



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
— Stockbridge, Massachusetts —

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October 2021

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. *Online*

Wednesday: Morning Prayer, 8:00 a.m. *Online*

Thursday: Walking Prayer

Office hours: 9:00-1:00, Monday - Friday

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The First Congregational Church, UCC, Stockbridge

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	Online worship at stockbridgeucc.org				1 Capital Campaign 2:00-7:00pm	2 <i>Al-Anon 5:00pm</i>
3 Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Indoors gathered and online</i> SFC rehearsal 1:00pm	4 Service League 10:00am	5 <i>Al-Anon 7:00pm</i>	6 Morning Prayer 8 am Bible Study 1:00pm Council 7:00pm	7 Walking Morning Prayer	8	9 <i>Al-Anon 5:00pm</i>
10 Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Indoors gathered and online</i> SFC rehearsal 1:00pm	11 Service League 10:00am Sermon Discussion 7:30pm	12 Sermon Discussion 9:30am <i>Al-Anon 7:00pm</i>	13 Morning Prayer 8 am Bible Study 1:00 pm Christian Ed 5:00pm Music 7:00pm	14 Walking Morning Prayer	15	16 <i>Al-Anon 5:00pm</i>
17 Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Indoors gathered and online</i> SFC rehearsal 12:00pm <i>Sabbatical Sessions 1:30 and 7:00</i>	18 Service League 10:00am Sermon Discussion 7:30pm	19 Sermon Discussion 9:30am <i>Al-Anon 7:00pm</i>	20 Morning Prayer 8 am Bible Study 1:00pm Trustees 5:30pm Deacons 6:30pm	21 Walking Morning Prayer Newsletter Deadline (send to Will)	22	23 <i>Al-Anon 5:00pm</i>
24 Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Indoors and online</i> Special Congregational meeting 11:10am SFC rehearsal 1:00pm	25 Service League 10:00am Sermon Discussion 7:30pm	26 Sermon Discussion 9:30am <i>Al-Anon 7:00pm</i>	27 Morning Prayer 8 am Bible Study 1:00pm M & A 5:00pm G & F 6:00pm	28 Walking Morning Prayer	29	30 <i>Al-Anon 5:00pm</i>
31 Worship 10:00 a.m. <i>Indoors gathered and online</i> SFC rehearsal 1:00pm		Guest Preachers 10/3: Sarah Drummond 10/10: JaQuan Beachem	10/17: Ned Parker 10/24: Nedelka Prescod 10/31: Greg Mobley			



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October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are! Embarking on a time of sabbatical that has been carefully and lovingly crafted. A time that is meant for both the church and me to have some time of separation and reflection that leads to conversation and rejuvenation. I hope and pray that we make the most of it.

The sabbatical is coming at a good time – while we are not through all the challenges of this pandemic, we have learned how to care for each other and how to remain church. We have been through much over the past couple of years and have held true to one another, our faith, and our calling. There is a profound sense of re-animation and with the good news of a vaccine coming for those aged 5-11, hope continues to build. These three months give us the chance to slow down and think about what we have learned, what kind of church we want to be going forward, and how we will do so sustainably.

We will give each other the gift of some separation over the next three months. To have some anxiety over that is natural – I have my own. During this time, I will miss the chance to be in contact with you. I also know that the three months will go by quickly and that the separation will also offer the distance necessary for the kind of clarity and perspective we both need to make our relationship, our church, and our collective ministries deeper, stronger, and more faithful.



During these three months we are bringing in multiple worship leaders from Andover Newton Seminary to offer different perspectives, approaches, and visions for what worship can be. I hope that you are active in worship and are open to what they bring. Seeing other approaches can not only help us discover new elements or ways of worshipping, but also identify aspects of our worship we cherish and want to nurture.

During these three months I really hope that you will also participate in the Sabbatical Sessions.

These monthly gatherings invite you to consider and share your ideas about core aspects of our life together. What is church for? How are we called to relate to each other? How are we called to relate to the community and the world? Each month I will be spending

a couple of days thinking about the very same things. When these three months are over, the chance to share our ideas with each other will be so helpful in so many ways.

