

THE FAMILY VISITOR



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OLD SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

READING, MASSACHUSETTS



Celebrate our Graduates and Confirmands!

On Sunday, June 8th, we will be celebrating our graduating seniors as well as those being confirmed. Graduates, confirmands, mentors, and family members are all invited to a special breakfast at 8:30 in the vestry put on by guest chef Chris Krebs. RSVPs are needed by June 3rd. The rest of the congregation is invited to join us in worship and celebrate after service with a cake reception.



Confirmation Sunday

Join us in worship on Sunday, June 8th, for our confirmation ritual. This year's Confirmation Class met for a series of classes, retreats, and service projects from October through May. They have worked through questions of faith with their mentors, and even written their own creeds. Please join us in praying for our confirmands: Brett Allan, Gerald Meuse, Will Meyers, Troy Tully, Jack Wagner, and Sam Wagner.

50 Year Member Sunday

On Sunday morning, June 22 at 10:00, we will honor all of Old South's 50 year members. This year, we will be adding Ron Weston, Cherrie Dubois, Gloria Boyd, Elizabeth Lilley, George Lilley, Herb Spinney, Dell Spinney, and Bruce Cameron to the already impressive list of honorees!



Those previously reaching this milestone are Ethel Beede, Gail Snook, Robert Nordstrand, Jane Merrill, Jean Spignese, Lois Svirsky, Tina Waldroup, Jack Waldroup, Bill Davis, George Perry, Deanna Anderson, Louise Perkins, Joanne Perry, Cheryl Sumner, Helen Swanson, Jane Cummings, Robert Cummings, Dorothy Gile, Ann Cail, Wendell Hodgkins, Shirley Buzderewicz, Cynthia Bartlett, Evelyn Bosworth, Herbert Hunt, Nancy Hunt, John Weldon, Peter Cameron, Nancy Larson, Louise Hart, Mary Wasserman, Evelyn Lehr, Joe Skinner, Joan-Anne Marshall, Alma Van Horn, Elizabeth Bennett, Robert Ballou, Bob Meserve, Dorothy Krekorian, Ruth Peterson, Ernest Rogers, Muriel Coldewey, Bob Lautzenheiser, Sandy Weston, Virginia Parsons, Arline Basner, Joan Spence, Ethelena Mangelinckx, Lois Hurley, Gordon Anderson, Audrie Cameron, Nancy White, Edward Webb, William Skinner, Norma MacBrien, Nathalie Nordstrand, Florence Campbell, Ruth Webb, Betty Carter, Joan Rowell, June Meserve, Natalie Murphy, Robert Brown, Norma McIntosh, Eloise Shannon, Clarice Brown, Russell Carter, and Grace Palmer.

Informational Meeting and Potluck Brunch on June 28th for the Maine Mission Trip



Are you interested in finding out more about the Down East Maine Mission Trip? Have you ever considered participating, but needed more information? Please come to an informational meeting and potluck brunch at Old South on Saturday, June 28th at 10:00 to hear about the experiences of helping with the Migrant Ministry work and the housing rehab program serving this very economically oppressed area of Maine. The mission trip this year will run from August 10-16. The cost per person is approximately \$125 for the full week (prorated for children or a partial week). Susan Holloway will be co-leading this trip with the minister from the North Reading Aldersgate UMC church. If you have any questions about the meeting or the trip, please see Susan.

Job Opportunity

Do you know someone who would be a good candidate for a job as our Sunday morning nursery coordinator? Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have experience with young children, and provide three references. Pay is \$12/hour. Contact the church office.

Church Conference

A Special Church Conference will be held on June 10th at 7:30pm for the purpose of electing leadership for the 2014/2015 year. All are welcome. Members may vote.

Nominations will be received from the floor to fill spots on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. The regular Church Council meeting will follow the special Church Conference. New Leaders will begin on July 1st. A special thank you goes to all those who have served in leadership and whose terms have ended, those who will be serving in new capacities, and those who have said yes to leadership for the first time.

Hunger Weekend Recap

10 youth in middle school and high school spent a weekend at Old South learning about hunger in America. They planned and prepared meals using the Food Stamp requirements of \$1/meal per participant, did a service project for the food pantry, and played games to reinforce their learning. The group also held a bake sale to raise money for the Reading Food Pantry, which raised \$135.

