



# THE VISITOR

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**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:  
MONDAY, MAY 23 - NOON**

### Sunday School Superintendent

I am very happy to announce that Donna Capone has accepted the position of TCC Sunday School Superintendent! Donna's role will not be exactly the same as the former Christian Ed Director, so she will be working with the Christian Education team, the Minister for Education and Pastor Shayna to serve the children's educational needs.

Donna is originally from Billerica and has lived in Townsend for the past 15 years (and just moved to a new home this month!). She worked for 24 years as a Quality Control Lab Technician and enjoys working in Chemical Laboratories. In her leisure time, Donna has been an amateur figure skater for 25 years, and a volunteer teacher for 11 years.

Donna is also the proud mother of three wonderful children Julianne 12, Deanna 10 and Dominic who turned 9 years old on Easter. Three years ago Donna became a member of TCC and at the same time, her children were baptized here. Her children are currently active in basketball, soccer and Cub Scouts, Sunday School and Choir.

I am very confident that Donna will do a terrific job as Sunday School Superintendent. She has been a Shepherd and a Teacher for the past three years, and has shared her strong faith and dedication to children with us. Donna has also been the Acolyte coordinator for the past two years. I look forward to sharing this wonderful ministry with Donna and the entire CE team.

*Linda Ireland, Minister for Education*

### 4th ANNUAL TCC AUCTION - SATURDAY, MAY 7

We are in the final countdown of TCC's annual fund raiser auction. We are in need of donations! Now is the time to start sorting through your house, garage, garden shed or barn to weed out all the stuff that's cluttering your storage places! Drop off this year is in Fellowship Hall starting Sunday May 1 through Friday May 6. The auction will be held on Sat. May 7 at 10:30 am,

Preview 9:00 am. Haven't got any "stuff" to donate? Well, how about donating a talent or service? Perhaps you are a talented cook and could donate a dinner party for six. Or maybe you have sporting event tickets to donate or a few days stay at your vacation home! Donations of craft or craft lessons are much appreciated! Gift certificates

donated by local area restaurants and businesses will also be up for bid. Ron Pelletier, of the Brookline Auction Galley will once again be our professional auctioneer. A light lunch will be sold at the church kitchen. There is room for everyone to participate in the auction! Tell your friends and maybe they will have a donation or invite your friends to come and scout out the bargains! This is a community event and all are welcome! Please note that there are some items we are unable to accept: clothing (except vintage), upholstered furniture, and electronic items including computers. We will need help setting up the auction the week prior as well as auction runners on the day of the auction. If you have any questions please contact Gretchen Churchville at 978-597-5696 home, 978-877-1493 cell, or email [gjchurchville@comcast.net](mailto:gjchurchville@comcast.net)





## Behold! We Have Done a New Thing! ... by Pastor Shayna

A couple of weeks ago a number of us gathered after church for a Congregational Meeting. This was a follow-up to a previous meeting in which it was revealed that our

Mission Spending Plan (Budget) for 2011 was projected to generate a \$31,000.00 deficit. Between the first meeting and the later, a number of you came forward and offered your time, talent and treasure to help us bridge that deficit. Thank you! Your gifts made a significant impact.

We were, however, still left with a sizable deficit and so the council and I put our heads together to figure out how to close the gap. The solution was for me to take two weeks off this summer at no cost to the church (in addition to the two weeks off I normally take during the summer), and to work half-time during the remainder of July and August.

What does this mean for you and for the church at large? The details are being worked out between myself and PPRT (please see their article in this newsletter). However, what I can tell you here is that I will be gone the first two weeks in July and the first two weeks in August, and working half-time during the other weeks of those months. I will be preaching the weeks I am here and I will be available for any emergencies that arise during the weeks I am here as well. (Coverage for emergencies will be arranged for the weeks I am away and information on that will be forthcoming in the next edition of The Visitor.) Since worship planning and sermon writing take up about 12 hours per week, and Sundays account for about 4 hours, I will only be available for an additional 4 hours per week when I am here during July and August. The tasks to be fulfilled in those 4 hours are still to be determined and again, I refer you to the article in this newsletter by the PPRT.