I will be taking some time to breathe – I hope you will too. I will be taking some time to give thanks for the amazing things that are happening here and for the amazing people of this church – I hope you will too. I will be finding new gifts and rediscovering old treasures – I hope you will too. This time will be over before you know it and if we honor these months, amazing things will blossom.

With love, Brent

OUR SHARED LIFE TOGETHER

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2	Michael Lynch
October 3	Madonna Meagher
October 6	Nellie Rustick
October 11	Betsy Wise
October 13	John Tracy
October 18	John Slocombe
October 19	Tristan Osgood
October 23	Starbuck Smith
October 27	Sarah Boyd
October 31	Anna Smith

Where's Brent?

At the suggestion of our Moderator, Cathy Clark, I am compiling an outline of what I am doing while I am away so that you can imagine the kinds of things I am up to should you so desire. These activities are based around a few themes: (1) nurturing my faith/spiritual practices, (2) connecting with family and friends, and (3) engaging healthy/life-giving practices that are sustainable upon my return.

September 26 – Board a cross-country train for California

Early October – A silent retreat at the New Camaldoli Monastery in Big Sur, California

Mid October – Move into our rented home in Alford

Mid November – Spend time in Camden, Maine, with nuclear and extended family

Early December – Move into a rented home in the mountains of Vermont to be with family and to do all those amazing Christmas traditions!

January 2 – Come back to worship with the church community in a service led by Rick Floyd

This will be a wonderful time of renewal. I am deeply grateful to the church for supporting me in this process. I look forward to the chance to share our thoughts when I come home!

Dear Church Family,

With Brent's impending sabbatical approaching fast, a number of us may be feeling a little nervous. But we'll be just fine. Brent has done everything humanly possible to prepare us for his time away. We will, no doubt, be relying more on ourselves and our lay leaders during Brent's absence. I will be repeating Brent's advice to "keep it simple," and to care for each other and ourselves during his time away. There are some things that just won't get done, but I have great hopes that what we are able to accomplish will be done with a good measure of joy.

I am anticipating many times when I will ask myself, what would Brent do? I'm even ready with a WWBD plaque because I won't be able to ask him, and neither will you—Brent's on sabbatical. And while we may be tempted to keep Brent "in-the-loop," we can't do that either—Brent's on sabbatical. Finally, we might want to let him know we are thinking about him, we can't do that either because we have promised him the gift of this temporary respite. **So, no emails, texts, or phone calls to Brent while he is on sabbatical.**

Let us send Brent off with our love and support on this important time of renewal, growth, and rest, with our eager anticipation of his return, and the assurance that we'll be just fine.

Peace, Cathy Clark

Pledge News

We are very grateful for all the financial support we receive from the congregation, members and friends, those who pledge and others who give in other ways. Those of you who have pledged for 2021 will receive a statement around the end of October. This will let you know how far along you are with your pledge. If your pledge is

not completed I hope this statement will help you plan for completing your pledge by the end of the year. Many thanks to all for your gifts -- financial, time, and talents! If you have suggestions or questions please contact me at: rphanft@yahoo.com, or 413-232-4179.

Ron Hanft, Financial Secretary.

Board of Mission & Action

AN APPEAL FOR THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is in Matthew. Jesus told the disciples that when he comes in his glory, he will say, "Come, inherit the kingdom; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." Then they will ask, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty, and gave you food and drink?" And Jesus answers, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:31-46) And all four gospels tell the story of Jesus feeding a crowd of 5,000 men (plus women and children!) with two fish and five loaves of bread. He blessed and broke the loaves, and it became enough to feed everyone, with 12 baskets full of leftovers. (Matthew 14:13-21) And in Luke, two of Jesus' followers are on the road to Emmaus when they unknowingly meet the risen Christ. They stop together for a meal, and he is made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24: 28-35)

We have been given the opportunity to share our bread, the bread of communion that Jesus has shared with us. Jesus wants us to go out and bless and multiply the loaves, and share the bread with all who need it. For many years, our congregation has been helping to support the People's Pantry in Great Barrington. The Pantry provides food to anyone who comes to their door each Monday and Thursday, offering locally sourced meat, milk, eggs, fresh vegetables and fruit, and yes, bread. The number of people who are served by the Pantry has doubled during the pandemic. They provide food for at least 200 people each week. And the numbers keep growing.