Thank You, Confirmation Mentors

A special thank you to all who served this year as confirmation mentors: Gordon Anderson, Bruce Austin, Suzy Axelson, Marcia Brown, Steve Perry, and Greg Van Buskirk. What a difference you have made in the lives of our young people!

**Deadline for the
September Family Visitor:
August 10**

If possible, please send by e-mail to:
office@oldsouthumc.org Thank you!

A Month of Sundays - 10am

Child Care provided and W.O.W.
(Worship Our Way for children age 4 - grade 4)

June 1 - The Sacrament of Holy Communion : The Cup of Freedom

Music Celebration Sunday
Romans 15: 4-7, 13; Philippians 4: 4-9
Resurrection Stories: "The Challenges of Mental Illness" Barbara Austin, guest speaker

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday – The Color is RED *All are invited to wear something red for the celebration of the birthday of the church.*

Graduation Sunday and Confirmation

Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b;
I Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 7: 37-39
"Blazing New Paths"
Rev. Janet Smith-Rushton preaching

June 15 - First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday - Father's Day Peace With Justice Sunday

Genesis 1: 1-2; 4a; Psalm 8;
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;
Matthew 28: 16-20
"Go Disciples!"
Rev. Carol Van Buskirk preaching

June 22 - Second Sunday after Pentecost 50+ Year Member Recognition Reception of New Members

Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39
"The Courage to Enter the Song"
Rev. Janet Smith-Rushton preaching

June 29 - Third Sunday after Pentecost Summer Mystery Series Begins

Worship in the air conditioned chapel
Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

**Wednesday Worship
June 4th at 7:00pm in the chapel**

Coffee Hour Help for June

June 1 - Buzderewicz, Cameron, Perry
June 8 - Austin, Callahan, Rogerson
June 15 - Trismen, Stanieich, Smith
June 22 - Brown, Garneau, Stroman
June 29 - Donahue, Webb



The Other Side of Easter

The Lenten season invited us to test out spiritual practices and practical actions we could take to live more simply as disciples. So now on the other side of Easter, I am wondering what actions you have taken? What will you continue to do that has become a new part of your life? I give thanks to all who entered into this new level of discipleship – practicing the tithe in your giving, letting go of possessions that you no longer need, trusting God with your anxiety, reprioritizing the schedule to let go of busy, to find delight in life through the eyes of children, or to live more simply so that others may simply live. I am always astounded by the way God works with us as we exceed expectations we set for ourselves. Our Outreach Committee established the goal of raising funds for one cow (\$500) by Easter. Through your generous hearts we are sending four cows via Heifer International to four families who will now have hope for a healthier life. Holy Cow!

On The Other Side of Easter we have been hearing such inspiring resurrection stories of God at work setting people free from what kept them from being all God created them to be. Through their witness, we are invited to reflect on our own resurrection stories and give thanks for our new life with the Risen One. God is so good!

On The Other Side of Easter we also have the opportunity to pray for the resurrection of the church as we know it and to be open to the in breaking of the Holy Spirit as she prepares to power us into action. I offer something written by Elizabeth O'Connor in her book, Call To Commitment, to think about as we prepare for this Pentecost Power Surge.

The Pioneering Spirit

“When the church starts to be the church, it will constantly be adventuring out into places where there are no tried and tested ways. If the church of our day has few prophetic voices to sound above the noises of the street, perhaps in large part it is because the pioneering spirit has become foreign to it. It shows little willingness to explore new ways. Where it does it has often been called an experiment. We would say that the church of Christ is never an experiment, but wherever that church is true to its mission it will be experimenting, pioneering, blazing new paths, seeking how to speak the reconciling Word of God to its own age.”

See you in church as we ready ourselves for the Pioneering Spirit to surge through us as we celebrate Pentecost and new life at Old South.

Deep blessings,
Rev. Jan Smith-Rushton

Annual Conference

Annual Conference meets June 11th through June 14th at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts with the theme: On the Wings of Love: powered by presence and service. Gordon Anderson is our Lay Member to Conference, Bruce Maxwell is an Equalization Member, Ralph Oduor is our Conference Secretary, and Rev. Ruth Oduor and Rev. Jan Smith-Rushton will also be attending the conference from Old South.

