



GROVELAND  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

# The Bell

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## Summer 2021

From the Pastor:

*"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5: 14-16*

Dear Ones:

When I was a little girl, like most children then and now, I couldn't wait for the end of the school year. The reason I couldn't wait was because I got to leave the city of Boston where I lived until middle school to spend most of the summer with my grandparents. They had moved from Boston out to the "country" to what was then, rural Ipswich. I couldn't wait for the warm weather and the opportunity to go barefoot in the grass and climb trees, pick wild blackberries and catch tadpoles in the creek down the road. One of my other favorite activities was sitting on the front porch with my grandparents after supper and waiting for the sun to go down. The hot, humid summer air would grow still, the crickets would chirp loudly, and my sister and I would sit on the front stairs waiting anxiously for it to grow dark. We were waiting for the fireflies to make their appearance so that we could catch them with the empty jelly jars my grandmother would save for us. We would run all over the yard giggling, laughing and jumping with glee whenever we made a successful catch. However, even though I tried to create a hospitable environment for the fireflies to thrive in the jar by placing grass and twigs inside it and puncturing holes in the lid, they didn't thrive, they died. After a while, my sister and I gave up. We took pity on the poor insects and became content to just sit and watch them light upon the lawn. We realized that they couldn't shine their light if they were contained in the jar. They had to be free in order to do so.

As an adult, it has occurred to me that when I was a child, my joy was always evident. There was no restraint, nothing that prevented me from shining the light within me. If I were joyful, I had no inhibitions or embarrassment about showing it. If I was happy, I was spontaneous in expressing it. I laughed, I danced, I sang.

The long-ago summers spent with my grandparents are some of the most fond and pleasant childhood memories I have. Those happy days were filled with simple pleasures and uncomplicated joy. I realize now that something happens as we grow older, sometimes the light inside us dims or we restrain ourselves from emitting the joy and light that is within us.

The season of Pentecost reminds me that the Spirit of God is the light within us all and as followers of Jesus we are called to let that light within us shine. Do those who meet you recognize the light within as the light and love of Christ? If not, what prevents you from stoking the flame so that your light will burn brighter?

The next time you see a firefly, may it remind you that you have a bright light to shine as well. It is the light of God, so "Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"

God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Robin

**BEGINNING JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**



**WORSHIP ON  
WEDNESDAYS**

**6:30 PM**

**COME AS YOU ARE ...  
ALL WELCOME!**

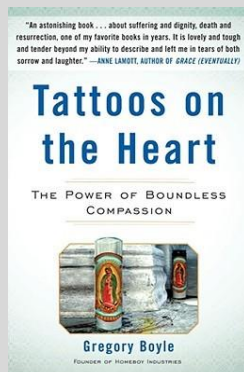
Did you have a chance to attend the special Architect Presentation on May 18? Team Access would like to thank Matt Juros and his team at Fishbrook Design Studio for all of their assistance with this important and long overdue effort.

If you have any questions related to the presentation of the Team Access accessibility project, please reach out to a Team Access member. We will do our best to assist you.

Thank you - Sandy Daniels, Bill Fabri, Barb Harrold, Carol Hurn, Lisa Quinnan, Dave Niles, Dana Sherburne, Pastor Robin, Sandy Keene

And "thank you" to all who donated to the Flags on the Common project!!

**The June Book Group selection is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle.**



**We will meet on Zoom at 7 PM on June 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the book. The link will be emailed to the congregation that week.**

***Sing to the Lord a new song!***

We are all eagerly looking forward to singing again in church. As of now, the date set by the governor is May 29th. So when we move to Wednesday services for the summer, we should be able to sing in church. Also, as long as the Covid numbers remain low, we should be able to get back to regular choir rehearsals beginning in late August.

If you think that you would like to try singing with the choir, that would be a good time to come to a rehearsal. There are people in choir who have sung for over 60 years, and others for just a few. We are at all different levels of musicianship. Reading music is not a requisite; that is why we have rehearsals, and we help each other out.

Keep an eye out for announcements about this as summer goes on. Of course, everything depends on keeping the virus under control, and being safe.

