

"Heart of New England" by Robert Strong Woodward (1885-1957)

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Sept 10 - Oct 30

An exhibition of paintings by Friends of Robert Strong Woodward in collaboration with the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association - See inside for more details

**The Mary Lyon Church
First Congregational Church
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September 2022**



We're not all meant to look and act and think exactly the same. God demonstrates his glory through diversity and the different gifts and personalities of his followers." - Mandisa, gospel singer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Happy Birthday Mark P.
4 Worship 10:30am	5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	6	7	8 Happy Birthday Tedd W.	9	10
11 Worship 10:30am PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14	15	16 Remembering Charlie Raymond on his birthday	17
18 Worship 10:30am Happy Birthday Jalila S.	19	20	21	22 FALL BEGINS	23	24
25 Worship 10:30am	26	27 Happy Birthday Herbie H.	28	29 Happy Birthday Pat W.	30	

<u>Flowers for Worship.</u> Sept: Luahn Oct: Tina Nov: Sandy	<u>Food Pantry Collections</u> Sept: Cereal, Oatmeal, etc. Oct: Pasta & Sauce Nov: Canned meats
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Food Pantry Pickup days: Tues. 09/06 and 09/20 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.

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Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee
NEXT MEETING Sunday Sept 4th in person
at church after church service

If anyone has 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. These donations go towards 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 us 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

"God loves us not for what we do or say or achieve. God loves us for, and sometimes in spite of, who we are."

- Rev. William Tully



In loving memory of Elvira “Vi” Maud (Bellows) Scott **(1930-2022)**

Our church community is mourning the death of our longtime member, neighbor and friend, Vi. She died on Sat. Aug. 20, 2022 at the age of 92. A memorial service was held Saturday, Aug. 27, at 11:00 am at our church with refreshments provided in the church hall immediately following the service. There are no calling hours and burial will be private.

Born May 12, 1930, the daughter of Rollen & Belle (Rhoad) Bellows. Vi attended the East Hawley School, graduated from Charlemont High School in 1947 and graduated with a Bachelor's degree from North Adams State College in 1951. Vi was a teacher in the Athol school system from 1951 until her retirement in 1985.

Vi married Clark “Jack” Scott on December 27, 1964 here in Buckland officiated by our church's pastor at that time, Rev. Eric Bascom Sr.

She was an ever present and decades-long contributor to Mary Lyon Church. She was our Clerk for as long as anyone can remember, only stepping down a couple of years ago. She was at all our public suppers as a member of the Work Committee. She'd be sitting at the door collecting money and marking off reservations and when that task was through, she'd be in the kitchen making sure the meal and desserts were going as they should. If they were not, she was not shy about saying so. She was at every bake sale and band concert. She was helping at every after-funeral reception.

Vi and our dear friend and MLC member, the late Edie (Scott) Gerry. were best friends as well as sister-in-laws. Vi's husband Jack was Edie's brother. For decades Vi and Edie were rarely apart when it came to the church. They were the driving forces of the Ladies' Club, the Monday Nighters quilting group, they organized the quilt shows, and the annual Silver Bell Bazaar. Vi was always present to arrange the Easter flowers and the Thanksgiving cornucopia in the sanctuary. She made sure there were special collections for Blanket Sunday and for many years she was the liaison, delivery person, and on-site volunteer for the Hilltown Church's Food Pantry. She made sure everyone was informed on Sunday mornings during announcement time with updates from the Missions Committee and she gave tallies of funds raised at various church events. She collected and distributed the mail. She did it all...She was a remarkable woman. We will miss her so much.

In her obituary, available on Smith-Kelleher's website, it stated that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338

We celebrated Vi on her 90th birthday 5/12/2020 during COVID with a wonderful “drive by” parade of her many neighbors and church friends.

[photo of the drive-by at the right by Gail Abbott]



We are waving to you in heaven Vi...



Our church community continues to lift up the family of William “Billie” “Wink” N. Wall of Buckland who died August 10th. He was the son of our former organist and newsletter editor, the late Beverly (Ward) Wall and the late Gerald R. Wall of Buckland. Billie was a kind generous soul and will be sorely missed. The family has suggested donations in his memory be made to our church or to the Buckland Public Library.

Thank you from Jody Scalise for all the birthday cards he received last month 😊



August Calendar Fundraiser – THANKYOU

Thanks to everyone who donated or obtained items for our August calendar fundraiser. It was so appreciated. Also, thanks to everyone who sold calendars to the family, friends, and co-workers or bought one themselves. Our total netted \$900.00. It was great that many of our church members won prizes as well as friends and family.



*And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.
God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

1 John 4:16

Remembering Robert “Bob” Purinton & Beverly “Bev” (Call) Purinton On their wedding anniversary September 10, 1950



Wreaths for Silver Bell Bazaar:



Our new idea "Festival of the Wreaths" has been met with great enthusiasm. So far we have four definite wreaths and hope to have many more. Please sponsor a wreath or if you know someone who has a business, you may approach them as well. You can use an artificial green wreath, grapevine wreath, or whatever you might want to use. Items such as hot chocolate, soaps, popcorn, candles, Thanksgiving, Christmas, sewing, candy, BBQ, arts & crafts, tea, coffee, garden, just to name a few, can be placed on the wreath and near the wreath if an item is too bulky. We will sell tickets and you can place your ticket in the bag near the wreaths you like best and wish to win. Just think of how festive this will look and what a wonderful fundraiser this will be. If you have any questions or wish to donate a wreath, please contact Cyndie 413-339-4231 or Sue 413-768 2592. Thanks so much for participating!