Rev. Ruth Oduor is heading up our Mosquito Run/Walk again this year. The 5k event will be held on Friday, June 13th at 5pm. So far, Ruth, Jan Smith-Rushton, Sarah Weston, and Carol Barnes will be walking for the Old South team (other walker/runners are invited to join the team by speaking to Rev. Ruth). If you would like to support the walkers, please make checks out to Old South UMC note “Mosquito Run” or indicate that on an envelope if cash is preferred.

Bishop Devadhar’s recommended reading for this year is the book *When “Spiritual But Not Religious” Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church*. Stop by the book cart in the vestry if you would like to borrow a copy of this insightful book. Lillian Daniel is the author of the book and will be a key note speaker and preacher at the conference.





Summer Mystery Series

Each week at 10am in the air conditioned chapel followed by Lemonade on the Lawn after worship each week

Join us this summer as children and adults explore clues from the weekly scripture readings to discover the mystery of God's love for us and God's call to love others.

Child care will be available in the nursery and W.O.W. (Worship Our Way) program for children ages four years through grade four will continue all summer.

June 29th

1. The Mystery of Welcome: Clues for Finding Reward

Matthew 10: 40-42

July 6th

2. The Mystery of the Hidden Way: Clues for Finding Rest

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 13th

3. Mystery At the Beach: Clues for Finding Growth

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 20th

4. Mystery in the Wheat Field: Clues for Finding Acceptance

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 27th

5. The Mustard Seed Mystery: Clues for Exceeding our Wildest Dreams

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

August 3rd

6. The Great Picnic Mystery: Clues for Feeding Everyone

Matthew 14: 13-21

August 10th

7. Mystery at the Lake: Clues for Doing Impossible Things

Matthew 14: 22-33

August 17th

8. The Outsider Mystery: Clues for Breaking Barriers

Matthew 15: 21-28

August 24th

9. The Mystery of Secret Identity: Clues for Finding the Keys

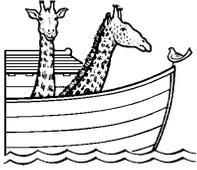
Matthew 16: 13-20

August 31st

10. The Mystery of Letting Go: Clues for Finding Life

Matthew 16:21-28

Vacation Bible School



Join us for Vacation Bible School at Old South on August 4-8! VBS is one of the best ways to connect kids with God's love and this year's theme, *Weird Animals*, is designed to do just that. Our program will be for children in preschool through 5th grade, and we are still in need of many more helpers including youth and adults of all ages and all kinds of abilities, from leading crafts to simply answering phones in the office. We also need supplies donated or lent, so look for a list of needed items after worship services in July. Even if you can't participate this year, please pray for the kids whose lives will be touched by this ministry. Visit the church website or talk to Pastor Carol for more information.

Food Pantry News

Items needed for June and through the summer are Kleenex, toilet tissue, shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and cold cereals such as Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, Wheaties, and Shredded Wheat. Monetary donations can be left in the church office marked "Reading Food Pantry." Thank you!

If you're on Facebook be sure to "Like" the Reading Food Pantry page at <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingFoodPantry>. We're sharing weekly wish lists, food pantry news and photos, and other community information. Please help us spread the word about the food pantry's mission and needs by liking and sharing our page! Thank you.



Thank You!

The May 10 Letter Carrier's Drive in Reading was a HUGE success. Our thanks to all who gave food, helped to sort, and store the food. A large group of volunteers worked hard to make the day a success. THANK YOU! Special thanks to Boys Scout Troop 702 and their leaders for doing the set up and clean up of tables in the vestry. They also helped with the sorting and storing of items. We are fortunate to have such a great group of young people and to live in such a generous community. We should have enough food to take us well into our summer needs. We appreciate your patience while we store food in unusual places. It probably won't take long for the supplies to dwindle and things are back to normal.

Phyllis and Bruce Maxwell, Charlotte Harlan
Reading Food Pantry Coordinators

Thank You for Helping Heifer Put Food on the Table

Thanks to everyone's incredible generosity during Lent, the Old South congregation has donated the funds for four cows and a couple dozen chickens to Heifer International. Four families will soon have cows and chickens to give them fresh milk and eggs to eat. Those animals will reproduce and their offspring will go to neighbors in the community, and the gift will keep being passed on. Families will sell extra milk and use the money to pay for schooling, better housing, and a stronger, securer community will grow. It all starts with a cow and we have provided four! Thanks for your support.

