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**The Mary Lyon Church
First Congregational Church
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June 2022

Monday June 20 Holiday - Officially known as Emancipation Day and also called Juneteenth Independence Day and Freedom Day, Juneteenth commemorates the June 19th 1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas and the emancipation of African-American slaves throughout the Confederate South. President Joe Biden made it an official federal holiday when he signed it into law last year. Check your local sources to see what may be open or closed due to the holiday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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The annual "Hat and Sock" Memorial Day parade begins at 43 Upper St. at 8 a.m. Monday 5/30 passing through the cemeteries and ending at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Buckland Historical Museum.

			1	2	3	4 Happy Birthday Sarah V.
5 Worship 10:30am	6 Happy Birthday Ken W.	7	8	9 Happy Birthday Gail T. BHS Pie Social	10	11 Happy Birthday Josh S.
12 Worship 10:30am	13	14  Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:30am Happy Fathers' Day	20 Juneteenth Holiday Happy Birthday Barbara P.	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:30am POLUS PRESENTATION	27	28	29	30		

Flowers for Worship.

June: Choir Members, call Anita U.
 July: Cyndie S.
 August: POT LUCK – can you help??

Food Pantry Collections

June: Jelly/Jam & Condiments
 July: Soup & Crackers
 Aug: Baking Ingredients

Food Pantry Pickup days: Tues. 6/14 and 6/28 from 3 pm to 5 pm

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

August Flowers “Pot Luck”

Gardens in the summer are beautiful places! What will be blooming in yours? If you would like to share a bouquet or two to decorate the sanctuary on any Sunday in August, please contact Tina at 625-9629 or email info@marylyonchurch.org Tina will create a sign-up list.

Monday Nighters

The Monday Nighter's Dresden Quilt made its debut appearance at the fabulous Brass Ensemble Concert on April 23rd. Raffle tickets for the Quilt and for our second prize, a framed print by Cyndie Stetson entitled "The Old Mill" and third prize, Decorative Bird House, by Larry Lesure are now available.

Tickets can be purchased from Luahn Page, Judy Willis or Sue Atherton.

Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee

**NEXT MEETING Sunday June 5th in person
at church 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 Wood know by calling him at 508-529-3973, or be in touch with any member of the committee: Ken Wood, Janet Gerry, Luahn Page, Paul Willis or Doug Mollison.

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent to the church: Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, pastor salary, etc.

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**Worship offered in the church building and
via Zoom online**

Worship is offered in the church building on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom. The mask mandate for the Town of Buckland has been lifted; therefore, it is now up to each of you to make our own decision about whether or not to continue wearing a mask. It is important that we respect everyone's choice in this matter, while continuing to strive to keep everyone safe. The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee and the Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee will continue to insure all state and local guidelines are followed. If you have questions about attending in-person worship, call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee chairperson "Bunny" Doneilo 413-772-6684 or Properties Committee chairperson Ken W. 508-529-3973 for more details. Your feedback is welcome! You can email us at info@marylyonchurch.org

POLUS CENTER PRESENTATION Sun. June 26th (note change in date)

The Missions Committee is happy to host Michael Lundquist of the The Polus Center for Social & Economic Development, Inc., an international non-governmental organization based in Massachusetts that Pastor Rich has served and helped found with Michael. The Center has worked since 1979 to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Their volunteers work to help the victims of land mines and other consequences of war and natural disasters abroad, and the disabled right here in the USA. The Mary Lyon Church, through the Missions Committee, has supported these efforts for the past 15 years. Pastor Rich and Michael will incorporate part of the presentation during sermon time and then following the worship service during coffee hour, 11:45 am - 12:15 pm. Michael will present an overview of the Polus mission and their current projects. There will be time for questions and conversation afterwards. Donations welcome to this dedicated and worthwhile non-profit organization!



August Calendar Fundraiser



The August calendar fundraisers needs just a few more days to be filled. Please, please let Sue or Cyndie know if you have a gift certificate from a business or a gift item that may be included in this fun raffle. We would like to complete the calendar by early June so that we can begin selling it as soon as possible for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will assist in the everyday expenses of the Mary Lyon Church. Some of the already collected items are fabulous. You don't want to miss out on purchasing one for yourself and selling them to your family and friends. Purchasers of the calendar are eligible to win for each of the 31 days of August. Please contact Sue 413-768-2592 or Cyndie 413-339-4321 with your contributions or if you have any questions.

Thanks so much to those who have donated an item. It is greatly appreciated.

***BUCKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT:
"YOU'VE GOT MAIL" A GREAT SUCCESS, MORE TO COME***

The Buckland Historical Society (BHS) hosted a temporary "olde" post office display downstairs at the church during the month of May. BHS interviewed a total of ten individuals familiar with the former post office on Upper Street located next to the Library. Those interviewed shared their memories of life in Buckland Center with post mistresses Eleanor Clark, Rose Mollison, and Betty Purinton, who were all church members, along with remembrances of the post office physical building, its combination boxes, the bench just inside the door, the neighbors, the Buckland Library, and Dr. Mark Purinton's practice right down the road. Interviews were facilitated by BHS Trustee Mike McCusker and recorded by Ian Hamilton from GCTV who will be editing/slicing together a documentary which will be shown at a future Buckland Historical Society event, and will be eventually available on the society's website: www.bucklandmasshistory.org

The Historical Society is looking at options for a permanent display. One possibility being explored is for a small shed to be placed outside their Museum on Upper Street. An estimate to complete the project could be around \$10,000. The Historical Society will be grateful for any contributions to help make this project happen.

Gifts can be made "In Memoriam to". Checks can be made to the BHS, Box 88, Buckland, Mass. 01338.

For more info/questions, please contact Historical Society trustee, Mike McCusker at 413-834-3477.

[photo: left to right, Mike interviews church members Doug, Janet, and Laurie seated in front of the display at the church on 5/22/2022. Buckland's history books 1935 and 1979, sitting on table, were used in research]



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And speaking of mail...Postage Needed for this Newsletter/Calendar

Each month we need about 35 first class stamps to mail this calendar. If you'd like to help with this endeavor - you can mail stamps directly to Tina at P.O.Box 1005, Buckland MA 01338 OR you can send your financial donation payable to the Mary Lyon Church, Attn. Missions, P.O.Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338 with "Missions" listed on the memo line. Our Missions Committee supports our newsletter by paying for postage, ink, paper, labels, and envelopes. Supplies and postage are most often donated; however, we'll need postage in the coming months.



This publication is our way to stay connected with our church members and friends near and far who are not able to pick up the calendar in person or access it on the internet. Hoping you find it meaningful and valuable. Thank you!

Here's a bit of real-life smiles with a quote from our friend “Uncle Ted” who joins us each Sunday on Zoom from Ontario Canada: *I had an appointment with my doctor yesterday, and she asked me how I was and I said “great, and as good a liar as everyone else.” There are many tests for manhood, but the one that counts the most is if you can still make the ladies laugh. The one that really made her laugh was when I told her that I was having trouble losing weight because my wife doesn't know how to give me smaller portions and my mother told me always to clean my plate.* 😊

Buckland Historical Society – Annual Meeting and Pie Social



Friday ♦ June 10 ♦ 7pm Buckland Public Hall, 15 Upper Street
Buckland’s Literary Miscellany with Michael Hoberman
Professor of English Literature Fitchburg State University

“It rained just enough last night to settle the dust,” Grace Shaw wrote in her diary on July 21, 1888. That the town was dusty in the first place may come as a surprise to those of us who live here in Buckland in an age of paved roads. I am fascinated by this Buckland writer’s having described this occurrence as ordinary. I am pleased by her turn-of-phrase.

While only a handful of people in any era actually become “famous writers,” everyone who speaks practices a literary style and everyone who writes possesses a poetic imagination. My presentation at the 2022 pie social will use materials from the BHS collection to tell a larger story about how literary fashions and movements of the nineteenth and early twentieth century affected the lives of past generations of Bucklanders.

SAVE THE DATE Sat. July 23rd “A Summer Day on the Buckland Common” **10 am to 3 pm in front of the church, on the historic Buckland Common** **Rain or Shine - Free Admission - Free Parking**

A family event with activities for the whole community, friends, and neighbors. Vendors, arts and crafts, bake sale, tag sales and antiques auction, raffles, games for all ages, antique engines, tours and demonstrations, quilt display, animals, Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert and other live music, coffee, blueberry buckle, lunch for sale, and much more. Sponsored by the Mary Lyon Church, the Buckland Historical Society, the Buckland Public Hall, the Buckland Public Library, and the Buckland Union Cemetery Association. For more info email Laurie at lmbenoit@outlook.com



Quilts needed: Judy Willis is organizing the quilt show for “A Summer Day...” The display will be set up in the church sanctuary. Anyone who has a quilt(s) to loan for the quilt show should contact Judy Willis at 413-625-2649 or judywillis56@gmail.com

Sunday Baroque and Dads' Day
By Gabagail 2021

Wash the dishes
Wash the sheets
Make the bed

Praise the Lord

I am going to Church today
I will sit and quietly pray

Praise the Lord

Water the garden
Pull the weeds
Mow the grass
Row the boat

Praise the Lord

I am feeling a little sad:
Remembering something about my Dad
How he loved the ocean waves
But then he died
And was robbed of his retirement Florida place
Yes he died too young
They called my Mom at 2 AM
She could never sleep through the night again

It's just 8:30 and very quiet
No birds
A moment of rest I think
Or maybe they are somewhere praying.

Praise the Lord.

