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September and October 2011

In Memory of Dorothy Burr

November 8, 1913 — September 3, 2011

As I sit here and think of the many memories I have of Dot, I thought I would write them down and share them with you. Dot was a long and faithful member of our church until September 3rd, 2011 when she passed away and joined her Lord. She was ready and looking forward to her reunion. Dot and her husband Whit joined our church on April 9, 1966 after they had moved from their home in New Jersey to Burr Farm on Route 30 north of Poultney. They were both very active in church life and their particular interests were music and flowers.

Their home had many lovely lilac bushes and flowers. On the back porch was a gathering place for birds of all kinds who would stop by to eat and sing. They were very instrumental in getting the wonderful organ we enjoy in our church. When it became difficult for Whit to attend choir rehearsals, they opened their home to the choir where they had both a piano and an organ to accompany the singing. Dot kept up with the activities of the church after Whit's death by attending church services and dinners, reading the weekly bulletin, listening to music CDs from the choir and visits and phone calls from the members of the church.

Some of the wonderful memories I have of her were her shopping trips with Marge Sheldon and joining the Sheldon families at gatherings. I think many of us enjoyed those thank you, birthday, get well cards and thinking of you cards that Dot would send and always sign them "God Bless You."

Recently she was most interested in installing a new bank of pipes for the organ, maintaining the beautiful flower gardens of the church, repairing the windows and Rev. Rob and Holly Noble's son's upcoming wedding.

Dot Burr was a gracious and kind lady and we will miss her, but have wonderful memories of her.

Jean Britt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

- 9/2 Brad Hunt
- 9/4 Lori Spaulding
- 9/6 Lily McGalliard
- 9/7 Lois Ladd
- 9/8 Peggy Greene
- 9/12 Robert Staudter, Dot Babinski
- 9/13 Vicki Mulholland
- 9/17 Lloyd Whipple
- 9/19 Cynthia Williams
- 9/23 Sam Gowan
- 9/25 Chris Towers
- 9/26 James Babinski
- 9/28 Paul McGalliard
- 9/30 Ceil Hunt
- 10/2 John Durfee, Barbara Dellamonte
- 10/3 Pauline Young, Linda Garrison
- 10/7 Lynn Bruno
- 10/9 Hailey Taran, Paul Barker,
Emma Ward
- 10/14 Tamitha Howard
- 10/17 Ruth Whipple
- 10/18 Carol Berry
- 10/21 Shirley Beayon
- 10/23 Madison Patch
- 10/24 Anna Hewitt
- 10/27 Mark Dimick
- 10/28 Todd Dimick
- 10/31 Beverly Carroll

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

- 9/7 John and Pam Rehlen
- 9/10 Clarence and Shirley Beayon
- 9/10 Mark and Diana Kelley
- 9/14 David and Lori McKie
- 9/24 Craig and Michelle Britt
- 9/25 Jason and Tammy Coltey
- 9/26 Karen and Ray McLaughlin
- 10/16 Joe and Karla Tomasi
- 10/23 Ken and June Ward
- 10/23 Gerald and Mary Fenton
- 10/29 Lori-Anna and Robert Mason

Family News



Baptism

On September 4, Calvin Henry Kelley, son of Mark and Diana Kelley was baptized during the worship service.

Death

Dorothy Burr went to be with her Lord on September 3 after a short illness. Per her wishes, she was interred in a private graveside ceremony.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE
(NURSERY AVAILABLE)

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Traveling Light

By Lynn Olcott

School Days

“The earth Oh Lord is full of thy steadfast love; teach me thy statutes.”

Psalms 119:64

Most of my life I have been a student, a teacher or both. The beginning of a new school year affects me the way a starting bell affects a racehorse. I wake up one day full of purpose, determined to find my dictionary and my favorite reference sheet of math formulas, my diagram of a cell and my map of the world.

Learning about the love of God has its basic supplies too. I need a quiet place and breath of air. I need a Bible or two or three. And I need prayer, deep oceans of it to cool my head and teach me how to listen. I even need life’s hectic situations to force me to let go and put it all into God’s hands.

God of all there is to learn, teach me the ways of your steadfast love. Amen

Write A Letter

“Be watchful. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love.”

Corinthians 16:14

Paul gave us a great deal of advice in letters, and we have continued to communicate advice and support to each other through letters and all their other modern manifestations. Letters have certain advantages. They speak to us through familiar handwriting. We can carry them with us in the pockets of our uniforms or jeans.

