



# THE VISITOR

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MONDAY, AUG. 23 - NOON**

### A Spirited Meeting!

We had a high-energy meeting on Thursday, June 24. We affirmed Council members who have stepped up since the meeting of May 20 – these are: Carrie Davidson, Minister for Finance; Paul Martineau, Minister for Property; Kathy Duckett, Minister for Gifts.

There was a great deal of research done regarding the church property located at 1 Brookline Street. Carrie Davidson and Jim Clish presented the pros and cons of selling versus renting this property and, while this might sound kind of dry, it was actually presented with a lot of spirit. However, it was finally decided that we were still lacking some critical information and need to meet again. Since we have existing renters and an empty apartment it was decided that we should look at hiring a property management company: Gary Hatch stepped forward to do this research.

In our continuing discussion of the “Living Into the Dream” program, which has the full and unwavering support of the council, Carrie Davidson shared the results of her extensive research which entailed examining many other similar programs that are offered at many different price levels and on many different scales throughout the state. The bottom line is that Robin is offering us a program that is worth 4 to 5 times what she is asking. She wants to do this because she believes in us and wants to help us to move forward. The people of the church reached consensus on this program which will start later this summer.

Carrie Davidson presented three corporate resolutions regarding the financial policies of our church. These were approved for implementation and a copy of the resolutions will be posted in the church office.

We affirmed Kathy Duckett as our interim Clerk.

There was no discussion on the Council filling vacant positions on an interim basis. It turns out that this is already covered in our by-laws (page 6) and the Council can, in fact, fill those positions on an interim basis between meetings of the church.

We will be meeting again on July 22 to further discuss the white house, preparing a calendar for this year, and to hear Gary Hatch's report on a possible property manager.

*Submitted by Cathy Hill*

### BAND CONCERT RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 12

Our rained-out band concert is rescheduled to August 12. It will be a great way to reconnect with each other before the summer is over. If you signed up for a table, but will be away on August 12 let me know. If you didn't sign up for the June date, but can now participate on August 12 – let me know that too! Contact the Gustafsons at 597-6364 or carolegustafson@verizon.net.



And remember – we're seeking anyone who can donate two baked goods each, any books you've finished over the winter and summer, any extra perennials that are overtaking your garden, or four cups of fruit for the very popular fruit salad.

Join the fun and fellowship!

*Andy and Carole Gustafson*



## A New Thing ... by Pastor Shayna

*"He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee."*

- 2 COR 5:5

As is so often the case, the journey continues to reveal itself! Last night we had our follow-up to the annual May planning meeting and indeed, more has been revealed! Cathy Hill's article in this news letter will give you the details of what was moved on at this meeting, but it is the "how" that has my attention this morning!

Once upon a time, not so very long ago in the history of the Townsend Congregational Church, it was suggested that we pay more attention to how God might be calling, nudging, exhorting (!) us to move. This process of discernment, the thought went, would remove the artificial divide between how we worship and live in God through Jesus our Christ and how we manage the 'work' of the church. From where I sit, the choice to follow the path of discernment not only has produced remarkable fruit, but it continues to do so! To see it, we must only lift up our heads and take the slightly larger view.

When I arrived here a little over 18 months ago I found a church with about 250,000 dollars of differed maintenance and an endowment of only about 70,000 dollars. We had two hard assets in the form of adjacent buildings that were generating zero dollars for the work of the church, (the proceeds from one going to offset the costs of the other) and which were, in fact, decreasing in value as time went. We were also facing a deficit budget, as are so many of our neighboring churches, and it seems that had been going on for a few years. A few policies and procedures for the church regarding personnel matters and internal controls had been created but had not yet been compiled, and many more still needed to be addressed!

My, how much has changed! Because of the hard work carried out by so many in leadership, and those who have stepped forward to serve on various task teams, I am happy to report that we are moving towards, what I have to believe, will be a place of financial sustainability and spiritual growth. The sale of the Brick House and a very generous bequest will substantially increase our endowment which, in turn, will become an income producing asset. We have already undertaken major repairs to replace a failed roof and install a new heating system for VCCC, and we are ready now to also replace the heating system for the sanctuary. (These new systems will be far more efficient than our old system and so they too should, over the long run, help us reduce our overhead costs.) We are still in discernment about how to best

utilize the White House as an asset but at least all options on the table currently generate a positive income for us. Our income task teams continue to exceed expectations in fundraising, and we look forward to revisiting the Consecrating Stewardship Sunday program as a way to effectively invite more people into full participation in the life of this church. And, lastly, we are getting close to having an actual manual of church policies and procedures! Let the people say "amen"!

