

SUMMER 2009

Summertime And the livin' is easy....



**Have a wonderful summer
everyone!!**

from Al, David, Jane, Sheri and Susie

“This garden is so well-kept,” said two visitors about the Memorial Garden as I was preparing a spot for Margy Clulow’s remains recently. And indeed, the garden was then and still is—well-kept. Many of you will discover on Sundays during July when we and St. Matthew’s gather in the garden for summer worship (if inclement, in the Sanctuary). The simple elegance of this garden is something for which we are all grateful to Nancy Gorkin, Beth Mason, Anne Clarke and others who weed and rake and mow and...and...and. As the occasion arises, do be sure to thank them for a garden that reflects both the natural beauty of God and their careful, dedicated attentions.

The comments of those two visitors opened my eyes afresh to the grace of this garden...and to the wildness of the woodlands surrounding our church complex. There are, of course, at least different perspectives on care for these woodlands. One viewpoint is that the woodlands reflect the wildness of God’s creation, providing harbor for small (and some large) creatures—deer and turkeys, chipmunks and rabbits, and...the list goes on. Let the woodlands grow as they grow—tall grass, brush, fallen trees, vines, and all. Another viewpoint is that the woodlands become as neat and tidy as a secular corporate campus that reflects a human “conquest” of nature. (“Conquest” is not the right term, but I’m sure you get the point.) In between, however, there is a third reflect the order and creativity of God’s world with our providing a careful balance between groundcover and canopy, between God’s order and creativity in our assuming care-filled stewardship of building and grounds, of a habitat for both people and “wild things,” and our working tenderly to preserve these woodlands as the gift of God they are.

It’s been a while—actually a long while—since I’ve ventured into the woods that grace our complex. But on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during July I’m going to do so with great joy and a bit more wisdom than the last time—probably some ten years ago (give or take).

I’ll start with the weeding the beds around the rhododendron and church signs at the entrance driveway, continue mowing grass and brush along Route 106 (back to the tree line) and an apron along the exit driveway. Then there’s the brush and grass between the church building and the swail and the vines climbing the trees and access to the firepit our young people use regularly on Sunday evenings. And there are the woodland trees themselves, clearing the vines that restrict their growth and an apron around each tree. And finally, burning the brush and other detritus Mother Nature has left that is right to burn. This sounds like a lot. It also sounds somewhat risky (poison ivy and ticks, for example) And it is both. But any journey, any project worth undertaking begins with a first step...

Which is why I’m writing this column as both information and an invitation. I’ll be going into the woods these two afternoons for three weeks (July 7 & 9, 14 & 16, 20 & 22) and working there from about 1 PM until I poop out; and if working in the woods is something fun and enjoyable for you and you have time available on these days and times, do know how welcome you will be. Dress appropriately. Bring whatever tools you feel you might need. And have at it.

Grace and peace,

David Graybill
Your Pastor

MORNING PRAYER

Thursdays 7:00 AM

(No Morning Prayer July 28 – September 3)

Regular Morning Prayer resumes each week beginning Thursday, September 10

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

July 3 – September 7, 2009

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Office open 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The office is closed on Mondays and Fridays during July and August

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ALL SUMMER SERVICES ARE JOINT WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

9:30 AM

JULY IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

*Dress is casual. Bring a comfortable sit-upon (though chairs will be available).
(In inclement weather, in the Sanctuary)*

Sunday, July 5 Pentecost 5	Preacher/Liturgist: David Graybill Scripture: 2 Samuel 5.1-5, 2 Corinthians 12.2-9 Elder Greeter/Usher: Hank Watkins Song Leader: Glenn Shattuck Hymns: 293 This Is My Father's World 306 Fairest Lord Jesus 564 America the Beautiful
Sunday, July 12 Pentecost 6	St. Matthew's Service Episcopal Liturgy
Sunday, July 19 Pentecost 7	Preacher/Liturgist: David Graybill Scripture: Mark 6.30-34,53-56 Song Leader: Lynn Wilson Elder Greeter/Usher: Steve Connor Hymns: 469 Morning Has Broken 467 How Great Thou Art 473 For the Beauty of the Earth
Sunday, July 26 Pentecost 8	St. Matthew's Service Episcopal Liturgy

