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**The Mary Lyon Church
 First Congregational Church
 of Buckland
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 September 2021**



God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning of September 11, 2001. We also remember the courage of the countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue and bring solace to the afflicted. Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance. Amen.

- Fr. Alberto Cutie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Happy Birthday Mark P.	4 9a - 3p TAG SALE
5 Worship 10:30 TAG SALE 9a - 3p	6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Tag Sale 9-3	7	8 Happy Birthday Tedd W.	9	10	11 PATRIOT DAY 20 YRS SINCE 9/11
12 Worship 10:30 GRANDPARENTS DAY	13	14	15	16 Remembering Charlie R. on his Birthday	17 On 18th >>> Happy Birthday Jalila S.	18 ROAST PORK DRIVE-THRU SUPPER
19 Worship 10:30	20	21	22 AUTUMN BEGINS	23	24 Historical Society Program 7 pm Buckland Public Hall	25
26 Worship 10:30	27 Happy Birthday Herbie H.	28	29 Happy Birthday Pat W..	30		

Flowers for Worship.

Sept – Luahn P.

Oct - Tina P.

Nov. – Sandy C.

Food Pantry Collections

Sept: Cereal (cold & hot)

Oct: Pasta & sauce

Nov: Canned Meats

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DRIVE THRU

ROAST PORK SUPPER

Sat. Sept. 18th at 6pm

Pickup at the church

Roast Pork, Apple Sauce,

Gravy, Baked Potato,

Butter & Sour Cream

Broccoli, Cole Slaw

Butternut Squash, Rolls

Apple Cake

Adults: \$ 14

Children 6 - 12: \$ 7

Children under 6: free

Call in your reservations to

Doug & Penny

413-628-3231

Follow directions driving
around the church.

Stay in your car and please
wear masks.

EXACT CHANGE

GREATLY

APPRECIATED!!

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AUGUST CALENDAR

RAFFLE THANKS

Thank you everyone who
purchased tickets and
donated prizes! And thanks
to organizers

Cyndie S. and Sue An.

Windows Committee Tag Sale



Labor Day Weekend

9/4, 5, & 6 daily

9am to 3pm

253 Ashfield Road

Route 112 in Buckland

at the Willis house at

Clesson Valley Farm

drop off donations Fri 9/3

Donations of gently used items

(no large appliances, no large

stuffed chairs or couches) will

be gratefully accepted. For

more information and/or to

volunteer to help out please

call Cyndie S. at 413-339-4231

or Judy W. 413-625-2649

COME SHOPPING!

Food Pantry Pickup days:

Tues. 9/7 & 9/21 from 3 pm

to 6 pm at Ashfield Congo

Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield.

If you want to donate food,

bring to our church or 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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*Sometimes we pray to a God
outside of ourselves.*

*It is the God in the midst of us
that frees and heals.*

~Myrtle Fillmore

THANKS FROM

ALEX LILLY

Good morning everyone at
Mary Lyon! I've been eager to
tell you all about my trip to
Puerto Rico at the beginning of
July with the Quest 22 team.

The day we got to Puerto Rico
we had split up into two
separate teams - each going to a
different city. My team went to
Guaynabo. The first full day in
Guaynabo was a Sunday, and
since churches were at a low
capacity limit we decided to
have our own time of worship
and Bible study in the
rainforest. We got to swim in
the river and it was beautiful.
Everything there was just
gorgeous. Afterwards we went
to old San Juan and walked
through the city and learned
about some of the history there.
It was an experience I'll never
forget.

Monday through Thursday
were work days. We were able
to power wash and seal the
leaks in 3 roofs. The main roof I
was working on was for a man
named Daniel who is a
missionary. He was incredibly
welcoming and invited us into
his home and showed us true
Puerto Rican hospitality.

In addition to being able to seal
up roofs for people we also
power washed and painted a
Christian elementary school
which was also used as a local
church. The pastor there was
very kind and cooked us lunch
on the last day and we got to
hear our crew chief, Rudy's
testimony while we ate fried
plantains and empanadas
which were so good. We also
had the wonderful experience
to walk down the roads near the
worksites and talk to people in
the community and pray with

them after hearing about life in Puerto Rico. *Send Relief* also provided us with packaged rice and beans to hand out to the people we talked to for their household to eat during the hurricane season.

At the *Send Relief* Ministry Center, where we were hosted, we stayed with a college ministry team, Gen Send, and got to hear about all the work they've been doing in Puerto Rico over the summer and about their testimonies. Every night we would debrief as a team. We talked about what we each did during the day and went over our daily devotional, focused on Ephesians learning about being a servant leader. Each night a few people from our team (eventually getting through every person) would share their testimony and how God is working in their life along with asking each other "get to know you" questions to grow closer together as a team and spiritually.