What's next? God knows! But, I would suggest that the time might be right now for us to give thanks to God from whom all blessing flow, to acknowledge that when we ask God for direction we get it, (even if we don't always get it in a time line that works for us!) to take a moment to acknowledge the church leaders (past and present) and all those who work so hard to nurture God's vision for this church. And then, I would recommend that we take a good look around us, beyond our own walls, and seriously pray on the question, "What, Beloved God, would You like us to do now?"

Have a Wonderful and Restful Summer!

With Much Love and Gratitude-

*Pastor Shayna*

"O sing to the Lord  
a new song, for he has  
done marvelous things."

Psalm 98:1



## Guest Preacher: Ruth Richards

Ruth Richards will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 11, and we thought you might like to know a little about her before you meet her. Ruth was born in Canterbury, England, holds a degree in Chemistry and used to develop industrial catalysts. She moved to the USA in 1993 and is a member of Acton Congregational Church, where she ran the Sunday School for several years, eventually leaving that position to study at Andover Newton Theological School where she has just completed her Master of Divinity. She lives in Acton with her husband John; they have two sons, James and David. She is currently in the UCC ordination process seeking to serve in parish ministry.

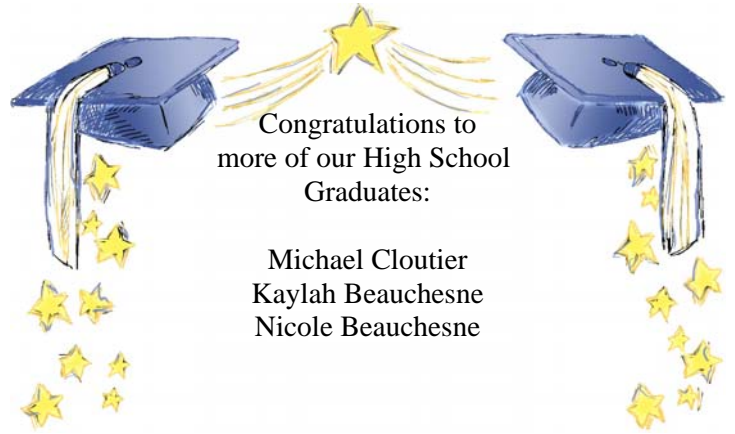
## Is it Possible to Have Too Many New Century Hymnals?

We don't think so, but the Publishing Department of the UCC did make an error when processing our recent order. We received 16 extra copies of the hymnals. When we contacted the UCC about this error, we were basically told that it is up to our good judgement as to how we handle this error. The Music Team is therefore letting all our members and friends know that we have an additional 16 hymnals for sale at \$20 each, so if anyone missed our previous ordering deadline, they now have a second chance to have a dedicated hymnal in our pews. We will put the "order" forms back out so if you're interested, please just fill one or more out with your dedication information and give it to any one of the Music Team members: Lyn Bennett, Renee Fossey, Cathy Hill or Dick Lee. You may also mail your form(s) with your check to TCC Music Team, PO Box 487 Townsend MA 01469. Thanks for your continued support of our music program.

*Cathy Hill*



**Celebrating a**  
**In July:** 3-Suzanne Boudrot; 5-Sara-Rose Snaith; 6-Wanda Wilson and Glenda Homoliski; 8-Nadine Bellegarde; 9-Laura Gustafson; 10-Hannah Gruber; 11-Celia Malette; 13-Hana Valigankas; 18-Violette MacNeil; 21-Jennifer Moseley; 24-Gary Hatch; 26-Kristina Wilson; 27-Sylvia Beldan; 28-Holly Beauchesne; 31- Carole Gustafson. **In August:** 2-Jim Clish; 3-Alan Beauchesne; 4-Dot Barber; 8-Bruce Beauchesne; 11-Lyn Bennett; 12-Shannon Howard; 13-Cheryl Simoneau; 24-John M. Lucente, Jr.; 26-Collin Amadon; 26-Catherine Hill; 27-Kaleigh Peterson

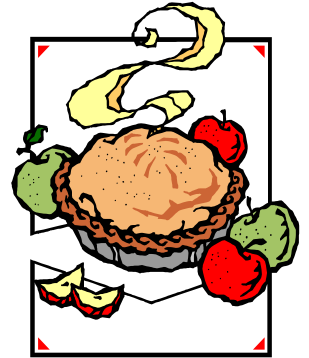


Congratulations to more of our High School Graduates:

Michael Cloutier  
Kaylah Beauchesne  
Nicole Beauchesne

## APPLE PIES!

It is definitely not too early to start helping prepare for the fair in November. It is true that "many hands make light work" - the more people who can follow the simple recipe below and prepare as much pie dough as they have room to store in their freezer, then the more pies we can make to sell at our fair.