Any questions, Kathleen and Linda are always available!

**Can you help? The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers. They are open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9-12 but any amount of time you can give is appreciated!**

**See Sandy Daniels or Joan Parah if you'd like more information or to offer your time.**



**Snowflake Fair Meeting~ hard to believe that it's that time again!! We will be meeting on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall if anyone in the church is interested in joining us. We'll begin talking about the best way to move forward with the 2021 fair!**

It's that time of year...Annual Meeting!

This year's meeting will be held on Zoom because when we began planning and announcing, the COVID restrictions had not yet been lifted. If you would prefer a "live" event you can come to the church at 10 AM on June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Zoom meeting will be shown on the screen in the sanctuary and you will be able to participate from there. The Zoom info is: Meeting ID: 854 2262 0976 Passcode: 066896. I'll send out a link in the Friday email on 6/4.

Annual Reports are available for pick up at the church and have also been sent out via email. Included with the Annual Report is the packet of bylaws changes that the Bylaws Team is asking you to approve at the meeting.

We are asking that materials be reviewed ahead of time and that questions be submitted to the Church Office (via email at [gccucc@gmail.com](mailto:gccucc@gmail.com) or phone 978-372-3463) by Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. That will allow the presenters time to prepare for Sunday's meeting and hopefully help expedite things.

Groveland Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Annual Meeting Warrant for June 6, 2021

**To:** The members of the Groveland Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, in Groveland, Massachusetts.

**Greetings:** In accordance with Article V, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the bylaws, you are hereby notified that the 294<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 10 AM via Zoom to vote on the following articles:

- Article 1:** To view and receive the 2020 reports of the Officers, Ministers, Teams and Organizations of the church.
- Article 2:** To see if the church will vote to accept the revisions to the 2019 Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws Team.
- Article 3:** To hear and act on the nominations from the Nominating Team.
- Article 4:** To see if the church will vote to reimburse Lewis Harrold in the amount of \$6,729.64 with funds from the Music Fund for the purchase of equipment necessary to implement the mission of the Communications and Technology Team and to acknowledge his donation of the additional \$2206 worth of equipment necessary to do the same.
- Article 5:** To see if the church will vote to fund the mission of the Communications and Technology Team for the 2021-2022 church year in the amount of \$5800 to cover labor and up to \$800 in recurring software and other fees.
- Article 6:** To see if the church will vote to accept the budget as presented.
- Article 7:** To see if the church will continue to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 87, Cub Scout Pack 113, and Venture Crew 113.
- Article 8:** To act on any other business that may properly come before the Church at this time.

Given under my hand this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty one.

Deborah B. Stephenson, Church Clerk



Congratulations to our graduates!!

**Olivia Reagan:** Liv's earliest memories all revolve around the church. She was baptized here and made her confirmation with GCC in 2018. As a preschooler, she sang in the Sunshine Choir, and later was a member of the Youth Group. She has helped at the Snowflake Fair each year by cooking and serving the Friday night meal, working at the cookie walk, or just hanging out and keeping people company. She has volunteered at the thrift shop, cooked/delivered meals for Emmaus house as well as organizing their food pantry, and served at a few of the Saturday Community Lunches. She has donated and helped organize and box items for Beam's West Virginia project.

Liv has attended Pentucket Regional High School, and has been inducted into the Science, Foreign Language, and general National Honors Societies, she served as president of the Students Against Destructive Decisions Club, was a Peer Mentor, Captain of the Varsity Field Hockey team and Indoor Track Team, and part of the yearbook club.

Liv is also an active member in the Pentucket community, and has dedicated over 65 hours to community service. Her favorite activities involved coaching youth lacrosse camps and the youth team two years in a row. Her most impactful community service project was the Clean the River Project at the Groveland Pines where she helped clean the river shore for three hours, picking up trash and pollution.

Liv will be attending the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall. She is majoring in Biology with a dream to go to Physician's Assistant Graduate school.