Letters fight loneliness. They travel far distances to bring us hope. I have a letter my father wrote to me at a time in my life when everything seemed hopeless. He encouraged me. I survived. Encouraging messages are fuel for the journey. We are all on a journey. It is a long and puzzling journey. It’s nice to get mail along the way.

*God, thank you for the encouragement you send me through others.
Likewise, let me be a channel for messages of courage and love.*

Mission News



Walking to Build Hope to those in need of FOOD

The Fair Haven Area Walk benefits Church World Services and our area food shelves in Castleton, Fair Haven and Poultney.

In the minute it takes you to read this page, ten children will die from hunger-related causes. That is one every 6 seconds. Malnutrition affects one out of every three pre-school age child in developing countries. In the United States, over 37 million live in poverty.

How does our CROP Walk build hope?

In Guatemala we help neighbors to build multi-family greenhouses where they can grow peppers and tomatoes. Using simple construction and gardening advice they learned from a local CROP partner, families are growing enough food to feed their families and extra to sell in the marketplace.

In Cambodia your steps to build hope help families grow green, leafy vegetables. These families learned how to place fences around their gardens to prevent animals from eating their crops. The result was more food for everyone.

You can help us build hope on Sunday, September 25th by joining the CROP Walk. Contact Tamra Staudter for details on becoming a walker or sponsor.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated clothing to the **Fair Haven Concerned** clothing drive. Thank you also to Lois Ladd and Cathy Baker for making dinner for the Dismas residents on Wednesday, August 17th. Cathy and Tamra had dinner with the residents and staff. The evening meal is a central element of the Dismas experience because it gives the residents a change to talk about their day (successes and challenges) and be able to reconnect with the community.

The Horn of Africa crises – as you may have been reading in the news the situation in the Horn of Africa is dire. Famine continues to rage and the international community is trying to find ways to respond to the pressing need. The United Methodist (UMCOR) and Church World Services are working together to provide food, clean water, and shelter to those most in need who have been displaced and are living in refugee camps. The UMCOR has set up a special fund # **UMCOR 982450** and the mission committee has voted to donate \$300 from the mission fund. If anyone would like to make an additional donation please designate the Horn of Africa fund on your offering.

Erin Spaulding (Ray and Lois Ladd's granddaughter) has made three trips to **Honduras as part of the Fair Haven Rotary Club mission trip**. They have three initiates during their two week trip focusing on medical/dental care, construction- building schools/clinics and water sanitation. The next trip to Honduras is in February of 2012. **We will have a pot luck dinner at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 20th followed by a program by Erin. The program is open to the public. Please join us.**

The mission committee-Lois Ladd, Vicki Mulholland, Linda Garrison, Aleda Dutton and Tamra Staudter

Library News

So the lazy days of summer are over! Ah yes, back to the daily schedule. Perhaps this is a good time to read the words of C.S. Lewis. His book *Mere Christianity* was written in another era but can speak to us today.

You may want to pick up a paperback in the bookstore or a copy in the local library. Check out the titles of the chapters and leaf through the text. You may think you are reading something written in 2011. How do we deal with a world which at times seems to be a place where evil has an upper hand?

What does the Christian do to see religion with fresh eyes? Keep the book at hand and read a chapter or two and let the words sit in your mind. Like the frosting on the cake you will enjoy the idea of eating more.

I would also like to suggest two wonderful books by the author Annie Dillard. If you can use Amazon on line these classic books are very reasonable or if you have Kindle you can read the first chapter free...however if you are like me you will get a search going at the local library for: *A Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard. This book is an exhilarating meditation on nature. It is a personal narrative of the seasons along Tinker Creek Virginia. It is excellent reading.

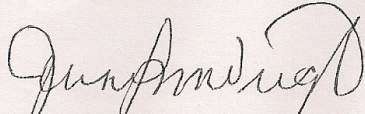
Annie Dillard has also written *Holy the Firm*. Add this to your Cart... that is if you can use the computer. Good luck. It will be worth your effort.

Rev. Charlene Baird

Dear Donor,

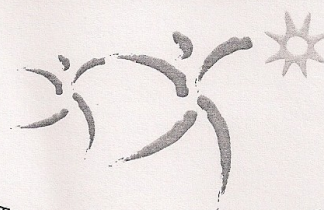
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