AUGUST IN THE SANCTUARY

Sunday, August 2 Pentecost 9	Preacher: Linda Rost Liturgist: Jane Field Scripture: Psalm 51.1-12, Ephesians 4.1-6, 11-16 Elder Greeter/Usher: Max Gabrielson Hymns: 554 Let All Things Now Living 438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
Sunday, August 9 Pentecost 10	St. Matthew's Service Episcopal Liturgy
Sunday, August 16 Pentecost 11	Preacher: Max Gabrielson Liturgist: Jane Field Elder Greeter/Usher: Nancy Gorkin Scripture: Psalm 111, Ephesians 6.10-20 Hymns: #139 Come, Thou Almighty King Faith of Our Fathers #339 Be Thou My Vision

Sunday, August 23
Pentecost 12

St. Matthew's Service
Episcopal Liturgy

Sunday, August 30
Pentecost 13

Preacher: Doon Foster
Liturgist: Jane Field
Elder Greeter/Usher: Lisa Lillie
Scripture: James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Hymns: #142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
#391 Take My Life
#356 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

REGULAR MORNING WORSHIP RESUMES
AT 10:00 AM
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009
IN THE SANCTUARY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This sacrament will be celebrated again on Sundays, September 20, October 11, November 15 and December 13. Parents wishing to present their child(ren) for this sacrament are urged to contact the church office as far in advance as possible. Ordinarily, only two baptisms are celebrated at a single service in order to preserve its specialness for children, families, and congregation alike.

STAFF TIMES AWAY
Summer 2009 (leaving – returning)

Jane Field	Monday, July 6 – Monday, July 27	Vacation
Al Galletly	Wednesday, July 1 – Friday, July 31	Vacation
David Graybill	Sunday, June 28 – Friday, July 3	MATE
	Monday, July 27 – Wednesday, September 9	Vacation
	(During the Pastor's absence, the Rev. Jane Field will be Pastor-on-Call [834-0158])	
Susie Gross	Friday, August 14 – Tuesday, August 25	Vacation
	Friday, August 28 – Tuesday, September 8	
Sandy Muschler	Monday, July 27 – Monday, August 10	Vacation

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Office Manager Susie Gross will be on vacation:

Friday, August 14 – Tuesday, August 25

Friday, August 28 – Tuesday, September 8

and needs volunteers to staff the office from 9 AM to 12 Noon on August 18, 19, 20 and September 1, 2, and 3. No experience necessary. All you really need to do is answer the phones and be nice to the Presbyterians when they come into the office. Please contact Susie at 762-5514 or wpchurch@snet.net if interested. Thanks!!

IT'S NOT A CHIMNEY!

The brick tower that is built at the entrance to St. Matthew's is not a chimney. It's a tower for our new cross. The "holes" in the brick have been left to attach the new cross. It will be painted white to go with the existing walls – and the lines were designed to complement the existing walls along the hall way into our Narthex.

NOTES ON PEOPLE

We hold close in prayer Jim Truckess, former WPC now living in Bradford. The good news: the primary cancer site remains stable. The other news: it continues active. He began a new 3-4 month protocol of chemotherapy, leading, by the grace of God, to another respite period of several months. "Certainly that last respite period allowed us to do some very precious things together, so we are optimistic about a similar consequence after this therapy."

Gretchen Collins, a former WPC member now living in Georgia (and New Hampshire) writes: "How wonderful to hear about, and think about, the new ministry Chris Delmar will find at Yale-New Haven (Hospital). How fortunate for the lives she will touch."

What a privilege and pleasure to welcome Gwen Kaplan, a former WPC member now living in Richmond, Virginia, at morning worship on May 31.

We hold close in prayer Rabbi Leah Cohen and her sister, Jill Strouss. Jill is recovering from recent surgery in Seattle, Washington for a malignant brain tumor.

Jane Estes is recovering at home from severe bruises sustained in a recent fall.

We hold close in prayer Bill Caswell's sister, Diana, who collapsed at home in Utica, New York, on Saturday, June 13, following a heart procedure. She was taken to the hospital where she remains in critical but stable condition.

We hold close in prayer Anthony and Julie Carey and their son Tim, at the death of their son, Andrew, at home on Monday, June 8.

We congratulate Bill and Sheryl Rider on their 25th wedding anniversary on June 9.

Former member, Mike Quincy, is going to be riding his bike in the Pan-Mass Challenge for the benefit of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. If you would like to support Mike, email him at mquincyx2@yahoo.com.

Our thanks to Deacons and members of the congregation who helped host the lovely (and large!) reception in the Lounge following a memorial service for Margaretta Clulow on Saturday, June 13 in the Sanctuary. After the service her ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden.

