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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Minister's Message

Dear Friends,
I heard a story last summer from Kathy Harrison who tabled for the church raffle at the Cummington Fair. A young person going by, unrecognized by the church folk tabling, suddenly said to those with her, "That's my church!" and pointed at a poster-sized photograph of the church steeple on display.

It turned out she is Greenwood camper who lives at a distance, and among all faith communities, the Village Church is her church. I tell this story because in playing host to all the campers and their families for the summer series—this year starting Sunday, July 9—the role the church and Cummington play is very important.

Particularly for Greenwood campers, not just the joy of playing and socializing at camp but the peace, community, and performance connected with the Sunday Services is, year-after-year, special to them. Services get warmly mentioned by camp alums, says Greenwood choral director Greg Hayes who himself is so important to the campers and such a joy to work with.

The *service* we provide can't be forgotten. Many of these kids are under intense pressure in their school, musical, and personal lives the rest of the year. We minister to them just by being a place where they walk a country lane and enjoy an informal small-town embrace. We minister them by being a fresh breath from other religious experiences they've had. We minister to them by enjoying their gifts and sharing of ourselves, if but with our presence and warmth.

One Sunday in July 2012 (my first summer of Greenwood services), there was a sadly small group of scattered parishioners at the service beside these 50–60 high school students. That number has improved, but please dear GWM reader, never take for granted the corporate ministry brought to these children in our midst, regardless of who is leading worship. Besides, how much do most of us get to hang out with young people this age? Acting at their best (usually)?

In saying this I reach beyond those of you who are Greenwood service stalwarts to those in the community who can help us swell the welcome these young folk deserve. For some of them and their families, it's an important role the Village Church has: we are their church.

In faith, gratitude, and service,
Jon

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Ministry Hours in July

From Rev. Jon: until August 6, I will be in Cummington as appointments call for, in addition to Sundays, usually once a week. Tuesday and Thursdays are best for scheduling time in person, and I am happy to come out as early as breakfast.

I am always glad to talk by phone, and please do call and leave a message if there is an emergency or you seek 24-hour turnaround (413-624-3025). I do not check email every day.

Cummington Historical Commission News

The Kingman Tavern Museum will open for the 2017 summer season on July 8 from 2–5 PM. Guided tours are offered at the Tavern. The Barn and Carriage Shed tours are self-guided. Refreshments are served on the lawn & picnicking is encouraged. Admission is free, however donations are accepted. We invite you to visit.

Housed in an early 1800s tavern, the Kingman Tavern Museum facility consists of a furnished house and several outbuildings housing over 5000 artifacts depicting Cummington history from the late 1700s to the mid-1900s. Most items were lovingly donated by Cummington families in honor of their ancestors. While the rich display is not categorized by discrete time period, it collectively presents a mosaic of 200 years of farm, industrial and domestic life in a small western Massachusetts hilltown.

The two story house, used as a tavern in the early 19th century, includes a replica of a well-stocked general store, a kitchen, parlor rooms and bedrooms, as well as rooms dedicated to textiles, military history, light industry, millinery and clothing.

Please call Pat at 413-563-1981 or Carla at 413-695-6569 for more information.

Part-time Summer Employment

The Cummington Historical Commission invites applicants to call about guide openings for this summer. Needed are guides to work 2–5 PM Saturdays from July 8–August 26, however, one need not commit to every Saturday. Training is provided. Guides are paid \$15.00 per hour. High school students are encouraged to apply. Please call Pat at 413-563-1981.

July At the Village Church

July 2—No Service!

July 9—Service 10 AM with Greenwood. There will be a Church Council Meeting after the service. Please attend.

July 16, 23 30—Service 10 AM with Greenwood

Summer Reading Program

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Program is "Build a Better World." The sessions will be on four consecutive Wednesdays, July 12th, 19th, 26th, and August 2nd, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. In addition to books and reading, there are usually some crafts and a few treats. You can sign up the kids at the library or by calling me at 413-446-7464.

We've got a whole slew of museum passes that you may want to consider using. We have the old standby Clark Museum pass, which is good for one adult (don't forget there's a special Picasso exhibit there right now.) The Mass MoCA pass allows admission for 2 adults and 2 children, as does our Berkshire Museum pass. Our pass for the Wistariahurst in Holyoke is good for 2 adults. And if you want to have a museum party, check out our Smith College Museum of Art pass, which allows entry for 8 adults! The check-out period is two or three days, depending on the next time the library is open.

Lots of new books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs, so come see what we have to enhance your free time this summer. Free time? What a concept...

See you at the library!

Mark

Bryant Day 2017 at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead

Bryant Day at the Homestead is on Sunday, July 23, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Join us for a day celebrating the life of William Cullen Bryant and local history in the hilltowns! This year we're bringing back the traditional Bryant Day with a fun program featuring guest speakers, a historic quilt show/raffle, nature walks, vendors, kids' activities and more! The Hilltown Choral Society will provide the music.

Cost: Members \$5; Nonmembers \$10

Contact 413-628-4485, ext. 3 or acaluori@thetrustees.org.

Barbara Van Billiard

Barbara Ruth Van Billiard passed away on Monday April 17th in York Hospital in Maine. She was the wife of Russell Van Billiard, and daughter-in-law of Josephine Van Billiard who used to live on Rte. 9 near the Berkshire Trail school.