Every day I begin by affirming life over death, by embracing joy that has room for sadness, by expressing the deepest gratitude for a day and for friends and for the meaning of my life of eighty-five years. And, very often in the morning, I sing! Even if it's a bit croaky! I believe all of creation has a song within it, and I join my little song with that great joyous song.

Such is my approach to my own life, and such is what I've attempted to capture, however imperfectly, in the thoughts I've shared with you. This way of living hasn't failed me in these days of challenge.

And so, I commend to all, again, a joy that never fails, a love that the world survives on, and the singing of our song that joins the song of the universe. Even if yours, like mine, is a bit croaky!

From "I'm Singing" email newsletter from Landon B. Saunders 8/24/2022

Happy Grandparents Day September 11, 2022

By an unknown third-grader

[found in the belongings of Tina's parents]

[photo at right of baby Barb Scott with her Grandmother Lilia Hillard]

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own. She likes other people's little girls.

A grandfather is a man-grandmother. They talk about fishing and tractors and things like that.

Grandmothers don't have to do anything except be there. They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run. It is enough if they drive us to the shops where the pretend horse is, and have lots of dimes ready. Or if they take us for walks, they should never say, "Hurry Up!", but they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

Usually they are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear funny underwear and glasses. They can take their teeth and gums off.

It is better if they don't typewrite or play cards except with us.

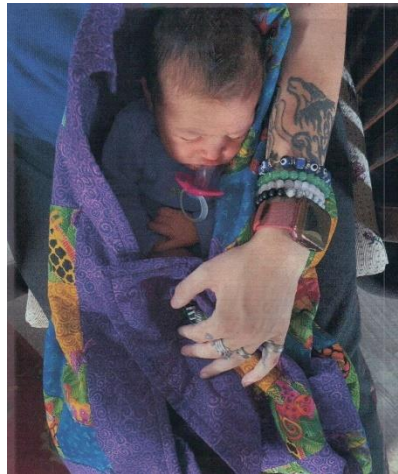
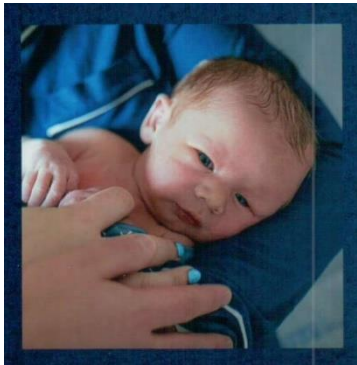
They don't have to be smart, only answer questions like, "Why don't dogs like cats?" or "How come God isn't married?"

They don't talk babytalk like visitors do because it is too hard to understand.

When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story again.

Everybody should try to have one – especially if you don't have television, because Grandmas are the only grown-ups who have got time.

Pastor Rich often talks from the pulpit about what we learn and are called to do "in this earth school." Traditionally here in New England, school starts in September - here are few new students (and their grandparents are very proud 😊)



July babies entering the earth school left to right:

Nolan Daniel Peters – 7/1 great-grandson of the late Joseph & Jacqueline Peters, grandson of Dan & Karen Peters, great-nephew of Tina Peters

Aroua Lexis Chase – 7/15 granddaughter of Tom & Pat Clark

Carter Miles Colson – 7/10 grandson of Tammy Colson, great-grandson of Shirley Raymond, great-nephew of Tina Peters

Mary Lyon Church Raffle Silverbell Bazaar

November 19, 2022, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Raffle drawn at close of Bazaar



1st Prize: Dresden Plate Queen Size Quilt by Monday Nighters

2nd Prize: Print "The Old Mill" by Cyndie Stetson

3rd Prize: Decorative Bird House by Larry Lesure

3 tickets for \$5.00 *** 1 ticket for \$2.00**

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

THE LIVING LANDSCAPES OF ROBERT STRONG WOODWARD

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by the Friends of Robert Strong Woodward
in collaboration with
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association
at
**MEMORIAL HALL MUSEUM
10 MEMORIAL STREET
DEERFIELD MASS 01342
SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 30
(CLOSED MONDAYS)
11 AM TO 4:30 PM**

As many of you know, Robert Strong Woodward (1885 – 1957) was a noted 20th century landscape artist who lived just down the street from our church at the Southwick place, now Fernbank Farm.

His life was marked by an almost surreal series of tragedies. At 21, an accidental self-inflicted gunshot injury nearly ended his life, and left him permanently paralyzed from the chest down. Over the course of his career, three of Woodward's studios and one of his homes were destroyed by fire. Yet he persevered.

His art was recognized, admired, and collected across America during his lifetime, by such luminaries as Jack Benny, Robert Frost, and George Burns and Gracie Allen. Woodward was recognized by critics and he was awarded many prizes, including the First Hallgarten Prize for the best artist under the age of 35, and the Boston Tercentenary Exhibition Gold Medal in 1930. One critic, subtly alluding to Woodward's disability, applauded his work as having "the power, grace, and brilliance which might glow from an energetic man, determined to tell people what a magnificent joy he has in painting, and what glory can be snatched from a bit of woodland." Another declared that Woodward had become "the poet in paint of his own locale."

What's wonderful about this upcoming exhibition is that a good many of the paintings have not been exhibited since the 1930s, have never been exhibited at all, or have just been discovered! You won't want to miss this superb treat for the eyes.

More info:

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