I have to be honest and admit that I am no cook, my husband does any of the serious cooking in our household, but Sherrie was coming up short for pie dough last year and I offered to help. By following the recipe exactly, I was able to give Sherrie enough dough for 6 apple pies - it was easy, quick, and the dough was perfect! Please do not choose to not help because you think you're not good enough - you just have to follow the recipe below exactly as it is written.

Please let Sherrie Cloutier know what you've prepared for her once you're done.

*Thanks, Cathy Hill*

## Never Fail Pie Crust

3 cups of flour  
1 tsp salt  
1 1/4 cup vegetable shortening  
1 egg, beaten  
1/3 cup cold water  
1 tblspn vinegar

Mix flour and salt, cut in shortening until pea size pieces.

Combine remaining ingredients and stir into shortening mixture. Let stand a few minutes.

If you choose to do this ahead of time, the dough may be divided into 4 pieces, wrapped in plastic wrap and frozen. Thaw before using.

**Remember to save baskets to be used for the Greens table at our Craft Fair in November! Bring them to church in the fall. Thanks so much - Wanda Wilson**

## HARVEST

LORD, in Thy Name Thy servants plead,  
And Thou hast sworn to hear;  
Thine is the harvest, Thine the seed,  
The fresh and fading year:  
Our hope, when Autumn winds blew wild,  
We trusted, LORD, with Thee;  
And still, now Spring has on us smiled,  
We wait on Thy decree.  
The former and the latter rain,  
The summer sun and air,  
The green ear, and the golden grain,--  
All Thine, are ours by prayer.  
Thine too by right, and ours by grace,  
The wondrous growth unseen,  
The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace,  
The love that shines serene.  
So grant the precious things brought forth  
By sun and moon below,  
That Thee in Thy new heaven and earth  
We never may forego.

(Palgrave, 1890) *Submitted by Lisa Hunt*

## Amazing Grace

To be honest, prior to going to the 211th Annual meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, I was wavering on going. The schedule is way too full this time of year and somehow I had managed to add something to my plate. My registration had not been sent in and, well, seemed I had the opportunity to back out.

Have you ever been in a room of 500+ people and known the Holy Spirit to be present? Where exactly, I can't tell you but the room was filled with faith. A discerning church, I sat among compassionate, soulful and prayerful people, who had rolled up their sleeves to do God's work.

"Come!" she said, "Leave your shoes at the door. Your school shoes, your work shoes, your parenting shoes, your Saturday night stilettos and your Sunday morning wingtips. Bring instead your bared souls..." Lead by Reverend Cynthia Maybeck as Moderator, opening worship served to open our hearts and minds to the work of the day. Mind you, there was plenty work to choose from. There were resolutions, calls to action, bylaw changes, budget discussions and, of course, market place. I chose a forum titled "A Resolution to Call for Action to Restore the Dream of Democracy." Though sounding political, to sum it up, this forum in my mind is really a call to restore compassion and empathy. Yes, its origin

is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to grant a corporation the same rights as human beings. Unfortunately, I haven't the space to get into the details here (do see me at coffee hour if you are at all curious about being part of an electronic discussion to craft a resolution for the next annual meeting.) Just briefly, by weaving scripture through the discussion points and initiating a human conversation to draft a resolution for next year's annual meeting, the leaders of this charge are visibly following Jesus' call to "provoke one another to love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24.)

Excitement, chatter, meeting old friends and making new, I felt inspired, energized and in complete awe of God. His work is amazing. His Grace is amazing. OK, so who's coming with me to Super Saturday (a day for local church leaders-lay and clergy-to network and learn) on October 2, 2010? I'll drive us to Church....

*Love, Your Sister in Christ, Lisa Hunt*



## AND NOW NEWS FROM YOUR MINISTER FOR OUTREACH

Summer is a time for relaxing, rejuvenating and planning for the coming year. As your new Minister for Outreach I will be reviewing the past Outreach programs and projects and formulating a ministry plan for the coming year.

I am seeking task teams to support the Outreach mission. Task teams concentrate in a specific area and carry through the work of that ministry with guidance and support from the Minister for Outreach. Listed below are the task teams that have currently been identified for this ministry.

