

**First Church in Ludlow**

**MAY 2019**



### **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- SUNDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service at Grace Union, Wilbraham**
- SUNDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Worship at First Church Ludlow and  
10:30 a.m. at Grace Union, Wilbraham**
- SUNDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Worship at Union Church Ludlow  
(There will be NO worship service at Grace Union or  
First Church Ludlow)**
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Worship at Union Church Ludlow  
(There will be NO worship service at Grace Union or  
First Church Ludlow)**
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Joint Service at First Church Ludlow  
(There will be NO worship service at Grace Union)**
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> - Resume regular worship schedule\*  
9:00 a.m. Worship at First Church Ludlow  
10:30 a.m. Worship at Grace Union Wilbraham)**

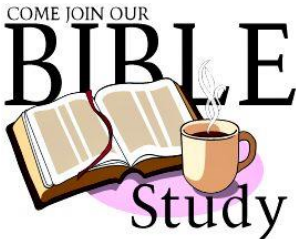
## MONTH OF JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Communion Sunday – First Church  
Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. Joint Worship Service – First Church  
Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – First Church  
Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – First Church  
Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – First Church



If you are being admitted to any area hospitals and would like a visit from Pastor Don or one of the members of the ministry of care group, please designate your congregation (Grace Union or First Church Ludlow) during the intake process. This way the hospital will know to notify the church that you are requesting a visit above and beyond what can be provided by hospital chaplains.

peace  
Pastor Don



Sunday June 9th will be a special day in the shared ministry of Grace Union Church & First Church in Ludlow.

Not only is it our monthly 10am shared worship service at First Church, but it is also Pentecost Sunday AND the children's service, so feel free to wear something red, or yellow, or orange, or even gold as we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church!

As always, please consider bringing a friend, a relative, or someone that is new to the area to share in worship and fellowship with us.

It may seem a bit early to be offering this reminder now, but I'm doing so because there is one more thing happening at First Church on **June 9: at 12:15** we will gather in the fellowship hall of First Church to hold a shared **Bible Discussion Group**. I wanted to let you know about this in advance so that you can read over the first three Chapters of

Genesis. In preparation for this discussion I would encourage you to write down any questions that you may have, and bring them with you on that day.

Until then, peace & grace,  
Pastor Don

**Reverend Don Fenestre-Marek's** cell phone number is 717-538-6507. Please feel free to contact him by phone, text or email (dfenestremarek@gmail.com).

Rev. Don's office hours are Mon.-by appointment;  
Tues.-Noon-2:00 p.m.; Weds.-Noon-2:00 p.m.; Thurs.-3-5p.m.



To all church committees, event planners and event coordinators. The Trustees had asked that we have a discussion at Parish council regarding how all the space in the building is being used and by whom and had prepared a survey to be filled out. As you know, the church building and use of space within the building is the responsibility of the Trustees. In order to be sure that no one was missed, it was decided that the survey would be put in the June Crier with a request that it be filled out and returned to the Trustees mailbox prior to June 18<sup>th</sup>. The survey is attached to this Crier. Anyone who has use of space in the building either during an event or after (including storage space) should fill out the form and give it to the Trustees.”

First Church in Ludlow  
Parish Council Meeting  
May 15, 2019  
Use of Church Space – Trustees' Survey

Please complete the following survey about the use of church space for the event/project for which you are responsible. Please bring it to the Parish Council meeting on May 15, 2019, for a brief discussion. This information will be reviewed and discussed by the Trustees. Thank you.

1. Name of event/project:
2. Responsible person/coordinator:
3. Usual month/days for event:
4. Amount of church space needed for event (include preparation and take-down time):
5. Amount/type of storage space needed:
6. Storage space currently used: where/how much/approved by:

RET/05012019/space survey



## DEACONS REPORT

Next meeting is June 19, 2019 at 6:00p.m.



## NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES:

The Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Friendship Room. The next meeting will be on June 18th. Meetings are scheduled for July 16th and August 20th, but may be canceled if there is no business to conduct.