Our church has people that volunteer at the Pantry, including Anne Hutchinson (who is pretty much in charge of the Pantry now), Diane Piraino, Ted Randolph, Nancy Wilcox, Margaret Hornick, Holland and Don Eaton, Charlotte Rodgers, Cathy Clark, Terry Wise, myself, and many more. Besides providing volunteers, for a long time our church has been contributing non-perishable food

and money to the People's Pantry, especially on communion Sundays as our Active Prayer of Thanksgiving. Last year, our congregation donated an amazing \$14,000 to the Pantry. This year so far we have donated only \$1,400. I think that this is because communion Sundays have been our biggest single way of collecting, and this has been challenged due to the pandemic, and we've gotten out of the habit.

So the Board of Mission and Action would like to encourage everyone to get back *in* the habit, and remember to donate to the People's Pantry through our church. You can donate on the church website, choosing the Food Pantry on the drop down menu. Or you can mail a check to the church, with People's Pantry on the memo line. And you don't have to wait for communion Sundays. You can donate through the church at any time. AND the Mission & Action Board has voted to match your donations up to \$1,000, so you can double your offering!

We may not be feeding 5,000, but we are helping to feed at least 200, week after week. We can bless, and break, and multiply, and share those loaves, and come to know Christ more fully in the breaking of the bread.

Learn more about the Pantry, including how to volunteer, by visiting their website, www.thepeoplespantrygb.org

RECENT GIVING BY MISSION & ACTION

The Board of Mission & Action recently voted to send the following donations:

Local:

Berkshire Center for Justice (Free Legal Assistance: \$500; Berkshire Community Diaper Project: \$500; Literacy Network: \$500; Stockbridge Police Association: \$100

International:

Haiti Hurricane Relief, Church World Service: \$1500; Afghanistan Relief, Church World Service: \$1000; Protect Afghan Women: \$500

- Cindy Brown for Board of Mission & Action



Pastoral Care

Rev. Barbara Kershner will be serving as Pastoral Care person during Pastor Brent's sabbatical.

If you need to contact Rev. Kershner, please call/text
(570) 449-8581

Since cell phone coverage is spotty where Rev. Kershner lives, please try texting first.

The Service League

Well, we've pretty much recovered from the Summer Fair culminating in the transfer of a lot of boxes down to the basement - with, of course, Will's help. Now, we're trying to figure out what to do about the Holly Fair - and the evolving plan seems to be a combination of an outdoor pop-up in early December and pre-ordering. Claire Williams' daughter, Hope Ponsart, is going to coordinate the production of decorated wreaths, and several Service League members will be taking orders for pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Watch this column - and the Church Newsletter - for online ordering information.



I know what you're thinking - are we still taking donations for Grandma's Attic? The answer is a resounding YES, so while you're reorganizing, downsizing, decluttering, or whatever, keep us in mind. It's always an adventure to sort through the treasures that come in, and we very much appreciate your contributions.

Speaking of treasures, Terry Wise - or, I should say, her grandchildren - are now the proud owners of original Jane McCormick cross-stitch samplers. Terry's was the winning bid at the Summer Fair silent auction.

That's it for this month. Stay tuned for Holly Fair updates!

~ Margaret Hornick, for the Service League

On the Night Stand



In this section of the newsletter, we share the books we are reading and what we are finding in them. This month in Gary Schieneman sent in some suggestions for you. What are you reading? Let us know.

From Pastor Brent

Pastor Brent has been enjoying a couple of works this past month including The Lonely Search for God by Henri Nouwen. This particular book strikes a couple of chords for me – both the framing question of “what does it mean to live in the spirit of Jesus” and his observation of the critical role of solitude in faith, life, and community. On a lighter note, I am currently enjoying a joyful work of fiction that focuses on life, relationship, and the histories that often shape our journeys called Midnight at the Blackbird Café, by Heather Webber.

Keep on singing!