For my part, I will be using the time off to rejuvenate and renew, and for that gift I am grateful! However, this 'gift' comes at a cost to me and to my family and it is not something we can sustain in the years ahead, (barring of course, some unexpected windfall of money!). This 'gift' also comes at a cost to you and to the church as there will be no full time minister at TCC this summer.

That having been said, there is a gift in all of this and it is for all of us. What we all receive here is the gift of time...time in which to reflect on the future of this beloved church, time to dream, and time to discern our individual and collective roles in living into these dreams. The gift of time gives us all the chance to find our way to being a proactive church - a church that lives out its purpose to make God's love real and alive for everyone! This is most certainly where our deepest joy lies. This is most certainly the mission to which we have all been called.

So, I pray we all find renewal and refreshment in these months ahead. But, may they be used well by us all.

*Blessings & Shalom-*

*Pastor Shayna*

### RAFFLE FOR ORGAN FUND:

The Music Team will be selling raffle tickets for an afghan in Fellowship Hall after worship services. The sales of this raffle will support the organ fund. The raffle will be drawn after worship on May 15.



**WELCOME**  
to Our Newest Members!

*and on March 27, 2011:*

Isaac and Meghan Woodward, Devon and Courtney Skerritt, Sarah Riggins, Sue Palmer, Emily and Ken Bruns, and Sarah Girard.

### Our New Members

Although this is a somewhat belated notice, it is no less sincerely joyful. Please welcome our newest members who joined us on **January 30, 2011:**

Mike Trump, Kathleen Trump, Alexandra Trump, Joe White, Tammy Blackburn, Michele Merenda, Floyd Truitt, and Kathleen Avison

## WORSHIP NEWS

### We are in the process of replacing the assisted hearing devices.

We had the equipment we own tested and it was determined that it's more economical to replace it than fix it. We have one price and are in the process of getting 2 more; then we'll pick the best value.

Most of our voices are not loud enough to allow all of us to hear what is being said. If you have a Joy or Concern to share, please stand so we will be better able to pray with you.

*Michelle Enright, Minister for Worship*



## The Truth in Proverbs

*Proverb: A short pithy saying in frequent and widespread use that expresses a basic truth or practical precept*

No, this is not an article about the book in the Bible. Instead, it is a timely reflection on the proverb, "Expectations are just disappointments waiting to happen" as the congregation of the TCC approaches this summer.

We are grateful to Pastor Shayna for her willingness to work a half-time schedule for part of this summer to help us balance our budget this year. I hope you have read her article in this newsletter. But having a half-time pastor does not only impact the pastor. The congregation will also be impacted and now is the time for us to set our own expectations for her availability during that time.

Members of the congregation expect many different things from their pastor including dynamic sermons, regular visitation, counseling, Pastoral support during emergencies, consistent office hours, administration, management of office staff and so on. In the best of times this can be a demanding schedule. For a half-time pastor it is impossible.

It is generally accepted that preparing a sermon for worship is a 12 hour process and then the Sunday morning schedule typically takes another 4 hours. In a 20 hour work week this leaves Pastor Shayna 4 hours for everything else. In discussions with the PPRT, she has suggested that she spend those hours in the office to maximize her availability. She has also suggested that she schedule the hours later in the day so working people can meet with her as well. The PPRT agrees that this makes the best of a difficult, but temporary, situation.

We hope that members of the congregation might step up to fill in some of the gaps, such as visitation. Please talk to Pastor Shayna or Kathy Duckett, the Minister for Gifts, if you have time and talent you are willing to share. Feel free to contact any member of the PPRT or Pastor Shayna if you have any other ideas on how to meet expectations for this summer. The PPRT believes that with expectations reasonably set and a willingness to help each other, we will only experience smooth sailing through the summer.