SUMMER HELP FOR OUR IRAQI REFUGEE FAMILY

The Wilton Interfaith Refugee Resettlement Committee has asked WPC to provide contributions of household and grocery items for Husam, Noorhan, Haneen, and Saif Khairallah—during the month of August this year. Needed items include:

<u>For the family:</u>	canned meats (no ham or pork, please)	rice
	vegetables	canned vegetables, including sweet potatoes
	peanut butter	spaghetti
	paper products of all kinds	
<u>For the kids:</u>	pretzels	potato chips
	chocolate cookies	Tony the Tiger Sugar Frosted Flakes
	small candy treats (lollipops and chocolate bars)	cake mixes and chocolate frosting
	Pampers Baby Dry Diapers, 60 counts, 35 lbs+	macaroni and cheese

Before you leave for your summer break, please consider dropping off in the box outside the church office one or more of these household and grocery items. We'll deliver them in August; but we're requesting them now because...well, you know.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2009

July 5-

"The Yellow Star- The Legend of King Christian of Denmark" This story explores how we react when other people are being discriminated against. Activity: The children will make their own star of David by drawing around equilateral triangles on yellow paper.

July 12-

"Small Gifts in God's Hands" A young boy meets Jesus and in the "loaves and fishes" experience, learns that God takes our gifts, however insignificant, and uses them for God's purposes. Activity: Each child will create their own fish.

July 19-

"Grandpa's Hammer" This warm book from Habitat for Humanity talks about how in helping others we receive gifts back. Activity: Children will decorate paper rulers and talk about the 'Golden Rule' ('Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.')

July 26-

"You Are Mine" The Wemmicks, little wooden puppets, learn that their happiness and meaning in life comes not from the possessions that they buy but from their relationship with their creator. Activity: The children will create their own collage of "balls and boxes" from the story with decorations that symbolize their own favorite possessions.

August 2-

"God's Paintbrush" This beautifully illustrated story talks of God in the world around us and at the center of our lives. Activity: Children will paint with watercolors.

August 9-

"God said Amen" This fable about a stubborn prince and princess shows how self centered actions affect everyone around us and how we can work with each other and with God to create a better world. Activity: Children will create a special greeting card to share with someone they care about.

August 16-

"Old Turtle" This classic fable emphasizes the importance of looking for God in each other and in all of creation. Activity: Children will decorate paper crosses.

August 23-

"Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" In this touching sequel to "Old Turtle", people relearn the lost truth that God loves every one of us. "You are loved- and so are they." Activity: Each child design a heart with the underlying message that everyone is welcome and loved in our two churches.

August 30-

"God In Between" This story teaches that God can be found wherever we are. Activity: Children will decorate and make pinwheels as symbols that God is everywhere just like the wind.

September 6-

"You Are Special" The Wemmicks, little wooden puppets, learn that no matter how many insults or compliments they receive from other Wemmicks, they are special to their creator. Activity: Children will decorate slap bracelets.

Remember the Spring Choral Concert in March?



The performance is now available on CD.

If you enjoyed the Community Concert at WPC, you're going to love the CD. Order one (or more) now for \$10/copy. Proceeds will go to the WPC Special Music Fund.

On the CD:

O Vos Omnes (Clay Zambo, world premiere)
Requiem (Gabriel Faure)
It Is Well With My Soul (Spafford, arr. Bliss)
Deep River (traditional, arr. Rutter)
When the Saints Go Marching In (arr. Rutter)
God So Loved the World (John Stainer)

The 54-voice Community Choir, directed by Al Galletly, includes choir members from WPC, St. Matthews, Our Lady of Fatima, Wilton Baptist and Wilton Congregational Churches, and members of the Wilton Singers.

Featured soloists are Mary Bozzuti Higgins, soprano, Chris Monteleone, baritone, and London Sanders, baritone. B. P. Thomas is organist and pianist.

Interested? Email Al Galletly at agalletly@optonline.net or Susie Gross at wpchurch@snet.net and they will get copy(ies) sent to you.

SUCCESS!!!

Thank you, thank you! Our “WPC Official Stimulus and Relief Package” gala was an overwhelming success. As promised, it was a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and fundraising. The numbers are being finalized, but we are confident we not only met our goal, but we exceeded it! The event was a success because of the help of so many of you. Our amazing and talented leaders of Lisa Lillie and Carole Telyan were supported by an endless number of volunteers. To everyone who helped plan, execute, donate, garden, set-up, clean-up and participated in the festivities of the evening, we thank you. We also thank those of you who were unable to attend but were with us in spirit.