The Outreach Committee

Camp Aldersgate Summer Programs

Did you know there's a United Methodist camp within a 90 minute drive that offers a variety of summer programs? From teddy bear camp for 7 & 8 year-olds to a performing arts camp for ages 8-18, Camp Aldersgate offers quality programs for just about any kids/youth. They also have some of the best-trained staff of any camp in New England and a variety of pricing options to ensure anyone can attend. We also have scholarships available here at Old South. Contact Rev. Carol for more information or visit campaldersgate.com.





Music Notes

Hello everyone!

Here is the text to a round we sang in church recently:

*Be like the bird who, pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,
feels them give way beneath her, and yet sings, knowing she hath wings.
by Victor Hugo*

Music Celebration Sunday is June 1. During church the Cherub Choir will sing. The Chancel Choir will lead us in the beautiful communion setting we have planned. We have other surprises planned. After church we will have goodies and a short reception to celebrate the musical offerings of our church.

During the summer:

Old South Dixie: After church on the lawn! No Date Yet..... (but maybe August 3) - make sure the check the weekly update!

Old South Men Singing: No date yet..... we are planning to have a repeat of last summer's success.

Old South Mission Ringers: August 17... when we welcome home the mission team.

AS YOU CAN SEE: plans are coming together for special music during the summer. If you would like to participate, or have a special idea, please contact Susan Holloway.

REHEARSAL TIMES:

CHANCEL CHOIR: Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00PM Sundays at 9:00am (8:30AM for those who missed Thursday), Anthems will be scheduled through June 22 (to have special music for Pentecost, Father's Day, and 50 year/new member Sunday.

HAND BELL CHOIR: Rehearsals every Tuesday in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM

OLD SOUTH BRASS AND ORGAN: Our brass quintet rehearses every Wednesday in the sanctuary at 7:30PM

CHERUB CHOIR: Rehearsals every Sunday in the parlor with Marcy Nelson at 11:00AM

**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND CALENDAR
FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Christian Cooperative Preschool



CCP's school year will be coming to a close very soon! It's amazing how quickly the time goes by and how much the children grow and change over the course of the year. We have enjoyed so many fun traditions: Aiken Drum, Thanksgiving, The Very Special Baby, Heartprints, a visit from "the ocean lady," caterpillars and butterflies just to name a few! Our year end picnic will be held on Thursday, June 12 at the Tot-Lot playground. It is a fun morning for all and a great opportunity for families to make summer play date plans. CCP is closed for the summer, but classes will resume Monday, September 8.

CCP has limited spaces available for the fall.

Please call Gina @ 781-944-0612 for more information.

Have a wonderful summer!

Congratulations to our Graduates!

On Sunday, June 8th, we will be honoring our high school and college graduates. If you know of a name that should be added, please call the church office.

Scott Allan - Graduating from North Reading High School and will attend American University majoring in Finance.

Page E. Axelson - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School and will attend Boston Conservatory to major in Musical Theatre.

Emily Ewing - Graduating from Phillips Academy and will attend the University of Virginia and major in Environmental Science.

Logan Montrone - Graduating from Masconomet High School and will attend the University of Delaware studying mathematics in September.

Samantha Moynihan - Graduating from Masconomet High School.

Nathan Perry - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School and will attend UMass Lowell to study Chemical Engineering.

Jessica Rothrock - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School and will attend UMass Lowell to major in nursing.

Ryan Schott - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School.

Grace Stroman - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School and will attend UMass Amherst to major in Biology.

Ryan Trismen - Graduating from Andover High School and will attend American University to major in Law Enforcement.

Alex Webb - Graduating from Reading Memorial High School and will attend Clarkson University to study Civil Engineering.

Rachel Vinciguerra - Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a major in history and minors in theater and dance. Rachel will be traveling to Haiti to do a year of service.

We Have Gone Green!

To help us become more earth friendly, the Family Visitor is no longer sent out in bulk. This will reduce time, energy, production, and postage costs. The Family Visitor is linked to our website and is always available online by the first of each month. Just go to oldsouthumc.org and click on News & Events!

If you would like the Family Visitor emailed to you directly, please be sure that the church office has your current email address. Send your request to: office@oldsouthumc.org

For those without internet access, copies will always be available on Sunday mornings in the vestry or in the church office during the week. If you're not able to pick up a copy, please call the church office at 781-944-2636. Our homebound members will receive the Family Visitor by First Class mail.