**1) Roof over addition** - Kevin Leacock who recently repaired the leaks in the steeple also reported that the roof over the church addition is the original roof which will last another 4-5 years. If solar panels are to be installed there, the roof should be replaced before the solar panels are installed. Decision: Hold off on the roof replacement until we know about solar panels. Re-visit this issue in 3 years.

**2) Replacement of shrubs in front and side of the church** - Quite some time ago (perhaps 2 or more years ago) the Parish Council approved the removal of the shrubs in the front and side of the church. The Trustees reviewed several plans for doing so, and approved that Terry Soderstrom would coordinate the removal of the shrubs and prepare the front sidewalk area for growing grass to facilitate easier care of the church grounds. Terry arranged for a professional landscaper to remove the shrubs. On May 18th, Terry, Nancy Dias and Chuck Cabana worked on the outside planting areas around the church putting down landscaping barrier, mulch and crushed stone. The mulch and crushed stone were donated by Ray Haluch, Inc.; a thank-you note will be sent to that firm. It is planned that new small shrubs will be planted around the church in the near future. We appreciate Terry's donation of his time, talent and treasure in accomplishing and covering the costs of this task.

**3) Use of space in the church** - The Trustees continue to gather information about the use of all spaces in the church, including spaces used for storage. Jean Fillion will put a survey form into this June CRIER and ask all project/activity/event coordinators to complete the form and put it into the Trustees' box in the church office before June 18th, the date of the June Trustees meeting. After all information has been gathered and reviewed by the Trustees, a report will be made at the July 17th Parish Council meeting. Thank you for your help in completing the survey form.

**4. Bags of clothing** - The bags of clothing left from the April rummage sale will be taken out of the classroom and delivered to the Survival Center, Rescue Mission and a women's shelter - or discarded - in early June. Mike Dowd has volunteered to continue to take clean, gently used clothing to the Survival Center; those donations can continue to be left in plastic bags on top of the large plastic bin inside the back door to the parking lot. We ask that you **refrain from bringing any other clothing** to the church until a process has been finalized for donating them to a non-profit agency. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**5. Light in parking lot** - The electric bill for outside lighting has been quite high and includes the three (3) lights in the parking lot. It was determined that we do not need all three lights. Eversource has agreed to remove the middle light at no cost to us; we anticipate that this light removal will occur in the next few weeks.

**6. Refrigerator in deacon's kitchen** - A fairly new model refrigerator was donated to the church for use in the deacon's kitchen. It is in place and the old one was removed at no cost to us. The donors were sent a thank-you note from the trustees. It is hoped that those who use that refrigerator will take responsibility for occasionally cleaning it out, throwing away old food, and washing the shelves. Thank you!

**7. Start-up money for events** - If you are the chair/coordinator of any church event, please remember that your written request (email preferred) for **no more than \$150.00** in start-up funds should be submitted to Betsy Marble, Treasurer, **no earlier than one week prior to the date of the event.** ([bookkeeper@ludlow.first.com](mailto:bookkeeper@ludlow.first.com)) Any request larger than \$150.00 must be first submitted to the Trustees for approval prior to the check being issued. **All receipts that account for the start-up funds should be submitted to the Treasurer by 5 days following the event.** We appreciate your cooperation in helping us track and account for all of our funds.

**8. New signs in church** - We thank Barbara Wisner for making new magnet signs for the "IN" sign-in white board inside the back door and also for the new laminated signs at each light switch with the reminder to turn off the lights. And we hope that folks will use the magnet signs - and remember to turn off all of the lights. Thanks to each of you.

Submitted by Rachel Tierney, Chair  
[racheletierney@aol.com](mailto:racheletierney@aol.com)



Children's Day will be June 9th 10:00 am - joint service with Grace Union held at First Church.

We have a lot of activities scheduled for the day. We'll be handing out Bibles to

3rd grade participants. The children will present a \$500 check to Habitat for Humanity - money raised from their Lent project. The Children will be presenting a play on Pentecost Sunday. Please wear RED.

