








Photo by Laurie Benoit
Memorial Day Parade at Taylor Cemetery a few years ago

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May 2021

May 6th is Nurses' Day, and it starts a week of celebrating nurses, created in memory of Florence Nightingale. We all think that Memorial Day is a very important AND IT IS, but this year during May your editor wants to especially celebrate nurses and what they do to care not only for the sick but also for the sick person's family. During the war, which is what we often think of at the Veterans' Memorials on Memorial Day, the nurses provided very nurturing care. During the pandemic over this past year, they have done so much ...thank them! celebrate them! let them know that you know they have done all they could! Let them know that even if things did not turn out like they had hoped, they were present on behalf of the family we are all THANKFUL!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10:30 am Happy Birthday Marilyn B.	3	4	5 	6 	7 Happy Birthday Anita U.	8
9 Worship 10:30 am	10 Happy Birthday Kingston DeJ.	11	12	13 	14 Happy Birthday Sue S.	15 
16 Worship 10:30 am	17 Remember to file your 2020 Taxes - Today is deadline	18	19	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Penny M.
23 PENTECOST Worship 10:30 am Happy Birthday Rockie R.	24	25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Bev P.	29
30 Worship 10:30 am	31 	31 May 23rd: Pentecost commemorates when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples (Acts 2). With the Holy Spirit among the disciples, the church was born. Pentecost is a Christian festival that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. The day used to be known as Whitsun, a Christian holiday. The festival is generally full of good spirits. Ministers will wear red robes as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to Earth. The holiday takes place on the Sunday 50 days after Easter.				

Mary Lyon Church

August 2021

Buckland, MA 01338

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Summer tablecloth & napkins made by Gail Tease	2 Hillside Pizza \$25.00 gift certificate donated by Bunny Doneilo	3 Framed Flower photo by Gail Abbott	4 Kitchen towel & dishcloth set	5 Moss Fragrance soap, sanitizer & candle from Joia Beauty	6 Spring towel collection	7 Birdhouse by Bruce Laskay
8 Sundae dishes w/ \$10.00 Big Y gift certificate donated by Tina Peters	9 Rada knives and towels	10 Yankee Candle basket	11 Bernie Sanders mittens donated by Laurie Benoit	12 Framed flower photo by Gail Abbott	13 Basket of children's books	14 Two blue patterned indoor/outdoor pillows by Pat Laskay
15 Veggie basket donated by Cyndie Stetson	16 Mo's Fudge Factor \$25.00 gift certificate donated by Sue Annear	17 Stuffed animal and children's book	18 Painting by Cyndie Stetson	19 Large framed photo by Gail Abbott	20 Sailboat pattern bag with foot care products from Joia Beauty	21 Ice cream dishes with Big Y \$10.00 gift certificate donated by Tina Peters
22 Stuffed animal and children's book	23 Avon products basket donated by Sue Annear	24 Ashfield Golf Course certificate nine holes & golf cart	25 Glass pitcher with lemondade mixes donated by Tina Peters	26 Basket of adult books	27 Spring placemats and towels	28 Card making kit donated by Sue Annear
29 Rock painting craft basket donated by Tina Peters	30 Office supply basket donated by Cyndie Stetson	31 Two winter scene jigsaw puzzles	Name: _____ Address: _____ Telephone #: _____ Email: _____			

TICKETS \$5.00 each

Each ticket that is purchased has 31 chances to win!!!!

Winners will be notified

Flowers for Worship

May - Tina P.

June - Barbara S.

July - Cyndie S.

Food Pantry Collections

May: Canned fruits & veggies

June: Condiments & Jelly/Jam

July: Soup & Crackers

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Food Pantry Pickup days:

Tues. 5/4 & 5/18 from 3 pm to 6 pm at Ashfield Congo Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield.

If you want to donate food, call 413-625-0020 and arrange either a pick up at your home or meet time at the church in Ashfield.

Should you wish to send a financial donation directly, mail to: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main St. Rt. 116 P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, Ma. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

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Monday Nighters



Monday Nighters are staying active and connected by working on our next quilt in the comfort of our own homes. This year we are working on a version of the Dresden Plate. Let Luahn know if you are interested in sewing a square or if you have questions. Call 413.634.5451 or email luahn.page@gmail.com

Worship offered in the church building and via Zoom online

Worship is offered in the church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom. We are following all state and local guidelines. If you have questions about attending in-person worship, call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee member Anita at 413-625-6481 for more details or you can email us at info@marylyonchurch.org

Cats found loving home!



We had reached out in February this year, from the pulpit and in our worship bulletin, that two adorable cats - Maria aged 13y and her son Manuel aged 12y - needed a new forever home due to the death of their owner, Luis Pazmino. We learned recently that they are in Heath, in a great new place, going strong together. What a wonderful happy ending!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Because of the pandemic - details will be available later in the month.

Was it just last year???



Was it really a full year ago that we were doing our first ever "drive-by" birthday in Hawley wishing Vi a Happy [very special year] Birthday???

Hey, Vi, we remember and we are gonna celebrate you this year too! Happy Birthday on May 12th 😊

Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee

NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, May 4th 7pm via Zoom.

If folks have any questions or concerns related to the church budget/expenses, don't hesitate to contact the Finance Committee - please let chairperson Ken W.

know 508-529-3973 or be in touch with any member of the committee Ken W., Eric T., Luahn P., Paul W. or Doug M.

Are you comfortable using a lap top computer?

Do you attend Sun. services in our church building?

If you answered yes to these questions, we would welcome you as a volunteer to facilitate the Zoom Service on Sunday mornings. Instructions and training will be provided. Please, contact Annie Stephany or Judy Willis for more details.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent to our church collector, Vi S. whose address is in our directory or mail to the church to Vi's attention at Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, pastor salary, etc. You can also specify you would like all or part of your donation to go to the Missions of the church. Missions pays for costs of this newsletter and financially supports many local needs like the food pantry, homeless, children and families in crisis and those involved in natural disaster.

