

## WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025



**From Woody** After a week without a newsletter during our brief trip to see our son in Seattle, I have decided to share a poem written by Carl Sandburg after the end of World War I. It is called A.E.F., for American Expeditionary Forces and expresses a desire, which is still only a desire, for no more wars:

*There will be a rusty gun on the wall, sweetheart,  
The rifle grooves curling with flakes of rust.  
A spider will make a silver string nest in the darkest, warmest corner of it.  
The trigger and the range-finder, they too will be rusty  
And no hands will polish the gun, and it will hang on the wall.  
Forefingers and thumbs will point absently and casually toward it.  
It will be spoken among half-forgotten, wished-to-be-forgotten things.  
They will tell the spider; Go on, you're doing good work.*

This poem expresses the teaching of Jesus and our prayers for the current world situation.



**Supplies for Ukranian and Polish Children:** Candy and David Woodbury will be traveling to Poland over the summer to work for a week with children. While there, they will distribute our donations. There is a box in the hallway for donations for Candy and David's trip to Poland this summer. NOTE: Below is an updated list that the Woodburys got from their contact for their trip. See the suggested list below:

- Twister
- Balls and Jump Ropes
- Arts and craft items such as beads to make bracelets
- Washable tattoos, stickers, Markers
- Small white boards and white board markers
- Magazines with pictures that might interest 10-14 year olds
- Puzzles for children (word search, hidden pictures)
- Board and Card Games for children (bingo, uno, etc)



**Summer Concerts:** The first Concert on the Common of the year is coming up on **July 1 (postponed from June 24)**—our annual Strawberry Festival. Cost of the Shortcakes is \$7 and \$3 for ice cream only.

We will also be looking for brownie bakers for the rest of the concerts. AND as always, helpers for our table. Please see Karen Marden or Lynn Wawrzyniak to offer help for our Dessert Stand. Schedule for the concerts can be found at: <https://www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation/pages/concerts-common>.



**Rally at Federal Building:** Next Tuesday, July 1 will be another gathering at the Federal Building in Manchester, to protest the inhumane actions against immigrants. Anyone wishing to carpool is welcome to meet at 8am in the town hall parking lot.



**July 4<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale:** We will be having a bake sale on the church lawn, before and during the parade—starting at 8 am. We are asking for people to donate individually wrapped baked items for us to sell. You can drop off your baked goods at the church from 5-7 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, or by 8 am on the 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Woodland at [barbarawoodland@comcast.net](mailto:barbarawoodland@comcast.net) or 603-487-3643.



**Celebration of Freedom Service:** We are planning a special worship service for July 6 and are in need of several readers. You can sign up at church this coming Sunday if you would like to be a reader.



**Summer Flowers for the Sanctuary:** For June, July and August, flowers for the sanctuary will be "Potpourri" meaning a mixture of whatever anyone would like to share from their garden or favorite garden center. Questions?? Ask Ellen Anderson, cell 973-747-2321 or [andersel@njms.rutgers.edu](mailto:andersel@njms.rutgers.edu). No need to sign up. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one. And many thanks in advance to those who can contribute to our worship service.



**Dress A Girl Around the World:** This project will be continuing through September. Meetings at the church will be: July 19, Aug 16 and Sept all Saturdays (6,13, 20, 27). Completed dresses are due to Kristi by September 30. Any questions or if you would like to participate, contact Kristi at 603-486-9910 or email at [kris\\_Kreations@comcast.net](mailto:kris_Kreations@comcast.net). Kristi is still looking for sergers. If you can help with that, let Kristi know.



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**Peace Quote:** Not just for our lives, but more importantly for our kids and grandchildren, you've got to understand that despair is not an option.....*Sen. Bernie Sanders*