Peace,

Pam Snaith for the PPRT (Lee Duckett, Eric Gruber, Nancy Lee and Pam Snaith)



**GRADUATES:** Would you please provide the newsletter editor, Cathy Hill, with information about any students connected with the Townsend Congregational Church who are graduating from high school, college or any other post-secondary school. The email address is [newsletter@tccucc.org](mailto:newsletter@tccucc.org).

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE



We are having a community yard sale on Saturday June 11 on the common. You can donate your stuff to the church "white elephant" table or rent a space for \$20 and sell your stuff. Michelle Enright will be inviting the community so reserve your space early as space is very limited.

## OUTREACH/MISSION NEWS

In April we sponsored two special offerings.

**One Great Hour of Sharing(OGHS)** -- OGHS provides for disaster relief, development assistance and refugee resettlement in 80 countries around the world. Between a congregational collection and the Outreach budget, we were able to send \$500 this year.

**Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disaster relief** -- with your contributions to OGHS the UCC already had affiliate missionaries in the country providing immediate relief. The need will continue for some time to come. Due to generous contributions from you, we sent \$1,000 to the MA Conference for this relief effort.

### Care packages for our military members

We are still gathering names of service members to send care packages to, especially those stationed overseas in remote locations. We have received donations of girl scout cookies, toothbrushes, soap, combs, nail files and other items to include in the packages. But will have a list of more items needed in the bulletins. We will be assembling them this month for shipment. If you know of anyone who could use a little "brightening of their day" by receiving a care package, please contact Carole Gustafson at [carolegus@gmail.com](mailto:carolegus@gmail.com) or 597-6364.

### Soles4Souls Project

Tammy Blackburn, one of our newer church members brought this project to our attention and we thought it was a wonderful idea. Tammy attends the School of Social Work at Springfield College and they are conducting this shoe drive to help give shoes to the homeless folks in that area. **Last day for donating is Sunday, May 1.** There is a collection box at the back of the church. Even with just a short notice about this we have been able to collect quite a few shoes. Shoes should be in good condition and made for walking--no heels or dress shoes please.

### Relay for Life Cancer Fund-Raisers

A very big thank you to all who helped make the Easter Extravaganza fund-raiser a success! There were so many wonderful baked goods and pretty plants, great Easter basket

raffles and other selected items and of course, the pictures with a real adorable bunny!! The Life Savers youth team from North Middlesex High School were a great addition to making this event a success. They did a great job with the children's craft area and helping with some of the baking and with the bunny photos, not to mention standing on the corner attracting customers. Our own Hunt family won the bunny and we know she will love her new home.

The two teams will come together again for the Turkey Supper fund-raiser on Saturday, April 30. These events are a great way to support each other and show that youth and adults can work together to support one another, especially for such a worthy cause. The silent auction will also be at the supper as well as the raffle for the 4 premium tickets to see the Lowell Spinners baseball team from box seats. Come support a worthy cause, have a great meal and maybe win a prize. See you there.

*Carole Gustafson, Minister for Outreach*

### Other Outreach News:

**Montachusett Chorale Spring Concert** at St. John's Catholic Church to benefit TEO. Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 2pm. Tickets \$10, under 18 free. For ticket information, call the church 597-2291, or 597-6268.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Give Back" motorcycle ride to benefit Mommies Mobile Meals and the TEO.** Harbor Autobody May 22, 2011. Registration 9am - \$20/rider, \$10/passenger. Event to include coffee, pastries, 50/50 raffle. After the ride meet at Bailey's Bar and Grille for food, drink, and entertainment "Jack Daniels Pulled Pork Sandwich" fries and drink special \$10. Live music by After Affect. For more information, go to [www.webstarts.com/give\\_back\\_ride](http://www.webstarts.com/give_back_ride)



### Messages from Lamontville

*June Cloutier, Correspondent*

Flo and I have talked a few times since her visit here and the warm connection that she felt here is still deep in her heart. It is wonderful to talk on the phone and really "see" her now and know her personality so much better after visiting with her several times during her stay in February. She went home relaxed and re-energized for her work there and has managed to keep that energy level quite high.

