

The Inkling

The News of First Presbyterian Church

July-August 2017

CHANGES AHEAD

Change can be challenging. It can also force us to grow in new ways. Many changes are ahead for the summer months. A candidate is preaching for the call here on July 9th, and I will be leaving you in late July. If all goes well on 7/9, the pastor elect will join you in early September.



For me, saying goodbye is one of the hardest parts of being an interim. I've grown to care for you as individuals and my heart has become intertwined in the workings of this congregation. It is hard to let go and move on. Even knowing at the beginning that this time would come doesn't take the sting away. But knowing someone good is coming to work with you does!

I know you will welcome your new pastor with the same excitement and joy with which you welcomed me. I trust you will take her and her wife into your hearts as so many of you have done with me. I believe that your future is bright with possibilities and dreams.

In my years as an interim pastor I have discovered that I never truly leave a church I've loved. You will remain in my heart for many years to come. I'll look forward to hearing what you are doing in the years to come. I am so grateful to have been a part of this energizing congregation! Thank you for your care and support – and especially for your love for the church in this place

-Pastor Susan

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE-JULY

"Behold! I make all things new," is the summer preaching theme. Below is the preaching schedule for the summer months ahead.

Date	Preacher	Scripture Texts
July 2	Arthur Shippee	Genesis 12:1-4, Esther 4:12-14, Act 1:6-8 and I Corinthians 1:20-25
July 9	Pastor Candidate	Matthew 22:34-40 and Psalm 139:1-18
July 16	Susan Reisinger	TBA
July 23	Susan Reisinger	John 13:34-35 and Ephesians 3:13-4:2
July 30	Ally McKinney	Leviticus 19:9-18 and Mark 12:28-34
August 6	Andrew Forsyth	Romans 8:12-17 and John 3:1-17
August 13	Theo Gill	Genesis 37:12-35 and Matthew 14:22-33
August 20	Jennifer Herbst	Eccl 1:1-18, 2 and Corinthians 5:14-20
August 27	Diane Goudreau	TBA

Pastor Nominating Committee NEWS

We as your PNC, have felt God guiding us over the past 9 months. We have been looking for a minister:

- who could grow with us as a congregation, infusing us with hope while asking hard questions about our road ahead
- who is a leader, a listener, a good communicator, and someone to love and shepherd us as a congregation
- who is a compassionate, welcoming and exceptional preacher and teacher
- to reach across generations and make a connection
- to provide nourishment for our souls both young and young at heart
- who has a passion for social justice and hope for a transformational future built on the bedrock of our unique community here in New Haven and in the greater world

Your PNC is excited to share with you our pastor candidate, the Rev. J.C. Cadwallader. We are sharing this exciting news with you with the understanding it stays within our congregation and extended church family. Presently J.C. is serving in another congregation and will not be sharing this news with them till after she joins us in July.

We, your PNC, will be hosting a Meet and Greet on July 8th; Kids Meet and Greet at 3:30 and The Church Family Meet and Greet 4:30-6:30

We invite all of you to join us and get to know J.C. and her wife, Heather Renwick.

J.C. will be leading the worship service on Sunday, July 9th at 9:30 a.m.

The FPCNH Session has called a Congregational Meeting for July 9th following worship for the purpose of acting on the PNC's recommendation.

We ask for your continued prayers for our church family and JC as we all prepare for the next chapter of FPCNH "If the way be clear".

--FPCNH Pastor Nominating Committee

Beth Aura Miller	Bonnie Sherman
Bruce Peabody	Brian Gray
Scott Funston	Jennifer Ballew
Sarah Wallman	Jane Hindenlang

RECORDING SERMONS

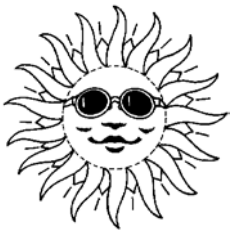
Did you know we are now recording sermons and adding them to the website each week? Many thanks to Ralph Jones for making this happen!

To access the sermons go to our website: fpcnh.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says **About Us**. Scroll down to **Worship** and hover over the word **Worship**. The tab **Sermons** will appear – click on that, and you will find the last two months of Sunday sermons.



Memorial Cairn Prayer Service on Monday, July 3rd

Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice will mark the cost of the continuing violence in Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Mid-East with a 15 minute prayer service at the intersection of Broadway, Elm and Park streets in New Haven on Monday evening, July 3rd at 6 p.m.