Many of you may have heard the news by now that Sandor Szabo, who has been on leave as our Minister of Music, has decided not to return to us. In his brief letter of resignation, he indicated that his difficulty in finding a house to purchase and his wife's difficulty finding employment in the Berkshires were the main reasons for his decision.

Keep on singing! So, what, you may ask, is the plan for going forward? The estimable Tracy Wilson, our former Minister of Music, will be at the organ bench from the end of September through the beginning of January, when Brent returns from his sabbatical. It will indeed be a blessing to have Tracy with us through the Christmas season. She has indicated she will continue to have soloists for weekly music until about mid-November, when she will convene the choir to rehearse choral favorites for Advent and Christmas. So, we are hoping many choir singers

current and past will return for that.

Keep on singing! In January, we will return to our rotation of keyboard artists in the congregation, Ron Hanft, Barbara Kershner, and David Anderegg, to take turns organizing music for worship until the beginning of Lent. We hope to have one organist in place for Lent and Easter, but we have not hired anyone as yet. After Easter, we hope to have a new Minister of Music in place.

Keep on singing! The advertisements for a new Minister of Music will be posted this fall, and a hiring committee will start evaluating candidates in January. The committee has been nominated but is yet to be seated by the Council, so you will have to be in suspense until next month for the formal announcement of the hiring committee members. Until then...keep on singing!

David Anderegg, Chair, Board of Music

Restoration of the front steps by experts from Great American Ironworks and Stockbridge Stone. From upper left: removing railings, trimming stone, compacting foundation, and replacing large center stone.



Sabbatical Sessions Taking Shape

As we mentioned in the September newsletter, during Pastor Brent's sabbatical from October-December, the church will hold a series of discussions on three separate, but related, questions. We're calling those discussions the Sabbatical Sessions, and they are taking shape in a way we hope will lead to honest and open discussion among the congregation and with Pastor Brent when he returns. Pastor Brent will be engaging the same questions while he is gone and hopes that as many of us as possible take part in these conversations.

The series of Sessions will be offered in person and over Zoom over three Sundays (October 17, November 14, and December 12). Each will cover one question that helps us both imagine who we are trying to be as church and how we get there in ways that are sustainable for both our lay leadership and our pastor. Those questions and their dates are:

- What is church for? Or maybe another way, why do we engage in this thing called church? (October 17)
- How does that purpose show up, inform, relate to, or impact the relationships with each other within the church? (November 14)
- How does that purpose show up, inform, relate to, or impact the relationships we hold with the broader community? (December 12)

We will offer two sessions each Sunday: in person from 1:30-3:00 pm and over Zoom from 7:00-8:30pm. We hope you can attend at least one of the sessions each Sunday.

We are thrilled to have Pastor John Nelson of the Salisbury UCC lead our discussions. As a resident of Housatonic and former pastor in Lenox, Pastor John understands the unique characteristics of our area that we hope will contribute to a lively conversation. For those of you who may not know him, you will find his bio included in this edition of the newsletter. We will provide a one- or two-page framing document for each conversation to give everyone something to think about before coming to the sessions to make the discussions as easy and open as possible.

We hope that you will make the time to come to all three Sabbatical Sessions but understand that schedules may not allow. At a minimum, attend the one(s) you are most interested in. We are working on a sign-up system to make sure the groups are small enough to enable good conversation and allow

for appropriate distancing inside the church for the in-person sessions.

The next three months present us with great opportunity. This is our chance to step back and to share, to listen, and collectively commit to how we become a stronger, more faithful, more alive, and more sustainable (or less over-taxed) church. Feel free to contact any member of the Sabbatical Committee to learn more.

Thanks,

Cathy Clark, Michael Deegan, Holland Eaton,
Charlotte Rodgers

The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson serves the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, as Pastor and Teacher. He previously served congregations in Lenox, MA, Niantic, CT, Dover, MA, and Gloversville, NY. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in June, 1997 at Judson Memorial Church in New York City. Nelson and his wife Angela Lomanto live in Housatonic; daughter Katie Daniels, a nurse, lives in Stamford and daughter Rachel Smith, a news reporter, lives in Brooklyn, NY.