**Kasey Favor:** Up and coming Medical Illustrator Kasey Anne Yiting Favor (18) will graduate from Haverhill High School on June 4, 2021 with National Honor Society and AP accolades. She will be attending Hampshire College in Amherst for a BFA in Medical Illustration and further her education to get her MFA. She is an award-winning artist at the Newburyport Budding Artists shows, taking Best in Show with her acrylic painting "Surf Fishing" and Best in Acrylics with her painting "Blood Line Inigma". She has received top awards at the Haverhill Art Association Youth Art shows and at school presentations. She is an accomplished violinist with the Whole Music Studio and appears on a Grammy-submitted Children's album by Dana Cohenour's "A Place to Call Home" that has won 6 international children's awards. She is a student teacher on staff at the Whole Music Virtual Academy and is credited on an upcoming TV Pilot series in production as the special effects editor. Kasey was baptized at GCC in 2004 shortly after her adoption from China. Since then she has been active at the church, she attended the Sunday School program and created a lifetime of memories with Singing in the Cherub Choir, creating awesome cards for the elderly, singing Christmas Carols at the nursing home with BEAM, passing out clues at Veasey Park for a scavenger hunt for Bethany and Deb, drawing pictures for several of the church service bulletins, being the sound effects person the radio broadcast of the Christmas Pageant, Sunday School assistant with mom for the little ones with art projects, participating in Snow Flake Fairs, cooking and delivering meals to the Emmaus House, playing violin during Sunday Services and a favorite for 6 years of being a part of the Chime Choir. Recently GCC church members have started receiving Kasey's art in the form of Birthday and Anniversary cards as she asked if she could earn National Honor Society volunteer hours by taking the Hospitality responsibilities. Outside of the church community Kasey has earned her Bronze and Silver Awards as a Girl Scout and works part time at the Holy Family Hospital for Sodexo Food Service 20 hrs a week.



**Lindsay Fabri** is graduating with honors from Stonehill College in Easton, MA. She will graduate with a B.A. in Psychology, a B.A. in Arts & Visual Culture, as well as a minor in Healthcare Administration. She spent a month in Florence, Italy last year as part of the study abroad program, but her time was cut short when the program was suspended due to Covid. Lindsay plans to take a little time off after graduation to travel before embarking on her next steps.

Welcome New Members!!

On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we were delighted to welcome three new members to the GCC family! Joining us in membership are Judy Marshall, John Pelletier and Linda Call.



We're happy to announce that starting on June 12<sup>th</sup> the Monthly Community Lunch is back!!

## Free Community Lunch

Second Saturday  
of the month  
11:30 am - 1 pm



If anyone would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Worship on Wednesday this summer, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> are open for altar flowers. Email Nancy at [nitravel2@comcast.net](mailto:nitravel2@comcast.net) to sign up.



A big shout out and many thanks to this crew who came over on a Saturday morning for a few hours of cleanup work outside the church. Thank you to the Quinnans, the Gustafsons, the Harrolds, Linda Call, John Pelletier, Nancy Wile, John Labolt and also thanks to Barry for the delicious lunch!

Greetings to the members of the Groveland Congregational Church,

For the past 15 months, during the COVID Pandemic, our duty as the COVID TEAM has been to serve the church by meeting weekly to scrutinize the daily changes of the Government, CDC, State Government, and many other agencies, pertaining to the COVID virus. All efforts were made to sort out the information for reliable, understandable, and practical applications and schedules, as pertained to the safety and comfort of our congregation.

We have now reached the point where, *once fully vaccinated*, there is no longer a need for masks or social distancing. We can sing and hug. We can stand close to people and smile while we share our lives together once again.

This long road we have traveled together has left us weary and this news is a welcome relief. While most are anxious to put this trouble behind us, for others, It will not be easy. Some people will still need their masks and space even when they are vaccinated. The constant barrage of information and misinformation has not been kind. There are those who will need our help emerging as they struggle from a place of fear and mistrust. This is a time to reach out with reassurance to those who need us and help them move forward towards our new beginning.

The work of The COVID TEAM is finished. In a meeting with church leaders, on May 17, 2021 we composed the COVID report available on the church website.. God willing, we will never have to repeat this past two years. Having said that, it has been our pleasure to serve the Groveland Congregational Church.