**April 17, 2011** - I spoke with Flo on Palm Sunday and they had had a procession outside past the neighborhood into the church waving palms in celebration of Jesus' life. Their church was full and they will have a busy Easter week with evening prayers all week and services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter. The minister will give the Youth Group a

chance to lead the service on Saturday. She anticipated being very busy on Easter and said to wait until the week after to call. She had heard of Pastor's Gail's set back from Ruthann Hall and was praying for her, as we all are, as well as Ruthann.

**March 27, 2011** - Flo's Women's Group had a conference but others in her group represented her church since she had a large program at the Thembalthu Center to run. Due to her absence from the center while she was here in the USA, she wanted to be present for this program. There were programs for children in music, dance, drumming and they were also painting the walls. She thanked us again for our Outreach gift to help them with programs at their Sunday School or for children in the center.

**March 13, 2011** - Flo gave a detailed report of her trip to the USA to her congregation complete with photos on the wall from an overhead projector. She presented the colorful banner that we made for her Sunday School children which is now hanging there! She described each photo so they could see our church, her visits to other churches while here and all the people she met. They all loved the pictures of Flo standing on a high snowbank that Jan took! She told them how loved she felt while here and all the caring that everyone showed to her during her stay. She said that they could see her excitement when she showed the photos.

**March 6, 2011** - Soon after her return to So. Africa (Feb. 27 or so) Flo flew Cape Town to attend a Children's Conference. She went as a representative for her church to learn proper structuring of children's ministry but will also pass the information to other churches, as well. She was the best choice to go since she has worked with the Youth Groups and Sunday Schools for years.



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS

### One Year Later . . .

January 12, 2011 marked the one-year anniversary of the massive 7.0 earthquake which shook Haiti killing nearly 300,000 and displacing approximately 2 million people. In the year since, Haiti has also been hit with a cholera epidemic and flooding from Hurricane Tomas.

While significant challenges to a full recovery remain, there have been many successes.

Members and friends of the Townsend Congregational Church, UCC gave \$1,430 to enable the UCC and Global Ministries to support effective relief, recovery and rebuilding initiatives in Haiti.

These gifts, shared with our indigenous, grassroots and international relief and development partners have reached thousands of Haitians.

- \* Emergency food, clean water, hygiene kits, shelter materials and medication have been distributed
- \* Artesian wells and latrines are being constructed
- \* Educational programs for children have been re-established and expanded and permanent schools are being constructed
- \* Families are returning to their newly repaired homes
- \* Persons with disabilities are being supported to re-establish small businesses
- \* Seeds, tools and agricultural training have been provided to Haitians who have moved to the countryside .
- \* Trauma counseling and cholera prevention education is actively being shared

And, plans are in place to support full-scale home construction as soon as land ownership issues can be resolved.

Yet, over a million people in Haiti remain extremely vulnerable. A fragile infrastructure, limited government capacity and soaring poverty levels prior to and post earthquake have no easy remedy.

The resiliency of the Haitian people is remarkable. Recently, Kenson Vilmay, a school coordinator in Lay-o-gone said, "It's all good, life is not over because of this. Life continues. You have to get up and still keep living."

The United Church of Christ, Global Ministries and our partners are committed to accompanying the people of Haiti on the long, long journey of recovery. Your prayers and gifts make this commitment possible. Thank you.

*Andrew Gustafson*



**OUR BLESSINGS:** Our roast pork supper made about \$1,300, thanks to all the people who contributed to this in any way. Thanks be to God that Connie Giles was well enough to join us in

worship. What a blessing to have 8 new members join our congregation. We celebrate with Joe White and Alexandra Trump as they start their married life together. 13-month-old Cameron is home from the hospital after a lengthy battle with a virus. Thanksgiving that Kathy Duckett has come through her surgery with no complications and that the removed tumor was benign. Prayers of strength and courage for Olivia who is determined to learn to walk again after a serious automobile accident. What a blessing that our Council was able to come