Pastor John has been active in local and national groups working for economic justice and promoting peaceful solutions to poverty and abuse, as well as interfaith ministries. In Massachusetts he helped to create the Berkshires Advocacy and Support for the Immigrant Community (BASIC), in response to increasing hostility toward immigrant neighbors. In the Connecticut Conference he was active with the Racial Justice Ministry Board and was Conference Preacher in 2010. A native of Syracuse, NY, Nelson graduated Middlebury College (1983) and Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York (1991). In 2011 he earned the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Chicago Theological Seminary.

While in seminary Pastor John worked as a carpenter, a typesetter, and a chaplain in a program serving persons with HIV disease. Following studies at Union, he moved to Guatemala to join the International Team of Witness for Peace, a movement committed to nonviolence and to changing US policies that continue to impoverish whole societies. He describes himself as "a progressive Christian, saturated in Scripture and passionately committed to ministries of justice and joy."

Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee has been hard at work considering ideas for a proposed capital campaign for the church. There has been a dual focus. First, what are the capital/financial needs of the church which could potentially be met by a capital campaign? Second, can we raise sufficient funds to meet our additional needs and dreams?

In terms of the church's needs and dreams, the Committee has met with, and gathered input from, many users of the church's facility, including both church and community organizations. We have and want to keep a church facility that is useful, welcoming, and attractive to all of us, and one that can host meetings, events, and concerts. Our facility does need updating, however. To develop our financial requirements, we start with the need to rebuild what we have, then we look at improvements that are needed and desirable to move the church forward for the upcoming decades.

People and organizations, including all of our Boards and Committees, Choir, Service League, and more, have been generous with their responses. As a result, we have developed a list of approximately \$1million in improvements and upgrades that could be made to improve our lovely but aging historic facility.

We are also developing ideas for raising funds if we move forward. We believe that we can get grant funding for some portion of our needs and there are organizations that are willing to provide grants for historic preservation and other items. We feel confident that some grant money will be achievable.

We are also considering fundraising from our

congregation and we have hired a firm with this type of expertise to assist us. Our consultant, Jennifer Williams, is about to begin a Feasibility Study - meetings with a broad cross section of our congregation on an individual/family basis - to better understand representative thoughts about the church's capital and financial needs and fundraising potential. These meetings are to be held from September 26 thru October 3, and will be mostly completed by the time this monthly newsletter is published.

Jennifer will then compile the information gathered from the Feasibility Study (in a confidential manner) and share this with our Council and Trustees. Council and Trustees will be bringing this information to a **Special Congregational Meeting**, to be held both in person and via livestream, on Sunday, October 24, 2021, immediately after service (approx. 11:10am). We will discuss the results of the Feasibility Study and hold a vote regarding any initiation of a Capital Campaign. Please mark your calendars to attend, as your input and vote are crucial as we come together as a congregation to steward our past, shepherd our present, and strengthen our future.

We will continue to provide updates through the monthly newsletter, the weekly email, and announcements during church services.

Capital Campaign Steering Committee

Bronly Boyd	Susan Moyle Lynch
Carl Bradford	Joe Nicolosi
Cathy Clark	Frank Russell
Brent Damrow	Patty Strauch



Board of Christian Education

On September 12, Rally Day provided a beautiful outdoor service with the Kids Choir singing, and blessings of the children, teachers and programs. This was followed by festivities and information about Christian Education programs.

The 17 children at Rally Day demonstrated a terrific start to Sunday School, with two adult leaders following the multi-age Spark curriculum. Class will stay outside for as long as possible with all wearing masks. When necessary, the JE Room will be utilized with all masked. For those who feel more comfortable at home, the *Family Resources*, available in the weekly emails, are now reflecting the Spark Sunday school class lessons. The Nursery is open to two children per side for a masked adult to go with a restless youngster. A more detailed children's programs description is at this [link](#), or from the office. We are looking for your input about children's/youth programming, visit [here](#), visit the website, or request a hard copy of the survey form from the church office.