### OUTREACH TASK TEAMS:

- ☛ Education: maintaining the bulletin boards, keeping the congregation informed by various media
- ☛ Service Projects: includes representation at the Holiday Fair and other events and special projects such as Gifts of the Heart
- ☛ Justice Ministries: involves the issues of Homelessness, Fair Trade, ONA, Environmental concerns, Restorative Justice
- ☛ Monetary Support: scholarships, projects, missions

The work of Outreach continues throughout the summer as decisions need to be made on monetary requests and time sensitive matters. If you have an interest in one or more of these areas please contact me soon so I will be prepared to move this ministry forward- Carole Gustafson, at 978-597-6364 or by email at [carolegustafson@verizon.net](mailto:carolegustafson@verizon.net)

## RELAY FOR LIFE WRAP-UP



Energizing, inspiring, moving, connecting and FUN were some of the adjectives I heard to describe this year's Relay For Life cancer walk. I will add another phrase – beautiful weather!

As of this writing, our Townsend Crusaders team has raised \$5,800 with more donations still coming in. The Relay For Life of Greater Ayer total is currently \$80,340. These numbers are impressive considering the economy and the fact that many people in the area walk the Gardner Relay For Life, the first in New England. The North Middlesex High School All School Relay For Life is a spin-off from the Ayer relay. These committed youth from area schools raised over \$80,000.

Thank you all for your donations and support in the fight against cancer. Watching the survivors walk the opening lap (including Elaine D'Angelillo and Michelle and Jack Enright) was a true reminder of why we have walked this relay since its inception eleven years ago. Every year I am thankful that former church member Fred Hancewicz invited me to accompany him to a meeting he thought might interest me, and how pleased I am that our church community has embraced this ministry. A small, dedicated group of individuals can make a difference in the community and the world.

Please take time to thank your dedicated walkers for a job well done:

Kristina and David Wilson - my consistent 12-2 am walkers

Lorraine Misner - my consistent 9-11 am walker

Elaine D'Angelillo

Melanie Ouellette

Pastor Shayna

Julie and Nick Zielenkiewicz - the man with the truck!

Lyn Bennett

Jane Jackson

Colleen Doherty, Holly, Kaylah and Tyler Beauchesne - first time walkers

Susan Gerken

We missed having Michelle Enright walk with us this year, but were pleased that she and Jack were strong enough to walk the survivor opening lap.

We are still accepting donations for this year's event until August 31. You may go on-line to our web page at: [relayforlife.org/ayerma](http://relayforlife.org/ayerma) then click on Top Teams in the top right corner of the page. Scroll down to Townsend Crusaders

at the bottom and you will be connected with our team page and a list of on-line registrants.

You may also give cash or a check to a walker or leave it in an envelope in the church office with my name on it. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society.

Thank you walkers and supporters!!

*Your Townsend Crusaders Team Captain  
Carole Gustafson*

### TCC, UCC SUMMER CALENDAR 2010:

#### July:

**14** 10-12 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**15** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**27** 12:30-7:30 Red Cross Drive

**14** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours

#### August:

**4** 10-12 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**5** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**12** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**12** Band Concert - setup begins at 5:30pm

**18** 10-12 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**19** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**25** 10-12 Pastor Shayna's office hours

**26** 4-6 Pastor Shayna's office hours



**“BE EXALTED,  
O LORD,  
— in your —  
STRENGTH!  
WE WILL SING  
& PRAISE  
— your —  
POWER.”**

**PSALM 21:13, NRSV**



**OUR BLESSINGS:** Justin Gay has safely returned to us from India. Halleluia! Kathy Duckett no longer has issues with her eye. Thanks be to God for answered prayers. We are filled with gratitude to have shared in the life of Virginia King. We

celebrate with Glenda who has recently had her 5 year anniversary of having her lung cancer surgery. Prayers of joy for all our friends who are celebrating wedding anniversaries, including: Bill and Sylvia Beldan (53 years), Ken and Dianne Lowe (36 years), Gary and Glenda Homoliski (35 years), Rob and Marsha Nichols (28 years), and Mike and Kim Wojcuilewicz (3 years). We offer prayers of celebration to all adoptive families. We continue our ongoing prayers of hope for a miraculous healing for Mark Culotta. Thanks be to God for the "Relay for Life" event in Ayer. Prayers of joy in Lee McTighe's extended family for twins born safe and healthy, Brooklyn Rose and Austin. Also prayers of joy that Bob Lorenzen's grandson has returned safe from the war.