Killam's Point Picnic– July 16th

Please save the date, Sunday July 16th for our annual Killam's Point Outing. BYOF (Bring your own food) Grills will be hot and ready for you to cook. Activities and games for all!! Sign-Up sheet located will be at the Welcome Table. If you need more information, contact Candice Gray, Chair of the CLOC Committee.

Summer Music Notes



This summer, as every summer, we'll feature talented musicians from our church in services every Sunday. In the coming weeks we'll hear cellist Rachel Daniel for the last time (before her family's move to Wisconsin) on this Sunday, July 2; our whole choir on July 9, when the Rev. J. C. Cadwallader, our PNC's nominee for pastor, will be with us; Eugene Smith, for the last time before his and Margaret's move to Prince Edward Island, Canada; and Debbie Tenney's recorder quartet on August 6. We'll also hear Bruce Peabody and Beth Aura Miller, and other choir members later in the summer.

A wonderful new addition to our summer services is the August Förster grand piano that Debbie Tenney gave to the church last September. If you've heard it, you know how much richer a sound it has than the upright that we've had for many years!

-Patrick McCreless, Music Director

IRIS Craft Fair on Saturday July 29th

The church is hosting a craft fair for the IRIS women's sewing group on Saturday, July 29 from 12-4 pm in our Owens Community Building. Handmade crafts made by refugee women from all over the world will be for sale. There will also be homemade drinks and snacks from these countries. This event is a way we as a church community can support refugees in New Haven, especially women. Please plan to come and bring your friends!



Columbus House Volunteers Needed

First Presbyterian Church volunteers to cook dinner at the Columbus House homeless shelter the first Saturday of each month, and we're looking for people to sign up for the summer and early fall months. A sign-up sheet is in the Miller Gathering Hall, or you can email the church office to offer your name(s) for a first Saturday. Please consider giving up a few hours to serve a simple meal to the guests. Hamburgers and hot dogs are very popular, and with a salad and some dessert or fruit you have dinner. The clients at Columbus House are always very grateful. Any questions, please contact Pat Wales ([203-645-9747](tel:203-645-9747) or patwales@att.net).



Volunteers Needed on Tuesday afternoons to Deliver to Food Pantry



Would you like to help the hungry by visiting a local farm? Are you free for an hour on one Tuesday afternoon this summer? We need drivers to pick up food at Massaro Farm in Woodbridge and bring it to the Christian Community Action emergency food pantry in New Haven between 2:30 and 5pm each Tuesday over the summer. It's a simple and easy task and delivers fresh food to the hungry in our community. Driving directions and a sign up sheet are on the table in the Owens Building. Many dates are available!

Christian Community Action's Emergency Food Pantry

Living may seem easier in the summer but that doesn't happen for low income families. Here are some facts about the sad situation and how you can help out.

- *Contrary to what many people may think, the highest demand for food is in the summer.*
- *A family must provide more than 100 extra meals during summer vacation for each child who is not in school and does not have access to school meals — a difficult situation for most low-income families to face.*
- *Nearly half of the low-income households in Connecticut do not qualify for federal assistance because their earnings are too high for the income requirements. They turn to food pantries and soup kitchens for help.*
- *In Connecticut, 437,530 people are hungry. One in six children — 127,400 kids — don't always know where their next meal is coming from.*
- *Many people think about hunger around the holidays, but hunger is a year-round problem. For this reason, food donations tend to be lower in the summer months*



Please continue to contribute non-perishable foods as much as possible to our green wheelbarrow to reduce the hunger for those families who depend on CCA. Thanks.

-Pat Wales, Mission Committee

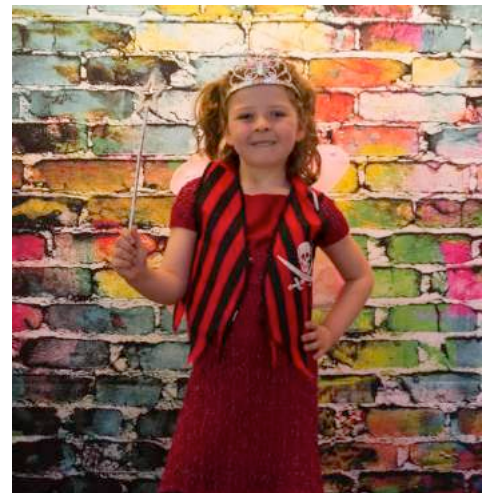
CE Highlights from June

Many thanks to our youth and adults for the new banner which reads, "You are welcome here," and to Lynn Autry for designing and leading the project.