She worked as a Red Cross nurse for many years and was a survivor of advanced ovarian cancer. She wrote a book about it called *A Feather in My Wig*, to help other women afflicted with this disease. A copy of the book is in the Bryant Free Library.



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Summer Hours

Sun-Thurs 7:30 – 7:30

Fri & Sat 7:30 – 8:00

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Art Show at HCDC

The talented artists of the Hilltown Arts Alliance (formally Hilltown Arts Alive) will be exhibiting at the Hilltown Community Development Corporation, 387 Main Road (RTE 143), Chesterfield for the month of July.

Among the Artists participating in the show are: Kathryn Jensen, Gerrie Kennedy, Peggy Klineman, Peter McLean, Kevin O'Connor, Jan Roby, Natalie Stafford, and others from the membership.

All are invited to the opening on July 9th at 4 PM. The Opening will also include the music by Muddy Roads composed of the trio, Carolyn Hicks, Banjo; Bob Lovell, Guitar; Karen Simon, fiddle, playing Southern Appalachian music. Refreshments will be served.

The HCDC is open daily from 9 AM — 5 PM and will be open on the 4th of July during the Parade only.

For information call 413 238 0481

Antique Quilts Wanted for Bryant Day Quilt Show

Bryant Day at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead on Sunday, July 23 will be having its annual antique quilt show and is looking for quilts to display.

Bring a quilt for the show on Saturday at 4 PM and receive a pass for Bryant Day on Sunday.

There will also be a quilt raffle on Sunday, July 23 at the Homestead. Special quilts are being made for the raffle. Tickets for the raffle are available at Bryant Day or before hand at the Homestead on weekends and special events.

For information contact Martha Emerson at 413 634 2158

Living Fully, Aging Gracefully and Befriending Death

There will be no meeting in July. The group will resume meeting in August and every month after that. We meet on the second Tuesday each month from 1–3 PM at the Cummington Community House Library, Main Street.

Open and welcoming to all Hilltown residents. Contact Wynne or Lucy 413 634 5576 wynlucy@gmail.com or annieb@crocker.com

Wigwam Event

This family-friendly event is put on by Jennifer Lee, of Metis/Narragansett heritage.

Come sit inside and learn about wigwams, hear stories of the mountains around us, Bark Basket making, Indian America Today, Indigenous Peoples of the Berkshires—Past and Present.

This will be held on Saturday July 29, 2–7 PM, behind the Peru, MA fire station, 11 E. Main St., Rt. 143, Peru.

Funded by the Hinsdale/Peru Cultural Councils



For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041, Josh Wachtel at 634-5005 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

Friday Night Café cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html

Friday Night Café Ends for the Season

The Friday Night Café has closed for the summer, but will reopen in September. John Bye, Peg Cowen, Josh Wachtel and their crew of volunteers have done a fine job all year and deserve a break!

It is fifty years since the 1967 Newport Folk Festival and the program on June 9 was an homage to that event and the musicians who played there. A large crowd of over 60 enjoyed music by Jack Swindlehurst, Mike Jennings, Louise Mosrie, Keith Orcutt, Josh and Kim Wachtel, Laurie Israel, Tom Gajewski, Sarah Stockwell-Arthen,

Arthen, James Kitchen, Sean Kimball and Heather Cupo, Ellen and Mike Metzger, and John Bye and Peg Cowan. Jon Rehms led the musicians and crowd with Joanie Mitchell's "Circle Game" to finish off the night.

You could tell the crowd's age demographic by the number of people singing along, and the number of songs they were able to sing to. It was a very fine musical night.

One can enjoy some of the spirit of the night by going to YouTube and listening to "City of New Orleans" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ynKRxjgTw, "Four Strong Winds" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGEOnzd9fvM and part of "Forever young" at www.youtube.com/watch?v=714xWzc6c9c



Sara Gregory and Sara Stockwell-Arthen



Josh and Kim Wachtel



Sarah Stockwell-Arthen and Josh Wachtel



James Kitchen, Ellen and Mike Metzger



Tom Gajewski



John Bye, Keith Orcutt, Peg Cowen



Mike Jennings, Kim Wachtel



Heather Cupo and Sean Kimball



Jack Swindlehurst



Josh Wachtel and Laurie Israel



Josh and Kim Wachtel, Sara Stockwell-Arthen, Heather Cupo, Sean Kimball



Louise Mosrie

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the August issue is July 25, 2017. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at mrblooz@verizon.net or Pat at patakeith@gmail.com, mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entryway of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.



Enjoying the music

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Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Finance Office (Tax Collector, Treas., Acct.) open 6–7 PM	Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM	Transfer Station open 7–11 AM
Veterans Agent 9–11 AM	Board of Health 1 st & 3 rd Tues. 7 PM (2nd floor)	Council on Aging Office Hours 9–noon (C.H. Annex)	Town Clerk 6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)	Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM	Bryant Library open 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Assessor Office Hours 9:30–11:30 AM (upstairs in C.H.)		Bryant Library open 6–9 PM	Selectboard meets 7 PM		
Bryant Library open 6–9 PM		Transfer Station open 5:30–7:30 PM	Building Inspector 7–9 PM (upstairs in C. H.)		
		Planning Board 2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM	Board of Assessors meets 2 nd , 4 th Thursdays 6–8 PM		

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