**CONCERNS:** Prayers for Cyndi and Paul Curley: Paul is living in nursing home and Cyndi now lives alone. Prayers of well-being and safety for all who are in harm's way. We pray for all people in transition. We pray for the courage of 7-year-old Bella who has lost her arms and legs, and for those who are raising funds to pay for prosthetic limbs. We offer prayer of comfort and support to Melinda Ryder and her family, following the recent death of her father. Prayers for Heather Mulrenan who has discovered an irregular lump and is undergoing testing. We pray for all those impacted by the flooding in Arkansas. Prayers to all caregivers. We offer prayers of healing for Cameron, a 9-month old heart transplant recipient; We also offer prayers of comfort for the family of the donor whose gift of life Cameron received. Prayers of peace and healing for all our family and friends who are suffering, including: Ray Jackson's cousin Cindy who will be undergoing surgery at Beth Israel hospital, Linda Ireland's mother Rose who is recovering from a stroke, Antonio who is recovering from surgery to remove his adenoids, for Lee McTighe's extended family as three of her father's cousins have recently been diagnosed with cancer, for Audrey who is recovering from a serious illness, for a friend of Paul Martineau's who has pancreatic cancer, for Alice Kay who had a small seizure in early June, for Bill who is on dialysis, for Shayna's mother who had a stroke, for Marion who is having difficulty breathing, for Rosemary Quade who is still battling breast cancer in spite of surgeries, for Gary Hatch who recently had shoulder surgery, and for Sharlene Gugarty as she continues to recover from a recent illness. We pray for the family and friends of our friend Pastor Deb Shepard who's mother passed away on June 17. **ONGOING PRAYERS:** Sarah Stadler. Ginny Welch. Virginia Ball. Kim Brackett. Gary Watson. Janet (Manson) Sargeant. Pearl Russell. Angela Staudt. Betty Stout. Holland and Peter Collins. Michelle Livingston's sister, Julie. Pauline Champaign. Ruth Smith. Aunt Chris. Cathy Hill's brother-in-law Russell. Sterling, a

9-year-old with chronic kidney disease. Gwen Shank. David Wright. Ruth Colburn.

**CANCER FIGHTERS:** Rosemary Quade. Buck Barrett. Patrick Collins. Mark Culotta. Susan Dickerman. Pastor Mark's sister, Ann. Michelle Enright. Alice Langford's niece, Donna. Louise. Denise Mazarini. Joey Watts. Lindsay Kimball. Barbara Montville. Tahna. Doris Landry. Anne Marie. Julia. Paul Miller. Michael Stewart. Margie. Ruthann Hall. Jean Whitcomb. Lexi. Sarah Rogers. John & Janet Swenson. Nancy Gero's mother. Michael Amadon. Palma Coccia. Lisa Collins. Donna Howard's cousin, Marie. Jennine Borandi. Sally Waite. Cathy Hill's sister Morag in Australia. Marron Ryan. Arlene Connolly. Sam. Valerie. Jim O'Shea's daughter. Glenda Homoliski. Stephanie Herman. Kim Decker. Cynthia Blood. Cheryl. Jeffrey Lothrop. Ned Robertson. Betty Lou Brown. Bette Matters. Phil, Carole Gustafson's brother-in-law.

**STATE AND NATIONAL CONCERNS:** World peace. Christian Peacemaker Teams. Guidance for state and national leaders, for church leaders, and for the Church. The soul of our nation. Care for our planet as we confront our roles in climate change. Wisdom for the nations as they assist in ending the genocide in the Sudan.

**GROUP CONCERNS:** Courage for those in broken relationships, especially those being abused, to get the help they need. Those struggling financially. Those in need of food, jobs, clothing, housing, and health care. Those struggling with addictions. All those dealing with ill/aging parents. Members and friends dealing with mental illness. Those dealing with AIDS. All those living in fear and anger. All those who have returned or are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Victims of terrorism. Those assisting the elderly to continue living independently.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Ryan Malette. Michael R. Cutler, Jr. Colby Jane Morton. Patrick Elliott. Adam Thibault. Daniel O'Gorman. Christine. Shaun Jokinen. D. J. Canon. Joe Calore. Jon Staib. Eduardo and Amanda Zaragosa. Michael Cannava. Matt LeBreton. Dawn Newman MacGregor and Ian MacGregor. Eric Jancaitis. Jared Rourk. Cassie Ayott. Travis Dery. Steve Ritter. Christopher Sherritt. Church Dunn. Christopher Dunn. James Low. Shelagh Dunbar. A. J. Kalil. Bill Taylor. Charles Millard. Andrew Nelson. Tim Fortin. John Wales. Trevor Moore.





