

The Seekonk Congregational Church
United Church Of Christ

The
Caller

Gathered 1885



CELEBRATION SUNDAY! SEPTEMBER 8TH ~ ~ 9:30AM



“Keeping Faith at the Core”

*“Faith Shapes Our Core Values To Respect Others, To Be Honest,
To Show Kindness, To Love Diversity, And To Create Community”*



WELCOME BACK ALL AGES!!

- K-8th Grade begin in church with parents then move to Hall for theme project
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- Teachers and helpers commissioned
- 2nd graders commissioned for communion class & Bible presentation

AFTER WORSHIP ... Special “Apple Everything” Coffee Hour, Treats, Games, Spin Art and More!

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TO BELIEVE IS TO CARE-----

-----TO CARE IS TO DO !!!

2024 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Clergy:
Director of Faith Formation: Kristin Putney
Director of Music: Susan Barrow
Office Administrator: Maria Tavares
Treasurer: Donna Euell



Assistant for Operations: Louanne Jennings-Abelson
Co-Senior Deacon: Tony DeJesus & Lori Ferreira
Moderator: Stacy Inman
Parish Nurse: Addie Heelan
Co-Trustee Chairs: Craig Mace & Linda Sable
The Congregation Ministers

BOARD OF DEACONS



Reflecting back on last year's August article, it seems we had a repeat with regards to the weather we experienced over the summer; hot and humid! The official end of summer is again on September 22, and we will continue our 9:30 start time at least through then.

As we start out this fall season, don't forget to wear your nametags (as we are sure you did all summer long). This is part of being "radically inclusive", making sure our arms are open to ALL who walk through our doors and letting them know who WE are, and that we are interested in knowing THEM. Besides, you really don't want to get on the bad side of Donna Euell, because you know she will find you without your name tag! How do you get a nametag you ask? See Donna Euell, or call the church office at 508-336-9355.

We are very grateful for all our Pulpit Suppliers, who gave us wonderful sermons/messages. **Jonathan Ryder** is preaching this morning and sharing in the communion. He is a member here and has served for several years as pulpit supply for numerous local churches. He was ordained in the UCC, and served briefly in a church in Indiana before determining that his true vocation lay in education. He is currently a School Librarian in Providence Public Schools, as well as serving as Chaplain for the Pawtuxet Rangers (RI Historic Militia), and Troop 1 Seekonk (Scouts BSA).

Emily Carle (she/hers) is a UCC Member in Discernment approved for ordination and a member of Center Church in South Hadley, MA. She recently graduated from Louisville Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Certificate in Educational Ministry. Emily loves watching sitcoms, reading fantasy novels, and keeping up with Taylor Swift. She enjoys trying new vegetarian restaurants - but Garden Grille will always be her favorite!

Theresa Lever is a member of Bethany United Church of Christ in Montpelier, Vermont, currently licensed as their temporary co-pastor. She has been active in the Vermont Conference UCC, especially in the area of justice and peace and in providing worship leadership in dozens of churches. She retired in 2019 after working 38 years as a social worker in Central Vermont Medical Center's nursing homes and cancer center. Theresa lives in downtown Montpelier with her partner, Paul, and close to her two daughters and three grandchildren. She has been a close friend of the DeBlois family since college.

While we are into the spirit of thanks, we also thank Kristin Putney and the many, many, many people that helped her create another great Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience! It is always very impressive to go by the church during the VBS and see so many people involved!

As we segue into our fall season, we renew our many fundraising activities, such as the Harvest Supper. If you want to be a committed member of our church family, these various fundraisers are a great place to volunteer and meet new people, while making a difference for this church community. Check Donna Euell's newsletter or her Sunday announcements to plan your volunteer opportunities.

Below is a listing of our Board of Deacons. We can easily be recognized as the ones who are wearing the red or purple (and sometimes white) stoles in church. We are here to serve, so if you have any concerns or questions, please give us the opportunity to help you.

DEACONS: Lori Ferreira & Tony DeJesus (Co-Senior Deacons)

Dawn Houle	Jim Siegfried	Bonnie DeBlois	Mark Johnson	Brian Burns
Lesley Daigle	Cindy Pearson	Keli Hoyt-Rupert	Christina Greene	Tom Heelan

Louanne Jennings-Abelson & Evelyn Watkins (Deacon Emerita) Jonathan Ryder (ad hoc)
Donna Euell (ad hoc) Russ Noble (ad hoc)

Submitted By: David Graham (Deacon Emeritus)



Our Pastor Search Update

Updated News: Our interim pastor profile has been posted.



