



July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer Worship Hours For July & August: 9:30am				1 Food Pantry 3-5pm	2	3
4 Sun. Sch. 9:30am Worship 9:30am Communion Summer Worship time begins at 9:30am 	5 Food Pantry 10am-Noon	6 Fair Workshop 9-11:30am	7 Food Pantry 6-8pm	8 Food Pantry 3-5pm	9	10 Men's Group Breakfast 8:30am Church Hall In Use 2-5pm Pastor Mark at wedding in New Castle NH
11 Sun. Sch. 9:30am Worship 9:30am	12 Food Pantry 10am-Noon	13 Tuesday Morning Ladies' Outing Food Pantry Board Meeting 12:30pm Chapel	14 Food Pantry 6-8pm	15 Food Pantry 3-5pm	16	17 Public Ham & Bean Supper 4-6pm 
Pastor Mark on Vacation July 12th through July 25th						
18 Sun. Sch. 9:30am Worship 9:30am Worship Leaders: Dave & Robin Hamel	19 Food Pantry 10am-Noon	20 Fair Workshop 9-11:30am	21 Food Pantry 6-8pm	22 Food Pantry 3-5pm	23	24 <i>Pinecone Fire Starter's Production Day</i>
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25 Sun. Sch. 9:30am Worship 9:30am Worship Leaders: Marc & Patty Cote	26 Food Pantry 10am-Noon	27 Fair Workshop 9-11:30am	28 Food Pantry 6-8pm	29 Food Pantry 3-5pm	30	31

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FIRST PARISH NEWS

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OUR SPAGHETTI SUPPERS

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Spaghetti Suppers this past season. We were blessed with the bounty from wonderful cooks and help from energetic, hard working friends. We've raised \$8,121.50 during the past 8 months! This has been a tremendous help to the general fund.

Last month, we listed the job descriptions for the spaghetti sauce and noodle servers and for the bread and cole slaw/3 bean salads. This month, we thought it would be appropriate to list the job descriptions for the people who help them "behind the scenes" (in the kitchen!).

Salads and Bread Prep (one person - arrive around 3:15pm). Take out small bowls and trays. Make sure breads have been put in the ovens to get warm. Fill bowls with cole slaw and three-bean salad. Just before serving time (4pm), put one tray of each salad on the counter for the salad server. Also make 6 small "to-go" containers and put in the refrigerator. Take bread out of oven to give to bread server. Help dry dishes during free time when needed. If there is plenty of cole slaw left around 5:00-5:30pm, begin filling plastic containers with the cole slaw to be sold the next day.

Spaghetti Cooker (one person - arrive at 3pm). Plug in/turn on coffee pots and hot water pot. Fill 5 kettles of water, place on the stove to boil. Set up 1 large stainless steel bowl with spaghetti server which will

be used to serve in the dining room. Also, set up 1 large stainless steel bowl with colander to drain spaghetti, to the side of the sink. Begin to cook spaghetti in order to have some ready for 4pm. Once spaghetti is cooked, drain, rinse and place in bowl in the dining room. These bowls can and are swapped at times. Keep an eye on how busy it is, in order to have some spaghetti cooking, some in reserve, and enough to serve in the Dining Room. The Spaghetti Cooker can also help pack up sauce as cookers are emptied, assist dishwashers in washing the cooker inserts, and placing the cooker, insert and cover back on the shelf. The Spaghetti Cooker may also assist the salad server. As evening winds down, clean the station by cleaning the kettles, packing up leftover spaghetti, helping pack up leftover sauce, cleaning sauce cookers, and cleaning stove, making sure burners are off and oven is off.

The Salads and Bread person along with the Spaghetti Cooker, are just two of the jobs that have to be filled each time we have a supper. Where would you fit in?

Our final Spaghetti Supper of this season will be on Saturday, June 26th, from 4-6pm. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Our first supper in the fall will be on Saturday, Sept. 25th.

Thank you and have an enjoyable summer.

Tom Allen - Patty Cote - Debbie Hall

From Our Pastor...

Dear Ones:

I was going through some of the many books in my office—with the hope of whittling away at the number. Of course, I stopped to look inside—mistake? No, I had an “AHA!” I found something familiar in little 1957 paperback, *“Words to Change Lives”*. The by-line on the book reads: *Their most important sermons from leading clergymen*. Yeah, I know, **clergymen**, not a **clergywoman** quoted in the lot. Thank the Lord that the church has been blessed by women **and** men in ministry!

At any rate, in this booklet, I found a sermon I had heard! The sermon was written and preached by Rev. Dr. Gordon M Torgersen when he was pastor of The First Baptist Church, Worcester, MA. Dr. Torgersen preached this same sermon when he was President of, and I a student at, Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA.

The sermon was preached at the Morning Chapel Service. It was entitled, “The Man with Two Umbrellas”. I will not share the entire text, though it is not long. It is printed just as I had heard it. The sermon tells the story of two men, meeting on a college campus; one from the Philippines, one from the midwestern college town. The sharing of an umbrella shows how the world is changed “by those who use their best energies to bring enrichment to the lives of other people.” In the background of these lives is someone with a spare umbrella.



... there is always someone with a spare umbrella

As Dr. Torgersen notes, *“The point of this sermon is that the world is changed only as Christians rise above self-seeking and share their insights with others. Of all the disciples Jesus called only one; the others were influenced by someone else—by the people who had two umbrellas.”*

I’m not hoping that we have to use our umbrellas this Summer, but I am trusting that YOU will consider how it is you can influence the faith and spiritual life of one other person. How is it you ARE the one with two umbrellas, the one who shares beyond self to care, uplift, heal, listen, and encourage. May God’s grace guide each of us to help change lives, and thus bring hope into our wider world.

May God bless our efforts,

Pastor Mark