up with a plan to balance our MSP - thanksgiving for all the gifts offered to our church to make this happen. Congratulations to all the students involved in recent state-wide competitions for instrumental and choral performances, our local students brought back gold and silver awards. Prayers of gratitude for Ashley's mission trip to Africa, but also prayers that she return safely in July. Thanks and praise to Melissa and all the staff of VCCC. Jen and Carrie Davidson's baby boy, Lucas Allan Davidson, was born 7 weeks early on April 15, he is now breathing on his own. We have Alice Kay back with us in worship. It was a joy to have Gloria Vogel visiting us last week, she is missed in the tenor section of the choir! The UCC school in Japan survived the recent earthquakes and is now a relief center, thanks be to God. Paul Davidson is now cancer free, he gives thanks for all the prayers. Prayers of thanksgiving also that Andrew Reeves has recovered from his pneumonia.

**OUR CONCERNS:** Prayers of comfort to the Misner family as they mourn the loss of a family member killed on the University of CT campus. Prayers of comfort to John Mingus as he lives with ALS. Prayers for all those impacted by the devastation in Japan; for Frank Grogett and Dee Ledger (UCC pastors) at the death of their baby, Obed; for Alycia and her family as they deal with mental health issues; for all caregivers in the mental health field; for Frank Moore who is suffering from Paralytic Supranuclear Palsy; for Tammy Blackburn's aunt, Joanne Pruitt, who is battling breast cancer that has spread; for Nick and Julie Zielenkiewicz's sister-in-law, Kathy, whose breast cancer has returned; for Isaac Woodward's grandmother, Marge Fountain; for Carole Gustafson's sister-in-law, Sue Jordan. We offer prayers of comfort to the family and friends of Bucky Barrett who passed away on 4/3/11. Prayers of comfort to the family and friends of Ben Plante who died recently at the age of 21 years. Prayers to all the people in Japan. Prayers of comfort to the family and friends of Donald Martin who passed away recently. Prayers for Laurie Trask who has been diagnosed with breast cancer; for Gail Kendrick whose lymphoma has returned more aggressively than before, she started chemotherapy on 4/13; for Pearl Selfridge who has multiple medical conditions; for Marge who has suffered new injuries while learning to use a walker. Prayers of comfort to the family and friends of 18-year-old Olivia who died from an accidental overdose of antidepressants. Prayers for Kristina Wilson's roommate, Cavida, who will not be graduating with her friends due to illness; for Bill Beldan's son-in-law Ross who has been diagnosed with stage 3 esophageal cancer; for Lee Collette who is recovering from serious injuries from a fall while hiking; for Dylan Serene, a member of Cub Scout Pack #11, who is hospitalized in Boston; for Teresa (Natalie Duval's sister) who has an aggressive brain tumor; for Carol (Linda Hatch's sister) who has the third reoccurrence of breast cancer, this time with lung involvement; for Jen and Carrie's son Lucas who needs to be able to learn to eat by himself (suck, swallow) so he can come home. Healing prayers for Ryan Moseley - at his update PETSCAN recently they found some new activity in his chest. He will be going through some very aggressive chemotherapy and then a blood stem cell transplant in the middle of summer, needing at least 3 weeks in the hospital.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## *Personal Messages from our Members:*

*From Shannon Ireland, TCC  
Outreach Scholarship recipient*

Dumela!

As my adventure in Africa will be coming to an end shortly, I would like to thank you for making this amazing experience possible. Before I return, I will have seen South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and of course, my home for the past few months, Botswana. I have seen exotic animals, met such interesting people from all over the world, taught English at Tshwaragano Primary School, and volunteered at a local orphanage. Traveling has helped me find the person that I am, the person I want to become, and opened my mind to the things I want to accomplish in my life. I have learned how lucky I am to be me, and to have the opportunities that I have and will be given. And this opportunity was one that I took full advantage of. I can't wait to bring back lots of pictures and good stories, and to see my church family again soon!

gosiamo!

Shannon

## *From Michelle Enright*

My name is Michelle Enright and I'm a RECTAL CANCER survivor.