Rally Day also provided information about Adult Education offerings this fall. Here's a recap with key information:

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUPS:

CE has organized three small groups with the goals of learning more about God, our community, and ourselves with focused attention on the sermons given by our visitors from Andover Newton Seminary and, equally importantly, to build and strengthen our personal ties within the church family. If you have never participated in a small group, this would be a very good time to venture into one and deepen your connection with our church family.

Three beloved and experienced group leaders will lead the discussion groups (on Zoom), starting the week of **October 10**, when the guest preacher will be JaQuan Beachem, the lively Director of Community Development & Spiritual Formation at Andover Newton. I'm quite sure he'll give us lots to talk about!

Mondays, 7:30-8:15pm - Jeremy Ridenour
Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30am - Linda Russell
Day/Time tbd - Kim Ruffing

Please visit the church website to fill out a registration form, or contact the church office.

LETTER-WRITING PEN PAL CAMPAIGN:

Terry Wise is investigating opportunities for members of the church, including youth and/or intergenerational group, to establish and develop connections with the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians now living primarily in Wisconsin. If you would like to be part of this effort to re-establish friendship with descendants of our earliest members and residents of Stockbridge, please contact Terry at wises@bcn.net. You can learn more about the Mohican Nation on their website: mohican.com.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP:

Linda Hoddy has started a class focused on the question, "What is God calling me to at this point in my life?" Members of this small group are exploring their individual spiritual callings and practices of prayer. Participants are grateful for the opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives with an expert spiritual director! Stay tuned for occasional updates on our venture....

Elizabeth Young on behalf of the Board of CE

Stockbridge Festival Chorus Sings Again!

We will be starting up again on Sunday, October 3 from 1 to 2:30 in the Sanctuary, all wearing masks to enter, exit and sing, everyone being fully vaccinated, all seated relatively separated with windows open (so dress accordingly!) We are preparing for a Christmas Concert of some of our favorite carols and anthems on Saturday, December 11, 5:00 pm. Dress rehearsal will be Friday, December 10, from 4 pm to 6 pm. Dues will be \$30, payable at the first rehearsal you attend. We ask that you not miss more than three rehearsals, especially since our rehearsal season is reduced, and depending upon any changing COVID restrictions, may be changed at any time.

Rehearsals will take place Sundays, starting October 3, from 1 to 2:30, except Sunday, October 17 and Sunday, November 14, when we will meet from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

Questions? Call Tracy at 413-822-8688 or email at tracywilson290.tw@gmail.com.

Youth Kickoff Event Scores!

On September 19, seven youth of the church gathered at Benedict Pond in Monterey for our first Youth Group event since the beginning of the pandemic. We were blessed with a sunny, crisp day for hiking around the pond, swimming in the not-yet-frigid water, and roasting marshmallows around two fire pits. To wrap up the event, Ted (the only adult without a child present) led a brief brainstorming session with the kids while all the other adults excused themselves to a nearby table to partake of non-marshmallow based foods and brainstorm a bit themselves.



We now have a varied list of possible activities for planning the next gathering, and judging from the kids’

enthusiasm, that can’t come too soon. “We,” the planners, are Jill Wheat, CE chair, Joshua Hall, Terry Wise, Ted Randolph, and, when not on sabbatical, Pastor Brent. A planning session is in the works and you will be hearing from us soon about our next adventure. The group is open to the youth of the church aged 10-18, and their same aged friends that they wish to invite.



Thanks to Andrew, Conor, Willow, Ruth, D’Ari, Julian, and Khalil for coming and making this a fun event. And thanks to your parents for helping out!

Kids Music News

Kids Music has been enthusiastically spreading musical Joy this summer. This fall they will start learning about the hand chimes and may add them to their sweet voices and kids bells. School aged children can join this fun musical ensemble as a way to re-connect at church, participate in worship, see familiar faces, make some new friends and create soulful & spirited music to share. Kids rehearse from 9-9:50 before the worship service on most 3rd & 4th Sundays of the



month. They are a part of the service at 10AM on most 4th Sundays of the month with occasional other dates. Please contact Jill Wheat for more information.

Rally Day!



Photos by Cindy Brown and Jon Geldert