If you have concerns or a response to this information, you are welcome to contact the following persons for further information:

Robert Lay, Moderator: [layrb@comcast.net](mailto:layrb@comcast.net)

Reverend Robin DeAngelis: [revrobindeangelis@gmail.com](mailto:revrobindeangelis@gmail.com)

Susan D'Angelo, Worship Team Leader: [susandan41@hotmail.com](mailto:susandan41@hotmail.com)

Thank you,

The Ministry Team

Susan Tilden: *Worship Team Shepherd*, Bette Neumyer, Dorris O'Leary and John Statom

\*All information obtained for this purpose may be found at Mass.gov/COVID, CDC, The REALM PROJECT, THE LANCET, UCC Guidelines and Town of Groveland. More information will be made available upon request to: Dorris O'Leary, [dorrisoleary@gmail.com](mailto:dorrisoleary@gmail.com)



# Happy Birthday!!

06/01 DAVID HURN  
06/03 ANN MORIARTY  
06/03 JOHN DEMMER III  
06/06 ZACHARY BATES  
06/16 JACQUES LUSSIER  
06/21 JARED FUDGE  
06/22 MICHAEL CLOUTIER  
06/24 PARKER PELLETIER  
06/24 SUE HARNDEN  
06/26 CAROL HURN  
06/27 KERSTIN CLOUTIER  
06/29 LINDA PAULET  
07/04 DAVE STEPHENSON  
07/04 LEW HARROLD  
07/05 DEBBIE GAUDREAU -ALSTON  
07/05 SUZANNE TORRISI  
07/07 ABIGAIL SZAREK  
07/19 BARRY MANSELL  
07/23 JOHN TORRISI  
07/25 CARL BOOTH  
07/29 JIM QUINNAN  
07/31 NANCY MELLO

08/01 AMY SZAREK  
08/01 JOSHUA PETERSEN  
08/02 JACOB FUDGE  
08/05 MARILYN KENT  
08/11 KELSEY FITZGERALD  
08/12 JOAN PARAH  
08/15 JUDY MARSHALL  
08/17 BARRY LAY  
08/17 LEAH BATES  
08/20 ART MILLEY  
08/22 LOUIS D'ANGELO  
08/28 KEN SWEENEY  
08/28 LISA GAUDREAU  
08/29 BETTE NEUMYER



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## Happy Anniversary Wishes

6/27 Barb and Lew Harrold  
7/2 Dave and Judy Marshall  
8/17 Bob and Linda Paulet

### Wednesdays with Pastor Robin

Join Pastor Robin each Wednesday  
afternoon at 3 pm on the church

Facebook page for a weekly

message.



### *Remember one another in prayer...*

Ellen Maxwell (req by Kathleen)  
Chip Sheehan (Gustafsons)  
Marlin Welcome (local child)  
Kastrinelis Family  
Leanne Hanson  
Colleen Wolfenbarger (Prescott's niece)  
Ava Handley (Bette Neumyer's grandniece)  
Roberta Stanford (Bob and Linda Paulet's daughter)  
Pamela Adie (Judy Lynn's daughter)  
Carol Grazio (friend of Carol Hurn)  
Cliff Bohanan (friend of Joan Parah)  
Linda Valcour Sanborn (Dorris O'Leary's sister)  
Marcy Sargeant (Sandy Keene's sister)  
Diane Cook (friend of Priscilla Styer)  
Regina Burke (niece of Linda and Bob Paulet)  
Sister Paula Tinlin (friend of Kathleen's)  
Ricky Tyler (the Lay's cousin)  
Carl and Kim Mosley  
Bonnie Glazier  
Gail Casey  
Joe Preble (Erin Winningham's friend)  
Bette Neumyer  
Jimmy, Karina and the Perry Family (Sandy Keene's relatives)  
Jennifer Clark (friend of Ann Moriarty)

*If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the church's prayer list, email the church office anytime and request that someone be added.*

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### **Team Media Recruiting NOW**

We're looking for folks who would like to be part of our Media Team. High Schools students in need of Community Service Hours? Folks with some tech savvy skills?

Contact the church office if you are interested in this important ministry!