We also would like to get a group picture with both churches. A picnic will follow the service. Barbara Wisner will again be making our menu as special as always. Please support Barb with some homemade cookies for the event. Your help will be very much appreciated. Rehearsal will be Saturday June 8 - time TBA.

Thank you for your support,  
JoAnn



## **EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE PLANNED EVENTS WITH DATES**

Please note: the events that are still looking for coordinators. If anyone is interested, it's a great way to help out the church and expand your horizon. If there's something here that you love maybe this would be the chance to get involved. No one is expecting you to be perfect - just willing. Are you ready to learn something new about yourself and discover your positive qualities? You'll grow in self confidence and self esteem. Are you ready to make a difference in our church by sharing your talents? I know we need you, so take a chance, try something new. If anyone is interested in helping out even in a small way, talk to the Event Planning Committee: JoAnn Wrona, Barbara Wisner, Robin Robitaille, Elaine Hodgman.

Children's Day - Sunday, June 9th 10:00 service, Picnic to follow

Drumming - Friday, July 19th 6:00 PM \$5.00 pre register with JoAnn 210-8486

Celebrate Ludlow - Saturday, July 27th see Karen Robison

Uno's Dine Out - August date TBA Coordinator Crystal Williams

Homecoming Sunday - Sunday, September 22nd

\*Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 4th Need a Co-ordinator  
(More info to follow)

\*Music/Memorial Connection TBA Need a Co-ordinator more info to follow

Homecoming Sunday - Sunday, September 22nd

\*Blood Drive (TBA) - Need a Coordinator more info to follow

Fall Rummage Sale TBA Pricilla and Elaine

\*Harvest Supper - Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Coordinator needed

The main duty of the Coordinator would be making sure the Event is advertised, posting the date with Cher and there's a package already set up with contact information, and Cher helps out with getting the publicity out there. Flyers are already designed and printed for you. Tying some loose ends together, and following thru with details. The Event committee is here to help in any way, but we can't run every event. We need to have some new people step forward and take a risk, maybe move out of your comfort zone and take a chance. Some events are not about fundraising, but promoting our CHURCH in a positive way.

**Our CHURCH needs you!**



- It may only be June but the First Elves are industriously working to
- > make all kinds of wonderful surprises for the Holiday Fair in
  - > November! The Elves meet the second and fourth Thursday morning of the
  - > month from 10:00 to noon and anyone is welcome to join Santa's
  - > helpers; the Elves stock Santa's Workshop and the Christmas Shop.
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  - > The Table Captains are in place but they will be asking for "Angels"
  - > to help during the fair which will be Friday November 22 from 10:00 to
  - > 4:00 and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 to 3:00.
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  - > Barbara Wisner is looking for donations of scratch tickets, any
  - > denomination, any dollar amount. As you are out and about shopping
  - > maybe you could pick up a ticket or two? Barbara's going to decorate a
  - > tree with them as one of the raffle items.

Submitted by Syd Snyder



**THE FLOWER CHART** is up in the Fellowship Hall, please consider signing up for a Sunday, you may dedicate the flowers in honor or memory of someone special to you.





### Prayer List Update

We have realized that our prayer list on the back of the Sunday bulletin gets out of date and out of control. When you request a name it will be published for 2 weeks unless we hear from you to keep the name on for longer. Folks forget to let us know when issues are resolved or folks have passed. For the email prayer list; we would appreciate notification when issues change as well.

You can reach me at my email: [mwaszky@yahoo.com](mailto:mwaszky@yahoo.com) or by phone: 413-250-1711.

A message for Cher in the office can also be left. Church phone is 413-583-3339 and 413-583-6834. Email is [office@ludlowfirst.com](mailto:office@ludlowfirst.com)

Thank you, Marianne Waszkelewicz



The Grace Union Thrift Shop is open on Fridays from 9:00-noon and on Saturdays from 9:00-noon.