Ten youth and children led us in worship on June 11th for Trinity Sunday. To honor our creative God and bring new life to our prayers and readings, Liza sang a solo anthem of "Holy, Holy, Holy" and Lauriann, pictured here, painted on canvas throughout the service. Her piece is inspired by the first Creation story of Genesis.

We had a great time at our End-of-the-Year celebration on Pentecost! We enjoyed a relay race, tabletop games, music, and a photo booth. See you again at Sunday school in September!



A Message from Naomi, Nursery Caregiver

As you may know, July 16th will be my last day at the nursery. I will have been working for First Presbyterian for almost 8 years by then. On August 4th I'll be leaving my full time job, and I'll be getting married on Sunday, August 6 to my fiancé, Firdaus Mohd-Aliff. Some members of the church might remember him, as when he was in the Air Force and living in California (from about 4-6 years ago), former co-pastors Bill and Maria let him help out in the nursery when he was on leave and visiting. Soon after we get married, Firdaus and I will be moving to Pennsylvania where I will be entering a PsyD program at Widener University.

I am going to miss being here so much. I'm so grateful for this job and everything this opportunity has given me.

--Naomi Brinton

List of Upcoming Events for Christian Education

Sat., July 8	12-4 p.m.	Kids' Retreat with New Caregiver & New Pastor
Sat., Aug. 26,	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Teachers' Retreat
Sun., Aug. 27	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Boundary Training for Parents & Volunteers
Sun., Sept. 10	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Rally Day (Tentative Date)
Sun., Sept. 10	during worship service	Commissioning of Youth & Children's Ministries

Teachers' Retreat

Whether you're new to teaching or a seasoned professor, you are welcome to our Teachers' Retreat on Saturday, August 26th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Owens Community Building. Come for prayer and preparation for the year; stay for the camaraderie among educators in our various contexts.

Together we'll explore the topic of educational ministries in and beyond the church, exchange strategies for planning and facilitating lessons, and derive insight from case studies based on true events. Our goals will be building a theological foundation for our respective educational ministries and encouraging one another in this craft.

Boundary Training for Parents & Volunteers

Not your average talk on harassment prevention!

Each day we have more opportunities than we may ever realize to navigate healthy boundaries. This workshop aims to bolster typical boundary training classes by expanding the conversation to encompass more of the situations we face on a day-to-day basis, especially in our roles as teachers, caregivers, and volunteers.

- Every time we invite a student to speak aloud in class or in front of the congregation, it is an example of navigating boundaries.
- Children deciding whether or not to play together is an example of navigating boundaries.
- Whether or how a supervisor can contact us when we're off-duty from a job or volunteer position is an example of navigating a boundary.

Power dynamics, social expectations, lack of communication skills or perceptiveness, and needs for survival or appreciation can affect the outcomes of any of the above. When such influences go unchecked, even innocent and well-intentioned acts may hinder the thriving of an individual and a community.

Parents and volunteers will learn or review how to recognize signs of neglect and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. We'll also consider practical ways to maintain healthy caring relationships, use authority wisely and ethically, and live into a framework of inherent human dignity.

Join us in the Community Building at 10:45 a.m. (after worship) on Sunday, August 27th. Volunteers who took the Boundary Training Workshop last year need not take it again, or may opt to do so for a review.

Play & Pray Kids' Retreat 2017

Vacation Bible School Lite for All Ages, Infant - Youth



Saturday, July 8, 2017
12 - 4 p.m.

Free & Open to the Community
Limited Spaces Available

Reserve your place by email to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

12 - 3:30 Multi-Age Activities & Lunch
3:30 - 4 Kids' Meet & Greet with Pastor J.C.

How will we gather so many ages in one place?

Professional nursery caregivers will serve as the primary chaperones for our infants and toddlers to meet their basic needs and ensure their safety, but the event will be specifically designed for everyone of every age and ability level to participate in their own ways. Let us know what accommodations would best make this event accessible to your child.



What about food?

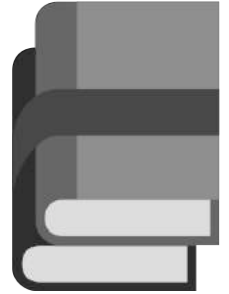
We will serve a variety of healthy foods for lunch – fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, sandwich wedges – but please provide your preferred food for any baby who cannot yet eat these options. You are also welcome to pack a lunch or snack if you're concerned about your child finding something they will eat.