I could not have done this without God's protection and guidance through every step. I truly appreciate all the support everyone at Mary Lyon has given me, through prayer and the support through donations for the medical and school supplies. Those supplies were sent to a local church to be prayed over and sent to those who needed them. I enjoyed my experience to learn to be a better servant leader for the Lord and be able to serve those who could benefit from it.

Thank you all, *Alex Lilly*



Monday Nighters



The Dresden Plate pattern quilt is nearly ready to sew together. All friends are welcome to help. Call Luahn with questions, 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. The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee insure all state and local guidelines are followed. 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

Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee

NEXT MEETING

Sunday Sept. 5th

in person, after church service

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.

Silver Bell Bazaar

9a to 3p Sat. 11/20/2021

There will be crafts, plants, jewelry, the bag raffle, silent auction and much more. If you would like to donate to any of the items listed please contact Cyndie at 413-339-4231. Thanks to those folks who have already come forward to help out at the bazaar with Friday setup and during the event. Please let Cyndie know if you are available to help even for just a couple of hours. It would be greatly appreciated.



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.

BHS GATHERING

Buckland Historical Society

Meeting & Program

Fri. Sept 24th 7 pm

at Buckland Public Hall

"Buckland's Literary

Miscellany" with Michael

Hoberman Prof. of English Lit.

Fitchburg State University.

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Here are some things to think about - sent along to us from Doug M. who received from his brother, a Vietnam veteran:

WHY GO TO CHURCH ?

This is fantastic, I just love the guy's answer, and the interpretation for the word "BIBLE." Enjoy and pass it on. I thought you would enjoy it also. If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers & priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the

strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are **DOWN** to nothing, God is **UP** to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

Heavy rains remind us of challenges in life. Never ask for a lighter rain, just pray to God for a better umbrella. - That is the attitude!

Life is not about finding the right person, but creating the right relationship. It's not how we care in the beginning, but how much we care till the very end.

Some people always throw stones in your path. It depends on what you make with them; a Wall or a Bridge? - Remember you are the architect of your life.

Search for a good heart, but don't search for a beautiful face, beautiful things are not always good, but good things are always beautiful.

It's not important to hold all the good cards in life, but it's important how well you play with the cards you hold.

Often when we lose all hope and think this is the end, remember God and pray, it's just a bend, not the end.

Have faith and have a successful life.

One of the basic differences between God and humans is God gives, gives, gives and forgives. But the human gets, gets and forgets. Be thankful in life...

If you think it is your alarm clock that woke you up this morning, try putting it beside a dead body and you will realize that it is the Grace of God that woke you up.

If you are grateful to God, forward this to all your friends to inform them that it is ***JUST BY THE GRACE OF God*** that we are alive

Remember the way the word Bible is broken down. It is something that we should all learn and remember: **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**



The White Elephant on Minister's Hill Part II (continued from August issue)

From your editor: I had the pleasure of visiting with Barb Scott to review lots of documents about the hall accumulated from her more than 20 years on the Hall committee – More tidbits will be published in future calendars. Below is part two of a piece that appeared in the Shelburne Falls West County News on Feb 7, 1997. Last month we learned the early history of the Hall as a Methodist Episcopal Society meeting house. The Society disbanded and sold the building to the citizens of Buckland about the same time plans were being made for a new library...

According to newspaper accounts, S.J.Ward, J.D.Avery, and Charles Ward reported to the Church Library Committee on April 15, 1890 that the grounds of the Old Methodist Meeting House, now the Public Hall, could be had for \$375.00. In May of 1890, the sum of \$100.00 was paid to the Buckland Public Hall Association who arranged moving the Hall to land owned by Francis W. Trow behind the Congregational Church (its current location).

Various public entertainments took place in the Hall at its new location but to quote Fannie Shaw Kendrick in *The History of Buckland Massachusetts*, "...it had always been rather a *white elephant* in the hands of the association formed to finance it." A warrant article found in the Town Hall vault references a vote taken to excuse the taxes owed by the Buckland Public Hall Association. And so a building 50 years old changes hands once again, for an unknown sum at auction, to Mr. Asahel C. Hawks in 1902. A year later, in October 1903, Mr. Hawks sold the building to Francis W. Trow, owner of the land it sat on, for \$375.00. Mr. Trow in turn sold it less than five months later to Buckland Grange No. 87 for the same amount paid. The Grange members made personal contributions, won prize money from their exhibits at a fall fair in Charlemont, held public suppers and food sales to raise the funds needed to acquire the building. (Why does this sound so familiar?)