Welcome Workers ended their year with a lovely lunch at the Villa Rose. Thank you for all your support and we wish you a happy summer. See you in the fall!!



## Strawberry Supper - First Church in Ludlow

Saturday, June 15, 2019

2 sittings by reservation: 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Take-outs available by reservation: Pick up - 5:30 PM

Cost: \$14.00 – adult    \$7.00 - child

Menu: Ham, homemade baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls/butter, strawberry shortcake, beverages

For reservations, call:  
Bea at 583-4595 or Ann at 547-8720

First Church in Ludlow, 859 Center Street  
(Route 21) Ludlow, MA



## *First Church in Ludlow*

859 Center Street, Ludlow

**Relax - Renew - Reflect**

*Health Rhythms - Group Drumming*

*with* **Maureen Mayotte**

*July 19th, 2019*

*6 pm*



**Join us for  
Light Refreshments Following**

Limited Space - \$5.00 Registration

For a Reservation Call JoAnn - (413) 210-8486

Group drumming is uplifting & inspirational.



**Drum circles are FUN!**  
**No prior experience required.**  
**Drums will be provided.**

# First Church in Ludlow

Participating in Celebrate Ludlow

You won't want to miss our famous

# Taco in a Bag

July 27th, 2019

4 pm on with fireworks at 9 pm



Contact: Karen Robison

# Jacob's Ladder for Giving Angels

Looking for little ways to help the church expenses? Along with volunteering to help with special projects, another way to help is by donating necessary supplies.

Every little thing we do not have to purchase helps our bottom line!

The following list shows some items on the "Wish List".

- ❖ POSTAGE STAMPS
- ❖ PURPLE LUDLOW TRASH BAGS
- ❖ COPY PAPER (8 ½ X 11, 8 ½ X 14)
- ❖ FACIAL TISSUES
- ❖ STAPLES
- ❖ CLEANING SUPPLIES





**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SEEKING HEALING**

**Military:**

*Matt T. – grandson and Jerry M. – son-in-law of Rachel T.*

**Members:**

*Karla D.; Helen P., Woody S., Yolanda S.,  
Lillian G.; Bob & Eileen A., Harold S., Trudy D.,  
Theresa H., John K., Nancy June R., Timmy P., Betty J.*

**Friends:**

*+Ray P.~ friend of the church, husband of member*

*Mark - relative of R&M Page*

*Terry M. – friend of R&M Page*

*+Emma – friend of the Breslin Family*

*+Joyce – family friend*

*+Pauline – mother-in-law of Diane W.*

*+Peter L. – friend of Lillian G.*

*+Marilyn W., friend of Sandy T.*

*John L. – friend of Marianne W.*

*Kathie L – friend of Betty Ann M.*

*Alyssa S.-close family friend of Diane & James Mc.*

*Dick & Bob– friend and relative of Diane W.*

*Kathleen T. – Friend of the church*

*Bobby – cousin of Marianne W.*

*Alison – sister-in-law of Cheryl S*



# JUNE 2019

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2 9:00am Worship Communion Sunday School	3	4 5:00pm Girl Scouts	5 7:30pm AA	6	7	8 6:00 Twirlers
9 10:00am Joint Worship Service At First Church Childrens' Sunday Bible Study Picnic	10	11 5:00pm Girl Scouts	12 5:30pm Event Planning Mtg 7:30pm AA	13 10:00am First Elves 5:30pm Planning	14	15 STRAWBERRY SUPPER 5:00 pm and 6:30 p.m.
16 FATHERS' DAY 9:00am Worship Service Sunday School Baptism	17	18 5:00pm Girl Scouts 5:30pm Trustees Mtg.	19 6:00pm Deacons Meeting 7:30pm AA	20	21	22
23 9:00am Worship Service Sunday School	24 Memorial Day Parade	25 5:00pm Girl Scouts	26 Villa Rose fundraiser Noon- 9:00pm 7:30pm AA	27	28	29
30 9:00am Worship Service						