



Joyce, Milton and Virginia enjoy their ice cream sundaes at the social following Children's Sunday Worship. Many opportunities for fun, fellowship, prayer and worship are being offered this summer. Come join us!

May 2008

Dear Kids Supper Klub,

How I enjoyed the May basket from you. It's a long time since I've received one. We used to "hang" them on elderly people living in the neighborhood. I don't like to think of myself as being elderly but I guess I am. Thank you so very much for giving me one.

Sincerely,

Jean Campbell

May 14, 2008

First Congregational Church

Dear Church Family,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for all your help and love for our daughter, Karen, during her surgery and continuing through her chemotherapy. Especially, we appreciate the love, prayers and help of your Pastor, Bette.

Lovingly,

Kenneth & Kittie Elliott

LIFT OFF!

**"Soaring to New Heights
with God"**

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP
August 11 - 15, 2008**

After a year off because of construction, we have another fun and exciting Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) in the works for all children from Pre-school through fifth grade. You are invited to become Sky Scouts and to soar off to new heights with God. The program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of hot air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Activities will include Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games and yummy snacks. On the last day of camp we will share what we learned at a special program for parents, grandparents and other family members and friends. VBC is open to church members as well as children from the community. See you there!

HELP WANTED - If you are willing to help with planning VBC and/or sharing your time with our children during that week, please speak with Rev. Bette or any member of the Christian Education Committee



Today I am inspired to go beyond the boundaries of my weaknesses, to challenge the walls of my limitations, and to believe in endless possibilities.



Corner Cupboard: Food for Life

The Food Pantry is in need of replenishing. Traffic continues to be steady this month. Six people were helped in May and supplies continue to dwindle. Thanks to all who have helped restock. Your donations of non-perishable food items, health care items, paper products and especially protein items are gratefully appreciated. Donations of \$10 grocery gift cards are also accepted.



**Volunteers
Needed
Hot Dog Booth
Homecoming Fair**

Saturday, June 28th

Sign up sheets are available in the William Street foyer. Sign up for the shift most convenient for you.



"Sleeping? Er ... Ah ... I'm meditating."

Journey to Adulthood Youth Ministry presents
Anne of Greene Gables

**Grace Episcopal Church
133 School Street, New Bedford**

on

**Friday, June 27th and
Saturday, June 28th at 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets are \$12 for adults,
\$10 for seniors, students & children

Church Women United

**9th Annual Pilgrim Progress Festival,
Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church
149 William Street, New Bedford**

**John Bunyan's classic
work of faith pilgrimage read aloud in
English and foreign languages
representative
of New Bedford's cultural heritage.
To be a reader contact Pam Cole
774-328-1490**

Ronnie Simonsen wanted everyone to know that he will be spending some time at an actor's camp in Venice Beach, California this summer. He will be working with Chad Everett (Medical Center), Juss Walton (Young and the Restless), and Leslie Charlson (General Hospital). Our prayers are with Ronnie on his exciting adventure.



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

To **Susan & Norman Burr** for their continued care of the church gardens and for Susan's exceptional decorating skills.

To **Barbara Mills** for driving Arthur to worship each Sunday.

To **Betty Monk, Marian Purington, Dot Bungert and Ruth Cree** for preparing the Messenger for mailing.

To the **Confirmation Class, Bev Johansen and Carol Gage** for their worship leadership in May.

To the **Board of Deacons, Ron & Bev Johansen & Carol & John Gage** for greeting and hosting coffee hour in May.

To **Julie Lawton** for painting the bathrooms.

To **all** who took part in Children's Sunday.

To **members of choir** who sang at Riverside on Memorial Day.



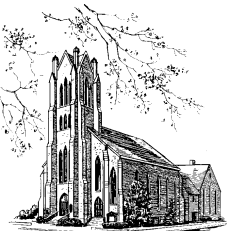
Carrie, Owen, Jack, Alexis & Chainey collected the offering during the Children's Sunday Celebration.



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The Messenger

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