So the *white elephant* was gone for a time. The Grange members painted and papered the Hall, a slate roof was put on, the furnace and lighting installed and a piano acquired. But Ms. Kendrick tells us in her book published in 1937, "...at present the Grange is far from proud of the condition of the hall. The need is urgent for raising a definite fund for extensive and immediate repairs – a task which looks stupendous..." There's that worrisome maintenance thing again.

The Hall remained with the Grange for 65 years. Community service and family membership along with agriculture was continually the focus of the Grange. Cooperation and joint functions with the church were many and often. Newspapers report a variety of functions at the Hall involving not just Grange members but the community at large.

In December 1935 there was a "talking picture" show, *The Phantom Express*, to benefit Merle Goodnow and his family of East Buckland who lost everything in a fire. In 1929 during Buckland's Sesquicentennial an exhibit of hundreds of antiques gathered from local families, valued at over \$10,000 was on display. More than 1,000 people are said to have viewed them.

The Hall was a place for the community to gather on holidays for traditional fun. The Community Christmas Tree, cosponsored with the church, insured every child in the area had a gift. Musicals and garden club shows, the scouts and other groups used the building often. Social gatherings and community service, the Grange focus was much like the Methodist Society's vision years before and it kept the Hall doors swinging open to the public.

Time moves on, the winter of 1968 must have been especially cold and dreary for some. It was the beginning of the end of Grange No. 87. Mrs. J. G. Powell was quoted as saying the organization ended because of "lack of interest – we just could not get people to go." The members of the Buckland Congregational Church voted to buy the Grange Hall for the \$1.00 offered. A new future began for the Hall.

For a time the building was still very busy. Local parents came together and organized all kinds of activities at the building. Wood floors were laid, basketball, ping pong and volleyball are just a few of the games played there. The youth would mow lawns and chop wood to earn money for the building maintenance, supplies and upkeep.

Then, probably slowly, interest faded. Like the Methodist Society more than 100 years earlier and like the Grange, the numbers depleted. Little use and vacancy take its toll on all things...

[Watch for the final installment of The White Elephant in our October issue]

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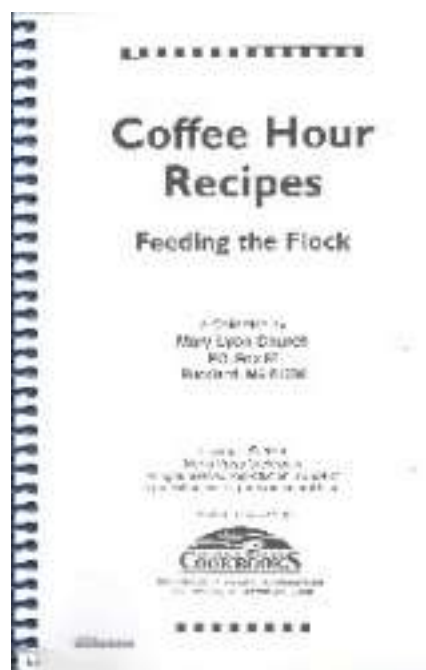
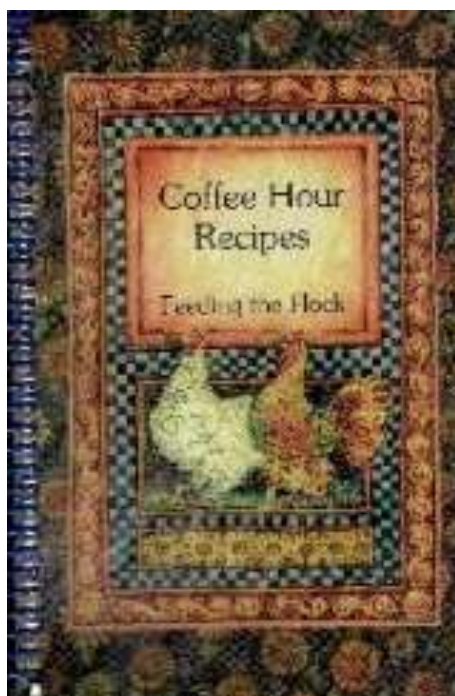
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Or call Cyndie S. at (413) 339-4231

DRIVE-THRU



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Roast Pork Supper

Mary Lyon Church

17 Upper St, Buckland, Mass

Saturday Sept. 18th 2021 6:00 pm

Roast Pork, Gravy on the side
Baked Potato, Sour cream on side
Broccoli, Butternut Squash
Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Rolls
Cake

Adults - \$ 14.00

Children 6-12 - \$ 7.00

Children under 6 – Free

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