My cancer was Stage 3 had gone thru the wall of the rectum, but hadn't reached other organs. In this stage I only had rectal bleeding and no other symptoms and I wasn't in pain.

My treatment consisted of wearing a chemo-pump during radiation – 28 treatments 5 days a week. Take 8 weeks to heal, have surgery and wait 6-8 weeks and have 21 2-hour chemo treatments in 21 weeks. With this treatment I'm cancer free at this time, but it can come back.

The reason for sharing this information is to plead with you to do all the cancer tests that your doctor recommends to prevent the disease. If it is detected before metastasis (bursts and spreads all over) then it is treatable. Cancer can be a silent killer because sometimes there isn't any pain until it is too late.

**Worcester Fellowship.** JOIN US for our "Fun-Raiser"! Worcester Fellowship is gathering at Wesley United Methodist Church (114 Main St. Worcester) for dinner and fun to raise money for our outdoor church ministry on Saturday, May 21 at 6:30pm. Our dinner will look similar to lunch on the common. You'll get to meet some of our parishioners, hear about our ministry, and consider sponsoring one of our programs. Tickets are on a sliding scale from \$1 to \$50 per person, see the details at [www.worcesterfellowship.org/gala.html](http://www.worcesterfellowship.org/gala.html). RSVP by May 13 to [Ellie@worcestertfellowship.org](mailto:Ellie@worcestertfellowship.org).

**Marion Stoddart: "The Work of 1000" Screening and Panel Discussion.** The Fitchburg Public Library presents The Collaborative History of the Clean-up and the Evolution of Urban Environmentalism on Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. This screening of the documentary "Marion Stoddart: The Work of 1000" will be followed by a panel discussion with Marion Stoddart, Bill Flynn (Fitchburg's mayor at the start of the clean-up) and Mayor Wong. Come see this inspiring film that tells the story of one woman's dedication to making the world a better place by cleaning the Nashua River. Refreshments will be served.

On display will be art works created during the "Along the Nashua River" Paint-In sponsored by Fitchburg Cultural Alliance in June, 2010, and displays by the Nashua River Watershed Association, the Fitchburg Greenway Committee, Growing Spaces Garden Project, the Fitchburg Farmers' Market and more. The Friends of the Library will have copies of Lynne Cherry's book, A River Ran Wild: an Environmental History, (Harcourt, 1992) for sale. This history of the Nashua River is an important lesson about just how fragile the natural world around us is.

This event is funded by a grant from the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, the Fitchburg Public Library Trustees, and the Friends of the Library.

For more information about this program, please call the library at 345-9639.



**Celebrating a**  
**May:** 1-Michelle Enright;  
2-Robert Foote; 8-June Cloutier;  
10-Shayna Appel and William Beldan; 11-Shane Miller;  
13-Christine Brown; 14-Jim Misner; 15-Andrew Reeves;  
19-Barbara Misner; 22-Virginia Hunt and Art Vartanian; 23-Sheila Miller; 25-David Bennett and Robin Lunn;  
26-Katherine Bonczar; 31-Connie Giles

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<h1>May 2011</h1>					
<b>1</b> Worship/SS <i>COMMUNION</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30pm Snr Choir	<b>5</b> 7pm Council, rm 4	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7am Saturday at Seven team <b>AUCTION!</b>	
<b>8</b> Worship/SS 	<b>9</b> 6:30p Open Sew, Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30pm Snr Choir	<b>12</b> 7:30pm Music Team - quiet Rm	<b>13</b> 11am-7:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Worship/SS After worship, New Members class, and Raffle drawing for Afghan.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30pm Snr Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Church Supper?	
<b>22</b> Worship/SS Robin Lunn Preaching  11:15 Spring Planning Mtg, sanctuary	<b>23</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - NOON -</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30pm Snr Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 	
<b>29</b> Worship/SS		<b>31</b>	<b>GOD IS STILL SPEAKING</b> 		<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER EDITOR, CATHY HILL:</b> newsletter@tccucc.org Questions? 978-337-0638		

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**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 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)

