

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF
BUCKLAND**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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May 28, 2023 - Pentecost

*"I baptize you with water, but he (Jesus) will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1: 8*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Holy Spirit, Come To Us" - Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: The day of Pentecost has come and we are together.

People: Will the works of God be known among us today?

Pastor: God comes to us as gentle breath or challenging
wind.

**People: We catch our breath, God's breath, and come
alive.**

Pastor: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

People: Behold, God's spirit comes to bring new life.

***HYMN** "On Pentecost They Gathered" (insert)

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Come Holy Spirit, persistent breath of God, move among us,
browse in our midst, seek out the cracks in our facades, and
break us open to the spaciousness of your love. Breathe
deeply into us as we become breathless in you. Now, in your
presence, in this place, with this beloved company, move us
gently into an unclenched moment, make us acutely aware of
our constricted lives and your expansive grace. Through your
gift of the spirit, make us clearer channels of your love and
grace in the world. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI** "Glory Be to the Father" No. 575

FIRST SCRIPTURE Romans 8: 22-27 (blk 915, red 919)

CHOIR ANTHEM "Spirit Song" - John Wilber

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Mother, Father, God, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is
in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us
our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

PRAYER RESPONSE "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

OFFERTORY "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" - J. Reeves

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise
God from Whom All Blessings" No. 572

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21 (blk 882, red 885)

MESSAGE "Pentecost: Personal, Purposeful, and
Planetary" - Rich Fournier

***HYMN** "Let Every Christian Pray" (insert)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "Pentecost Benediction" -
L. R. Dickson

***POSTLUDE**

*=All who are able, are invited to stand.

Announcements

Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee hour after the worship service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

For the month of June we are collecting jelly/jam & condiments such as ketchup, mustard, relish, mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, pickles, etc. for the Hilltown Food Pantry.

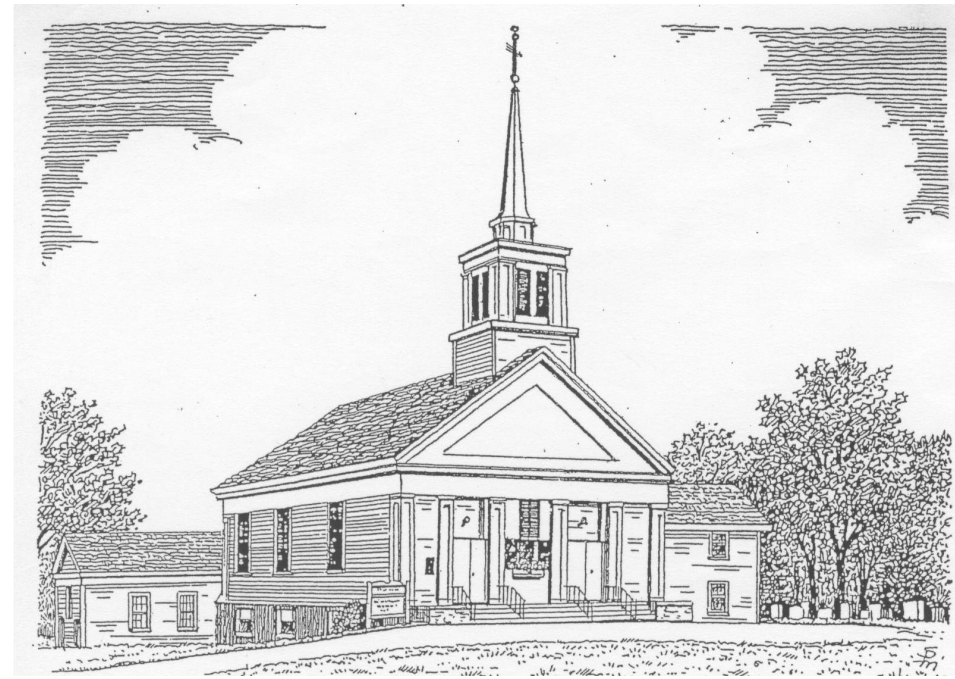
Sandy Carter is in charge of flowers for the month of June.

There is a jar for coin donations in the entryway to help cover general expenses offered on the second week of every month

Raffle items are still needed for our August calendar fundraiser. Please let Sue Annear or Cyndie Stetson know of the item(s) you would like to donate for the calendar. Items can be purchased, it can be a solicited gift certificate or item, or homemade. Thank you for your support.

Quilt Update: We're almost ready to tie the quilt! Our goal is to have a quilt tying bee on Thursday, June 1st, downstairs in the church starting at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to come and participate or just come and give moral support and socialize!

Save the Date: This year's Buckland Summer Day on the Common will be held on Saturday, July 15th. The church will be involved in various aspects of the event with food booth, August Raffle and Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales, Monday Nighter Quilt Show (hopefully!), possible tag sale, etc. All are invited to help with this event. Many hands will help to make this day a success. If you're able to help, please reach out to any of the church members on the committee: Janet Gerry, Carl Nelke, Doug and Penny, Pat Schmidt and Paul and Judy.



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