Justice for Our Neighbors is Coming to Woburn and We Can Help!

Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON) is a network of monthly clinics, hosted by local United Methodist churches, which provide professional legal services to immigrants for free. U.S. Immigration forms can be over 20 pages long with more than 150 questions. Not many of us would feel comfortable filling it out and submitting it without attorney assistance--especially when any error, even inadvertent, could permanently impair our chances for legal status in the U.S. JFON provides free legal assistance and helps immigrants to reunite their families, secure immigration status, and enjoy the right to work. JFON also encourages churches to extend radical hospitality by providing places for community gathering and table fellowship.

The Woburn United Methodist Church in collaboration with other UMC churches in the area is developing plans to open a clinic in Woburn. The first clinic will be held in September. Volunteers to provide hospitality, review paper work, provide legal services, and help the clinic sessions run smoothly will be needed. A meeting for interested volunteers will be held in June (date TBA). Please see Rev. Jan or Hilary Trismen if you are interested in learning more about the clinic and volunteer opportunities.

Farm Notes: From Farmer Dave A Cucumber for Every Meal



The cucumber is an item that too often seems relegated to a salad additive in our country. Yet, in other parts of the world, the cucumber is the most often consumed fresh vegetable after tomatoes. The tomato originated in the Americas, but the cucumber originated on the other side of the world. Our common dark green, thick skinned cucumber is not so common in other parts of the world. The pickle cucumber is very common elsewhere, but the larger cucumber is typically a lighter color than our common cucumber. The skin is typically much more tender also.

In typical American cuisine, most cucumbers are eaten as part of a lettuce based salad. Elsewhere the cucumber commands much higher prestige. The cucumber adds a nice crunch to sushi and other Asian dishes. When I worked in the Caucasus', the cucumber often made its way into all meals of the day- including breakfast. Wedges of tomatoes and slices of cucumbers were often found on the breakfast buffet and then were combined as a salad for the other meals of the day. A good cucumber is a great cooling morsel after a spicy bite and is excellent as a palette cleanser during or after a breakfast or other meal. The crunchy texture also helps to cleanse the mouth and teeth much like an apple will, but without the sugars.

This year, consider adding a cucumber to the table of almost every meal. You'll be glad you did!

The vegetable share starts at Old South on Friday, June 13th from 3-6:30pm.

This season persons can sign up to receive a choice share or a box share of vegetables from the farm. The choice share allows members to select vegetables from a variety of options that fit the needs and tastes of your family. The box share contains a preset selection of vegetables. With both options, a swap box is always available.

SNAP Pilot Program

For the past few seasons, one of Farmer Dave's nonprofit partners, Groundwork Lawrence, has made weekly SNAP payments an option for our CSA participants. This season, Farmer Dave's and Groundwork Lawrence will be participating in a pilot program with Project Bread and the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. Through this pilot, SNAP recipients will have the option of paying for their CSA share through automatic monthly withdrawals from their SNAP accounts. If you receive SNAP benefits and are interested in participating in this pilot program, please contact Bethany at Farmer Dave's for details.

Thanks to our Educational Ministry for this year!

Bible Study - Watch for special program details.

Nursery Care - Nursery Coordinator: Amanda Roland and volunteers
Provided on Sunday mornings for infants to age 3 in Room 103 of the Educational Wing from 8:45 through the 10:00 worship service.

Sunday School - Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00. For age 3 through senior high.

Sunday School Staff

Pre-K: Charlotte Harlan, Kristina Smith, Karen Roscoe, and Lauren Hubbard
Elementary: Holly Stanieich, Jody Donahue, and Paula Perry
Middlers: Jennifer Brickett and Dianne Meyers
High School: Jim Roscoe and Chris Krebs
Parenting Group: rotating leaders

WOW – Worship Our Way for children 4 years to grade 4 meets following the children’s message.

Christian Cooperative Preschool - Infants to pre-K. Meets weekdays 9am-12pm.
Director: Gina Azulay
3 year olds: Eileen McTaggart
Infants: Jessica Aiello
4 year olds: Cindy Petrucci
2 year olds: Donna Bramhall



Opportunities for Nurturing the Body, Mind, and Spirit

Yoga - Gentle Yoga meets Monday nights at 6:00 in the Choir Room with Linda Preston. Each class is \$8.00 and payable to Linda. Newcomers and walk-ins are always welcome.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in the Youth Room on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Julia Circle - 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dorcas Circle - 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Book Club - 4th Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast - Will meet again in September.

