

First Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
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#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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Custodian – Bryan Harper

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

Worship services & past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube.

#### **CHRISTIAN ED**

Sunday Morning – 10:00 a.m.

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# *The Rooster Crows*

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June, 2026



## CHRISTIAN ED NEWS



### **Welcome to a Happy & Joyful June!**

As we step into June, my heart is still full from the way we ended May together. **Children's Sunday** was a bright, joy-filled reminder that every child—and every adult in our congregation—is truly *one of God's masterpieces*. I hope each of us carries that message forward into the summer: you are wonderfully made, gifted with purpose, and called to share your God-given talents with the world. When we offer those gifts generously, our whole church family shines a little brighter.

This month we also look forward to one of the happiest traditions of the year: **Baccalaureate Sunday on June 7**. We'll gather to honor Rochelle, Deanna & Carter, celebrate their hard work, and bless them as they step into new adventures. Their courage, curiosity, and hope remind us that God is always doing something new in and through the lives of our young people.

June is a month of growth, gratitude, and joyful beginnings. Let's continue to encourage one another, lift each other up, and celebrate the beautiful ways God is at work in our community.

Wishing you a month filled with sunshine, kindness, and the confidence that you are—always—God's masterpiece.

Blessings,  
Shannon

## MISSION NEWS



Happy June from the Board of Missions!

Our church will be providing a meal for Cathedral in the Night on June 28th. We will need volunteers to sign up to prepare and transport the food that day (after service). We also need folks to sign up to purchase bottled water and snacks ahead of time and to bake cookies or other finger treats to be served as well. A sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services over the next few weeks; please take a look and help with this worthwhile mission if you are able.

Our Missions Committee activity over the summer will be collecting supplies to fill school bags prior to the start of school. We are hoping to identify a Sunday at the end of August to have the congregation fill the bags with the donations we receive. We are hoping to fill up to 24 bags. We will have a sign-up sheet for the following items: pencils (144 total for 24 bags), colored pencils (12 count boxes), glue sticks, blunt scissors (rounded tip), 2-pocket folders, rulers, crayons (24 count boxes), spiral bound notebooks (70 page), large erasers (not pencil cap type), handheld pencil sharpeners, pencil pouches.

We have an ongoing need for food donations for the Hadley Food Pantry at MHR; small cards are available near the church entry and in the back of the sanctuary listing items needed.

Please let us know if you have any questions (Barb Andersen, Judy Parker, Judy Stone, Cindy McQueston).

## MUSIC NEWS

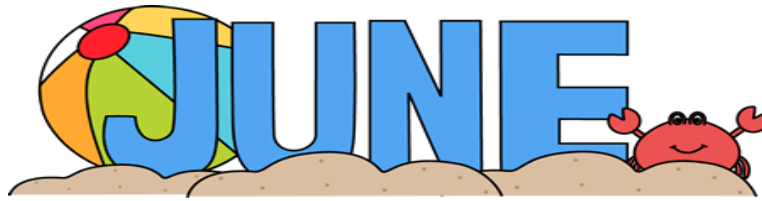


Attention all members of the Congregation! Please take a moment and think about your favorite inspirational piece of music; then contact Director of Music Roger at [Randano1@aol.com](mailto:Randano1@aol.com) or 536-3117; and you will hear your favorite inspirational piece played as part of the Postlude in the near future. At the same time include your favorite hymn or even two that you would like to sing as part of a church service, and you will be singing your favorite hymns in the near future too!

Deacon Jonathan Morel, not only has a wonderful and warm baritone voice, but is a skilled hand crafter of beautiful fine kitchen utensils made from hard maple, cherry and walnut stock. His premier solo debut was May 10 when he blessed all of us by singing the classic spiritual, *Swing Lo, Sweet Chariot*, accompanied by Music Director Roger. He is certainly in demand and will return in June prior to his Sunday in the Pastor's pulpit to offer another classic spiritual. We are so fortunate to have such talented people in our church congregation. We are doubly blessed that Jonathan is willing to share his talents with us all periodically.

Not to be outdone by anyone is Judy Stone. She is the Assistant Treasurer for the church and has sung in the choir since beginning in the church's children choir. She has performed solos with the choir several times this month and has an enviable resume. Judy retired from being a registered nurse at Cooley Dickinson Hospital after serving 49 years. After she retired, she joined a singing group that sings for hospice patients and inpatients at various health facilities. Unknown to Judy, on May 21st she sang with her group for a patient in Cooley Dickinson Hospital Room 320, and lo and behold, in that room they sang for Anne Farnsworth, wife of Roger, our Director of Music. Anne, had a tear in her eye as she related what a surprise it was to get serenaded and how wonderful the music was that they performed. Judy is the perfect example of "ask the busiest person to do a task as they always find a way to make time for it."

Be at church on June 7th, and you will receive a musical treat and not just a treatment. We will have Beverly Levreault and her husband David Marzolf coming to be with us from the wilds of Northern New York singing two special selections for you, in addition to our own Chancel Choir. What more could you ever need? Stay tuned as there will be more!!!!!!!!



1	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
2	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP
3	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group Meeting
4	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
6	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Take & Eat
7	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
9	Tuesday	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Hampshire Assoc. Clergy Lunch HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
10	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group Meeting
11	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
14	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
16	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
17	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group Meeting
18	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
21	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED
23	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
24	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Hadley Women's Group Meeting
25	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	CHOIR REHEARSAL
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Events listed in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS are church-related events.