## Announcing: Super Saturday! Saturday, October 2, 2010

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical  
High School, 147 Pond Street, Franklin, MA

### A day for local church leaders - lay and clergy - to network & learn

Join hundreds of delegates, pastors and lay leaders from all over the Conference for our first SUPER SATURDAY – a full day of workshops and networking around best practices for church leaders. The day will have something for everyone in your church - educators, mission committee members, clergy, deacons, treasurers and others - so we hope you'll gather a team and make your way to Franklin! We know from experience that when teams receive leadership training together, church vitality is enhanced.

The Massachusetts Conference plans to hold Super Saturdays twice annually in various parts of the Conference as a supplement to the one-day Annual Meeting. This Super Saturday will revolve around the same theme that was introduced at the 211th Annual Meeting in June - "Provoke One Another... to Love and Good Deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The Conference staff and Annual Meeting Planning Committee feel so strongly that churches will benefit from taking part in both the Annual Meeting and Super Saturdays that we are offering a transferable Super Saturday discount to Annual Meeting delegates. The pricing will work as follows:

Annual Meeting Delegate rate: \$29.00\*

Early Bird rate (register by July 1): \$39.00

Regular rate (deadline: Sept. 20): \$49.00

all prices include catered lunch and materials

\* Please note that the Annual Meeting Delegate rate IS transferable. Annual Meeting delegates received coupons in their delegate packets good for the reduced rate, and they may give that coupon to someone else in their church if they wish.

### Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Registration and coffee

9:00 - 9:45 AM: Welcome and Worship

10:00 - 11:30 AM: Morning Workshops

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM: Networking, Resource Sharing & Catered Lunch  
(inc. vegetarian options)

This part of the day will include a marketplace for resource and idea-sharing, opportunities to sit at lunch tables with others who share your passion or interest and a performance by the Just Peace Players.

1:30 - 3:00 PM: Afternoon Workshops

## COMMUNITY NEWS

*Kids can come in to the Townsend Public Library now to sign up for Summer Reading. See Stacy or Molly in the Children's room to get a goody bag.*



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### The Library offers Summer Reading Programs for children, young adults and adults.

Sign up at <http://www.readsinma.org/townsend/> and start reading. You may read anything you like. Log all of your summer reading for chances to win prizes.

This year the adult prizes include gift certificates from local businesses such as: Bailey's Bar & Grille, Evans on the Common, Forest Appliance Service, Main Street Auto.

"Gogreen at your library" is sponsored by Townsend Public Library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, the Boston Bruins, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

### Summertime Programs:

The library staff have put together a wide variety of programs for patrons of all ages. Some of these program include: A summer reading program kick-off ice cream social for all ages on June 29, "Pizza & Pages" reading groups for our young adults, "Creature Teachers: Animals from Around the World" for the kids, "Alice in Wonderland" movie night, American Movie Classics and Foreign movies throughout July for the adults, all kinds of crafting events for the kids, and a series of scrapbooking events for our more mature patrons. There will also be an adult book club reading "The Omnivore's Dilemma" by Michael Pollan.

Remember, even if you logged on to the [readsinma.org](http://www.readsinma.org) web site last year, you will need to do a new registration for this year as there are no carry-overs from year-to-year at this site.

If you have any questions, please contact Stacy or Molly at the Townsend Public Library at 978-597-1714 or email [sschuttler@cwmar.org](mailto:sschuttler@cwmar.org).

Thank you! *The staff at the Townsend Public Library*



Townsend Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
3 Brookline St., PO Box 487  
Townsend MA 01469-0487

Worship, Sunday School & Nursery at 9:50am



**SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS**

Weddings, Child Dedications, Holiday Parties, Baby and Wedding Showers, Family Reunions, Organization Meetings



We are blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and great space within our building for use that we are able to share with others. If you or someone you know is looking for a location for an event, contact Sharlene, our church secretary, at 978-597-8925. This use of our building helps support the maintenance of our facility.



## OUR OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Townsend Congregational Church, UCC is an Open And Affirming congregation. God loves you. Christ invites you. We embrace you. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are unconditionally welcomed into the full life and ministry of our congregation.

We are committed to ministering through the use of our gifts, learning to live the Christian way of life, and being together in Christ by seeking to fulfill these three commandments of Christ:

To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30)

To love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31)

To love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34)