Please inform us well in advance of any dietary restrictions and food or exposure allergies so we can provide a welcoming environment for all participants.

Queer, There and Everywhere, 23 People Who Changed The World

My friend, and Presbyterian Peace Fellowship colleague, Sarah Prager has written a wonderful LGBTQ history book. World history has been made by countless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals—and you've never heard of many of them. From the publisher, HarperCollins "Sarah Prager delves deep into the lives of 23 people who fought, created, and loved on their own terms. From high-profile figures like Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt to the trailblazing gender-ambiguous Queen of Sweden and a bisexual blues singer who didn't make it into your history books, these astonishing true stories uncover a rich queer heritage that encompasses every culture, in every era."



Two copies of the book have been purchased for the Church and are on the corner table in the Gathering Hall.

Art Hunt

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit



If you are interested in the epidemic of gun violence and how Christians might address it, the Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit has been added to the library.

The Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit includes:

- 70 pages of educational resources, pastoral resources and action tools
- Case studies on two churches and a presbytery engaged with gun violence prevention
- Three complete Small Group Study programs for congregations, campus groups and others
- Worship, biblical and pastoral care resources on issues of suicide prevention, grief and solidarity
- The Citizen's Test on Gun Violence in America
- Sample signage for "No Guns in God's House"
- Over 160 links to educational resources and action ideas, including gun violence prevention national groups and local contacts in all 50 states

Art Hunt

News from Far-Away Friends

Miriam Samuelson-Roberts, our former administrative assistant was ordained out in Minnesota in June, and she sends this message:

Dear First Presbyterian Church community,

I was so touched by your card of congratulations on my ordination! It means so much to me that you're thinking of me. Know that I think of you fondly and often as a place that shaped my faith and my ministry. I hope you are all well, and I know that you are vibrant and faithful and living into many wonderful things these days.

Blessings and gratitude to you all!

Miriam Samuelson-Roberts

YDS M.Div. '15 and administrative assistant to FPCNH 2012-2015



In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

For Anita Shaffer, for a speedy recovery.

For Jeff Miller, brother of David, who will be continuing cancer treatments.

Debbie Tenney, for healing and strength.

Jeanette Murphy, for healing and strength.

Prayers for those who live in the midst of conflict.

Prayers for those who do not have enough to eat.

Prayers for the people of Kenya, as their election season approaches.

Andrew McCloskey, serving with the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA 5:30 pm Columbus House --
2 9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion, Arthur Shippee preaching 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	3 6:00 p.m. Memorial Cairn	4	5	6 9:00am Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	7	8 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA 12:00 p.m. Play & Pray 3:30 p.m. Kids Meet & Greet 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet Pastor Candidate
9 9:30 a.m. Worship, JC Cadwallader preaching 10:35 a.m. Congregational Meeting 11:00 a.m. Friendship Hour	10	11	12	13 9:00am Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	14	15 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA
16 9:30 a.m. Worship, Ally McKinney preaching 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Killiam's Point Picnic	17	18	19 7:00 p.m. Homicide Survivors	20 9:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	21	22 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA
23 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	24	25	26	27	28	29 1:00-4:00 p.m IRIS Craft Fair
30 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	31					

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA 5:30 pm Columbus House Dinner
6 9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion. 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	7 6:00 p.m. Memorial Cairn	8	9	10 9:00am Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	11	12 9:00am Yoga 9:30am Women's AA
13 9:30 a.m. Worship, Jen Herbst preaching 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	14	15	16	17 9:00am Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	18	19 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA
20 9:30 a.m. Worship, Ally McKinney preaching 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour	21	22 7:15 p.m. Session	23 7:00 p.m. Homicide Survivors	24 9:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 pm Bible Study	25	26 9:00 am Yoga 9:30 am Women's AA 11:00 a.m. CE Teachers Retreat
27 9:30 a.m. Worship, Diane Goudreau preaching 10:30 a.m. Friendship Hour 10:45 a.m. CE Boundary Training	28	29	30	31		

INTERIM PASTOR: SUSAN DEE REISINGER

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: PATRICK McCRELESS

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: MARTHA SMITH

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH: KIMBERLEY FAIS

NURSERY CARE PROVIDER: EMILY LANDINO

First Presbyterian Church

704 Whitney Avenue

New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Phone: (203) 562-5664

Email: firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Web site: www.fpcnh.org

Worship

Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m.

(through Labor Day)

**First Presbyterian Church
704 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut
06511**

Please find your e-copy on the church website at fpcnh.org!