Call church office at 781-944-2636 for more information.

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Our Church Family

Sympathy: We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jane and Bob Cummings on the recent death of Jane's brother, Dr. James Hayward, who lived in Reading and moved to North Carolina.

Marriage: Congratulations to Krissie Callahan and John Osborne who were married at Old South UMC on April 26th. We have been enjoying the colorful May pole decorations from their reception in the vestry.

People News

We said good bye and God's blessings to two faithful staff members: Amanda Roland as Nursery Coordinator and Nancy Chloodian as Church Treasurer. Thank you Amanda and Nancy for your ministry with us.

The Church Council elected Bruce Austin as (volunteer)Treasurer at the May 13th meeting. Gordon Anderson was elected Assistant Treasurer and Henry LaMontagne was elected to continue as Assistant Treasurer. Many thanks to this dedicated team of volunteers who stepped up to carry out this very important ministry at Old South.

Thank You!

Old South's kindness never ends. Thank you for the lovely Easter lily.

Nathalie Nordstrand

We wish to thank Old South UMC for the lovely plant delivered to Cheryl at Easter time. There have been cards, flowers, fruit baskets, cookies, candy, etc. delivered to her at various times throughout the many years by many different people/groups within the church family. These acts of loving kindness meant so much to her and brought her a lot of joy. Thank you. God bless!

Dorothy & Emerson Tucker

Pastor Jan and Old South Congregation,

Thank you so much to all for the flowers, the cards and the prayers. They mean so much. Many thanks to Pastor Jan for your calls, your visits and the wonderful Fresh Bread class. Thanks, also, to Norma Chisholm, for the beautiful plant you delivered. It was, as always, so thoughtful of you.

Sincerely,
Kathy Beckwith

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Old South,

I am overwhelmed with all the cards, phone calls and visits while I recover from hip surgery. The doctor calls me her Humpty Dumpty, it was so shattered. I also appreciated the flowers Norma Chisholm and Donna Horton brought from the church. Rev. Jan brightened up my room with her visits while I was at the Rehab.

Gratefully,
Helen Swanson

Prayer Chain

Members of the Old South Prayer Chain hope each and every one of you has a delightful and refreshing summer and come back in September refreshed and eager to participate in the year's activities.

If you need any extra prayers during the summer, please call on any of our members: Lois Tulikangas (781)944-9316; Shirley Buzderewicz (781)944-3577; Nancy White (781)944-6269; Nathalie Nordstrand (781)944-4252; Liz Barnes (781)944-6907; Jody Donahue (781)9440819; June Meserve (781)944-9416; Grace Palmer (781)944-4069; Tina Waldroup (781)246-1054.

To reach us by email...

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Susan Holloway
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Carol Rogerson
Office@oldsouthumc.org



HOSPITAL



**Because
we care...**

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office or one of the pastors know. Also, please list Old South United Methodist Church as your church upon admission.

If you know of someone else in our church family who is in the hospital, please let us know. Contact the church office at 781-944-2636 or office@oldsouthumc.org.

June 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p>1</p> <p><i>Music Celebration Sunday</i></p> <p>11:30 AM New Member Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:00 PM Farmer Dave</p> <p>6:00 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM Food Pantry</p> <p>7:30 PM Outreach</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Wednesday Worship</p> <p>7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 PM Music Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30 AM Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Confirmation Sunday</i> <i>Graduation Sunday</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Pentecost Breakfast</p> <p>11:15 AM Reception for Confirmation Class</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM Church Conference and Church Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30 AM Food Pantry</p> <p>3:00 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22</p> <p><i>50 Year Member Sunday</i> <i>New Member Sunday</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>Summer Office Hours Begin 9-12 noon</p> <p>6:00 PM Yoga</p> <p>7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM Staff Parish Relations</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30 PM Funding our Ministries</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:30 AM Food Pantry</p> <p>3:00 PM Farmer Dave</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Maine Mission Trip Meeting</p>
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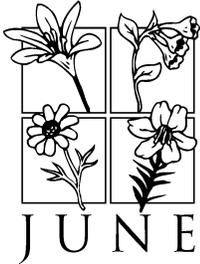
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