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Updated Church Directory AVAILABLE by 5/9

The Church Directory will be available at the church by Sunday 5/9. It can be delivered to you who live locally, and it will be mailed upon request. The Directory includes our church members' and friends' addresses, phone, and email contact info as well as a monthly birthday list (no year). Our directory is not published on the internet. To get mailed or delivered, please call Tina at 413-625-9629 or Jill at 413-625-8109 or email info@marylyonchurch.com.

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Crafts for 2021 Bazaar

We have received some beautiful crafts from some of our church members and friends. This will enhance our November Silver Bell Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who is working so diligently on their crafts and items for the bazaar. We will also be looking for items for the bag raffle and the silent auction. If you wish to donate to either of these, please contact Cyndie at 413-339-4231. Also, this year, we will have a small table for your used/unwanted jewelry and we will have an extended plant table. If you wish to start some houseplants at home during the next several months for the bazaar, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again everyone! Call Cyndie for more details at 413-339-4231.

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Window Capital Campaign

*From Campaign Chair
Cyndie Stetson:*

We are just another \$1,000.00 away from our \$90,000.00 goal of paying for our beautiful stained-glass windows restored. A huge thank you to all of you who have donated to this wonderful project. What a terrific community effort this has been. Send any donations to the church with "windows" on the memo line. We are almost there! Call Cyndie with any questions at 413-339-4231.



AUGUST CALENDAR RAFFLE



Our August Calendar

fundraiser is complete as you can see with the full page included in this newsletter. There are some wonderful prizes donated by many of our Mary Lyon Church members and friends. Thank you so much to all of you! Sue Annear and Cyndie Stetson have copies of the calendar or you may make copies yourself to purchase or sell from the sheet included here.

We hope many of you will sell the calendar to your family and friends for the inexpensive price of \$5.00 each.

Remember, if one wins on a day, their name is returned to win again. There are 31 opportunities for great prizes!

Please cut out and send the completed ticket at the bottom portion of the calendar enclosed (with name, address, phone and email) along with the \$5.00 for each calendar/ticket to either Sue Annear, 1689 Route 2 Apt. 3, Shelburne, Ma. 01370 or Cyndie Stetson, 29 Potter Rd., Rowe, Ma. 01367. If you have any questions, you may call Sue at 413-768-2592 or Cyndie 413-339-4231.

Please make your checks out to Mary Lyon Church with "August Raffle" on the memo line. GOOD LUCK!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

My Sisters and Brothers,

I am thankful for the sustaining power of our church community.

We've been able to navigate the stormy waters of the COVID19 pandemic thus far, and I am hopeful and trusting that we will continue that sustaining power until the coast is clear to resume some semblance of what we once knew as normal. As we move in that direction, I'm wondering what new ideas you might have that would help us renew our vitality and deep connection as a church community. Would it be educational events? picnics? Book studies? I would love to hear from you about any idea or project that moves your spirit and helps the spirit of our hearts to sing and dance and play once again. We could learn various ways of meditation, and centering prayer, the healing power of nature, etc. Please let me know what might tickle your soul.... or what your plan might be that would help our wider Buckland community.

I know that we have many gifted and creative people in our midst with hearts wide and deep enough to dream and do... Just some thoughts I thought I'd share.

With continued love and gratitude for all the wonderful people that God has surrounded us all with.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Rich Fournier

Contact Rich at:

Email: info@marylyonchurch.org

Or call 413-634-5451



From the family of Charles F. Raymond (1933-2021)

Tina P. and her family would like to thank everyone at MLC for their compassion, and the many cards, and prayers sent before and after her father Charlie's death. Tina's dad, Charlie Raymond, attended our church each Sunday via Zoom last year (2020) from April 'til June, and from Nov. 2020 when he returned after months in a nursing home, then through this year until his death last month on 4/8. He looked forward to our service each week and would watch the clock and ask his workers and his Amazon Alexa (every 5 minutes) what time it was so he would not miss anything at our church. He loved the many birthday, holiday and encouragement cards he received from the MLC community and he so enjoyed all the conversations- you were his extended family! Tina and her siblings are grateful to pastor Rich for officiating Charlie's graveside service in Agawam. The kindness and support from our church community shown to Charlie and his family is appreciated. The family published in Charlie's obituary to send donations (in lieu of flowers), to our church for the stained-glass window campaign. If you'd like a copy of the obituary, just let Tina know or email the church at info@marylyonchurch.org.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tina

Who Are the Blind?

When I awoke this morning
I had an aching head,
I cursed the television
As I got out of bed.

At breakfast I was grouchy,
Without a word to say,
Except, "This coffee tastes as
though

You made it yesterday."
Yes, I was in an ugly mood
As I walked down the street.
My mind made up, I wouldn't
speak

To anyone I'd meet.
But, when I heard a tapping,
And saw a friend of mine,
I asked him, "How are you
today?"

He answered, "I'm just fine."
And then he added, "Days like
this

Make all the world seem
bright.

I feel the warm rays of the sun,
And almost see the light.

I smell the apple blossoms,
I heard a blue jay call,
And two gray squirrel barking,
In a tree that must be tall.

The sound of children laughing
Brought a picture to my mind."

When he had gone, I
wondered,

Which one of us was blind.

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*Presumed Ralph Edmund Shaw
(1896-1994) buried at Arms
Cemetery, WWII Navy Veteran
Shared by a coworker of Tina's
The book this came from was
published in 1967. It is titled:
GIVE US A SENSE OF HUMOR
A LITTLE SENTIMENT and
A LITTLE NONSENSE*