

# THE BULLETIN

## IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

Tomorrow, Sept. 11, 2017 is the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11/01 attacks on our country. In reflection of that tragic day in American history, what have we learned? As a nation? As a family? As a church? Consider but just a few:

Life is precious. In a world filled with racism, abortion, murder and hatred, we need to stress the sanctity of life.

Time is fleeting. Every moment is important! May the cares of this world never cloud our vision and steal the simple moments that bring about the bigger picture.

Faith is powerful. Faith makes things possible! Strong faith in Jesus Christ is the ROCK upon which to build a happy, successful and peaceful existence.

Love is needed. The world is starving for love. Since, 'God is love,' the truth is - The World is Starving for God. Remember, love is the 'greatest' and love never fails.

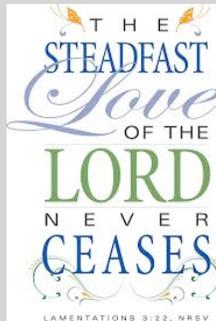
Hope is strong. Hope is strong enough to anchor our soul in rough seas and calm waters. Hope is a great thing.



May we remember the night of 9/11/01 as we gathered as families in our church buildings shedding tears in prayer, pleading with a just God to carry our nation through the pain and healing! May we never forget that total reliance on His power and strength that we experienced that terrible day!

In the wake of devastation already along the Gulf Coast and more to come as well as the wildfires in the northern and western portions of our county we need to remember these same things.

~adapted, Mark Posey



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### Our Deacons:

Benevolence - David Skerry  
Building & Grounds - Will Hamel / Pete Steffensen  
Education - Doug Paul

### Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30am  
Bible Class - 11:00am  
Sun. Evening - 6:00pm

Dear Lord, help me to be patient with everyone I meet. Help me to be respectful of all people, and help me to say kind words and do good deeds today and everyday.

Amen



# Family Events

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.” Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

**If you're a visitor to our church, welcome!** If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the really tall guy), or any other church member.



- **TONIGHT @ 6PM** - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 6PM
- **SEPT. 11** - MNFM - 6-8 PM
- **SEPT. 14-16** - LADIES RETREAT - Registrations forms in the foyer

## FALL EVENTS

- **SEPT. 21-23** - MEN'S RETREAT
- **SEPT. 23** - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- **OCT. 31** - TRUNK OR TREAT
- **NOV. 3-5** - GOSPEL MEETING

## FALL MEETING

Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, minister at the Tilton church of Christ, will conduct a meeting - "What is this Gospel that People Talk About?" Begin to think & pray about the meeting and who you will invite. Watch for additional information on times and topics.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### Mowing & Grounds

The rains have been good to replenish the water supply. They also help the grass and weeds grow - a lot. We need your help to keep things looking good. It gives a caring impression to those around.....if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.

### Lord's Supper to shut-in

Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

### Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations, please check expiration dates on food. If it's expired, please don't bring it. Anyone willing to participate at the pantry either Wed. evening or Sun. morning, please let Dave Skerry know.

### THANKS

Thank you to Freda for sharing her yard and home with us for the Labor Day picnic - something to always look forward to.

To all who shared in the fun, food and fellowship at Freda's on Monday.



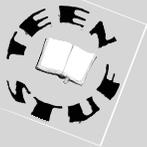
**GB DORM PROJECT** -The church here has been associated with and enjoyed Gander Brook for years. We all know how much the camp has meant to kids and adults alike. But now Gander Brook has a challenge before it; our dorm needs serious attention. A new building would cost \$750K+, so we will need to completely overhaul it—at the cost of about \$450K.

At this point \$225K has been pledged, but requires matching gifts of \$225K. We need help, especially from the churches and Christians of New England. One-time gifts are appreciated, but a monthly pledge from now through Dec. 31, 2018 may be more manageable. Please consider helping us. There are brochures in the foyer, complete with a tear-off section, if you should decide to provide a monthly pledge toward this great project, or go to [www.ganderbrook.org/retreat-house](http://www.ganderbrook.org/retreat-house).

## Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Sept. 10- Sept. 16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10-Luke 24	11-2 Kings 13-14 ----- MNFM @ 6pm - Freda is cooking	12-2 Kings 15-16	13-2 Kings 17-18	14-John 1	15-2 Kings 19-20	16-2 Kings 21-22
Mark & Kerstin Dumas - Anniv				Mar Jane Parker- BD		

# Youth & Family News



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you can help lead an event, please volunteer! You can call the church office.

