext. 101 or pastor@brooksidecc.org).

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**TRAVEL
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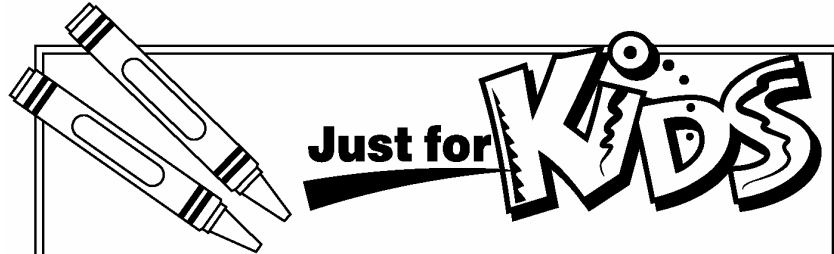
Summer travel is fun, but sometimes getting to the destination can take a long time. Try this homemade bingo game to entertain you and your family while you vacation this summer.

What you need:

- Sheets of 8¹/₂" x 11" paper (one for each player)
- Stickers (16 for each player)
- Pencil, pen, marker or crayon

What you do:

1. Before your trip, list different things you might see as you travel.
2. Take each 8¹/₂" x 11" sheet of paper and fold it in half, from top to bottom. Fold it in half again from top to bottom. Then fold it in half from side to side and then again. Unfold the paper and you should have 16 equal-sized squares, four across horizontally and four down vertically.
3. Family members write one thing from the list in each of the 16 squares. They can place them in any order. For non-readers, someone can draw pictures in each square.
4. Put the sheets and stickers in the car in an easy-to-reach place.
5. While traveling, when you see an object that's on your card, say it out loud. Put a sticker in that square.
6. The first person to get four in a row wins the first round. The first person to fill two rows wins the second round. The first person to fill the entire sheet wins the game.



TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

NAMES Paul Moses Joseph The Israelites Abram crowds
 Samaritan Jesus Naaman Angel of God

VERSES

“The _____ had been traveling in front of Israel’s army” Exodus 14:19

“And _____ went out from Pharaoh’s presence and traveled throughout Egypt.” Genesis 41:46

“Go in peace,” said Elisha. After _____ had traveled some distance” 2 Kings 5:19

“_____ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem.” Genesis 12:6

“_____ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece.” Acts 20:2

“_____ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1


“Large _____ were traveling with Jesus.” Luke 14:25

“_____ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho.” Numbers 22:1

“_____ led Israel from the Red Sea For three days they traveled in the desert” Exodus 15:22

“But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan



Memory Verse Games

Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

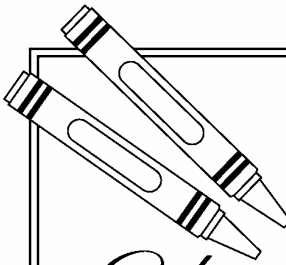
The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!



Just for KIDS














Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	

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“These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____.”

Answers: (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads



Losses In Our Church Family

Virginia Merrill, a Brookside member since 1999, died May 31. Her funeral was held at Cate & Johnson Funeral Home.

Skylar Eno, son of Jim Soucy, died June 6. The funeral was at Ste. Marie Church.

Rodney Mosher, Brookside member since 1994, died June 9. Pastor Dawn Berry officiated at his memorial service here.

Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time.

If You're Hospitalized...

Because federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals, the pastor and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized, and would like a visit from the pastor, it is important that you (or a family member) notify the church office as soon as possible. Call us at 669-2807. Remember, hospitals no longer can provide this information to us.

Stay Healthy

The Parish Nurse has hours here weekly, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. (Note: the nurse will NOT be here on July 2.) Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Be sure to check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board across from Room E to learn about events throughout Manchester!



For more information, call the Parish Nurse office at 663-8004.

Take a Guided Tour!

Learn about some of Brookside's secrets during this tour of the Church and Manning House. Bill Hoysradt will be your knowledgeable tour guide – meet him by the lemonade area at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 30.

How Are Our Finances Faring?

Any questions regarding the detail of the treasurer's report below may be directed to Gail Goodman at 656-9038, or e-mail her at ggoodman@elliott-hs.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending May 31, 2009			
<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>			
May	Actual	Budget	Var.
Total Income	28,128	27,035	1,093
Total Expenses	26,419	25,174	1,245
Net Gain (Loss)	1,709	1,861	(152)
Year-to-date			
Total Income	135,728	134,995	733
Total Expenses	136,864	133,539	3,325
Net Gain (Loss)	(1,136)	1,456	(2,592)
YTD Pledges	61,134	63,320	(2,187)

A note from the Treasurer....

Last year's plea worked so well – why fix it if it ain't broke? So now that summer is upon us once again I would like to repeat:

I hope that as you all enjoy your break from our usual hectic routines, you will remember that our Church staff continues to chug along making sure all our needs are met. There are still payroll expenses to cover as well as most of our normal operating expenses. I offer a gentle reminder to please, please remember to keep your pledges up to date during the summer months so we will be able to meet all of our obligations. And enjoy! Gail Goodman

Chronicle Deadline: August 13

Please submit all items for the September Chronicle by Thursday, August 13. You can deliver them in person, send them by mail, fax them to 668-9041, or e-mail them to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org.

READERS

July 5

Russ Dunn

July 12

Heath Auger

July 19

Emily Harris

July 26

Jeff Rapson

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August 2

Tricia Lucas

August 9

Linda Stallard

August 16

Denise Forest

August 23

Jane Sherwin

August 30

TJ Rapson



Keep Up with Your Summer Reading

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect on your own, at a time that suits you best.

July Readings

July 5

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
Christian Testament 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Christian Testament Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Christian Testament Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Christian Testament Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

August Readings

August 2

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Christian Testament Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 9

Hebrew Scriptures 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Christian Testament Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 16

Hebrew Scriptures 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Christian Testament Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 23

Hebrew Scriptures 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Christian Testament Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 30

Hebrew Scriptures Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Christian Testament James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 5

Dennis Giguere
Chris Taylor

July 12

Kathleen Dube
Dennis Giguere

July 19

Joyce Lovejoy
Kathleen Dube

July 26

Keith Hamer
Joyce Lovejoy

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August 2

Dale Trombley
Keith Hamer

August 9

Jeff Rapson
Chris Taylor

August 16

Dennis Giguere
Jeff Rapson

August 23

Kerry Richardson
Dennis Giguere

August 30

Dale Trombley
Kerry Richardson