### Family Movie Night: Sept. 23

Because we are without a Youth Minister, the elders announced that we will not take a group to either:

The Teen Retreat at Gander Brook on 9/8, or

The Roxbury Youth Rally on 9/16

### Thought Provoking Questions?

**How do you react when bad things happen?**

**How has God called us to act?**

**Weekly Contribution  
Sept 3, 2017  
\$3255.50**

## PRAYER CORNER

**New Prayer Concerns:** for the safe travel as summer comes to an end & school begins, for Tom Jones & His brother, our elders, deacons, teachers, minister, and all our families.

## CONTINUING PRAYERS

### • Health - Family

- Continuing Recovery
  - Kerstin Dumas
  - Lynn Millette
  - Don Dion
  - Linda Linscomb
  - Gage Dumas
  - Will Hamel
  - Peter Steffensen
- Marge Simon
- Casey Jones has fallen
- Brian Day
- Mary Jane Parker
- Tom Jones - shoulder surgery & an accident
- Penny Ranger - health issues & her niece, Chelsea

### • Health - Family & Friends

- Jim Cordaro's mom is home on oxygen. Continued prayers as they weigh her care options - each of which has substantial risk.
- A friend of the Cordaro's, Charlotte Gurney, a 2 time cancer survivor, has been diagnosed with full body bone cancer. Pray for this family.
- Diane Beard's cousin, Denise Noland has begun a new chemo treatment, continued prayers.
- Tom Jones' brother who was airlifted to Boston after an accident

- David Lovering (Cancer)
- Natalie Cleavitt
- Linda Tetrault, illness
- A friend of Darlene's requests prayers - she is dealing with a heart condition and has no support of her children

### Struggles

- Darlene Cordaro and her daycare
  - Barbara Lovering, David's declining health and her Parkinson's
  - Devastation in the US - many have family & friends in areas affected by the disasters around the world & especially in the US.
    - For those beginning the all-consuming job of recovery from Hurricane Harvey;
    - For those who will be impacted by Hurricane Irma in the coming days; &
    - Those impacted by the wildfires in the north and west.
  - A co-worker of Darlene's needs a car. If you have one you are not using or plan to sell, please call Darlene & leave a message on the phone.
  - Those who have been absent in the assembly
- ### • Thanksgivings
- That Lynn Millette, Don Dion, Linda Linscomb, Marge Simon, Kerstin Dumas, Will Hamel & Peter Steffensen have been in worship with us.
  - For another new brother - David Girling.

# *A Parting Encouragement*

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“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”  
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

## **STOP TYPING AND START TALKING**

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*“To the churches of the United States: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to remind you that you are one body through Christ and are united through the Spirit. In saying this, you need to get over yourselves and talk to each other face-to-face (not on Facebook) about politics.”*

If Paul were to write a letter to the church today, I think it might read something like this. The church is divided, though few of us talk about it. We shove it under the pew, listen to the sermon and move on. We ignore a major stumbling block that we need to address.

It's not easy to be a Christian in this intense political atmosphere — especially when you know that your political views may be polar opposite from your brothers and sisters in Christ. Disagreements are inevitable, but they shouldn't keep us from being transparent with one another and having the relationship that God intended for members of the church to have.

While it is easy to say that we, as Christians, put our faith in God before our allegiance to America, the political debates in which we engage — and our social media accounts — suggest otherwise. The phrase “conservative Christian” itself puts political ideology before religious identity. This is unfortunate, as Christians could be spending their time combatting the intense climate of this political season rather than adding to it.

There are so many other things that should capture our attention and prayers right now. Christians suffer in the Middle East. ISIS and other terrorist groups commit atrocities. Here at home there's racial tension. Children are separated from their parents. Drug addiction destroys lives. Souls are lost. Yet we bicker about a politician's email or a real estate mogul's tax returns. Or we complain that neither is addressing the real issues.

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We are the issue. Our obsession with things that don't matter has taken our minds away from God's call to seek and save the lost. The demeaning rhetoric used by many Christians about other souls — including political candidates, protesters and those practicing different religions — drives people away from us.

In [Matthew 15:8-11](#) Jesus says, *“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”*

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Do we apply God's commands equally when we take stances on the issues that divide us politically? We oppose abortion because of the sanctity of human life while we rail against any attempts to limit our access to firearms. What about the lives of victims of gun violence? We preach about love and unity, but have we tied our faith to a particular political stance?

In [John 16:12-14](#), Jesus tells us, *“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”*

We need to talk with one another — and talk to those with whom we disagree — to find understanding. This should not be an “I'm right, you're wrong” kind of conversation. If we listen and understand, this dialogue has the power to mend churches and make us into the family that God envisions.

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Soon, all of the sound bites, advertisements and endless chatter of this political season will vanish. Let's not live for the things that will pass, but for the body that will last for an eternity.