Now the work begins with receiving & reviewing the applications and deciding who to call in for interviews. With a profile like ours my guess is that we will receive many interested in SCC-UCC. We have begun to receive profiles.

The interim selection team is: Stacy Inman, Tony DeJesus, Tom Heelan, Cindy Pearson & Brenda Santos and they had their first meeting last week. So far they have received 7 profiles. Please understand that this process is confidential and the team can and will not discuss details of their meetings. We will all know when they have narrowed down the search.

Your support and engagement in this process are greatly appreciated as we begin the phase of finding the right interim pastor who will play an important role in leading us forward to find a permanent pastor.

The Church Council led by the moderator selects the committees. If you are interested in either committee you could always email or text me and I will forward your name to our moderator Stacy Inman or you could contact her directly **StacyAnn7@comcast.net**.

We ask for your prayers for guidance and wisdom as we begin this process.

September Service Update



We are excited to announce that in September, we will continue with one service at 9:30 AM. Church school will also be held at that time. While we understand that our 2nd service was very convenient for many, we hope you will join us at 9:30 during this transition period. Remember if anyone ever needs a ride to church, please call us and we will make the necessary arrangements to assist you. Your patience is valued and we are here to support you in any way we can.

The Deacon's Fund goes to help those in our faith community in need of emergency help or those who have special needs! For those who give via paper envelopes, the envelopes are GREEN and in the offering envelope box for the first Sunday of each month. OR if you give on-line, go to www.scc-ucc.com and click on the online giving button at the top right hand corner and fill out the online giving form.

We thank all who give faithfully and encourage others to consider a small gift for this fund each month.

OCTOBER 6TH WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

- 9:30AM Worship and Church School at 9:30AM
- K-8th Begin in Church with family
- Breads from around the world
- "Visitors" from many countries



ALL SAINTS DAY: November 3rd

On the first Sunday in November, it is our tradition to carry out an ancient tradition that has been in existence for over 1000 years. It is the tradition of remembering with love and gratitude those who have gone on before us to eternal rest.

If you have lost a loved one since last November, please feel free to call the office and we will include the name on our Roll Call for that day. Also plan to come to a most inspiring and uplifting service with toe-tapping jazz that will lead us all to greater heights!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024 ~

8TH **Welcome Back ~ "Celebration Sunday!!!" @ 9:30 AM**

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15th Regular Classes ... **"God Created Critters!"**

All Children go to Church School Classrooms for lesson and will be brought to big hall at 10:00 AM for **Special Guests: Joe's Crazy Critters!** An hour presentation will end at 11:00 AM. Joe will bring 12-15 critters and children will have the opportunity to hold the critters. Parents can join the group after worship in the hall and stay until the end or leave with their child if needed.

22nd Regular Classes

29th Regular Classes (Confirmands Commissioned)

OCTOBER 2024~

6th **World-Wide Communion Sunday** (processional of costumes and breads)
K- 8th grade BEGIN (with family) IN CHURCH

13th Regular Classes

Saturday Oct 19 TRUNK OR TREATS! 2-5 PM in Fall River Parking Lot

20th Regular Classes

27th Regular Classes (children invited to wear a costume for a special parade in worship!)
Special Coffee Hour Treats!

Confirmation Orientation Meeting

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH

(Calling ALL 9th - 10th - 11th - 12th Graders)

Sunday, September 22ND in lower hall at 10:30 -11:30 AM (with refreshments)

Meeting for prospective confirmands and a parent(s)

~ Please RSVP Kristin Putney 774-991-1555

All prospective confirmands please attend church at 9:30 AM



~TRUNK OR TREATS~

Seekonk Congregational Church

Saturday, October 19 from 2PM - 5PM

"Trunks or Treats" (Fall River Ave. Parking Lot)

Please contact Kristin Putney at 774-991-1555 if you are interested in decorating a vehicle or bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors dressed in costume for a fun filled afternoon with inside games and treats. Candy donations are welcome

PEOPLE AND PASSAGES

BAPTISMS

June 16, 2024

*William Lawrence Hindle
Son of Paul and Madison Hindle*

June 23, 2024

*Mateo Gael Farrell-Salazar and Lucia Maeve Farrell-Salazar
Son and Daughter of Jessy Farrell and Gelissa Salazar*

NEW MEMBERS

June 16, 2024

*Claire and Stanley Baptiste, Nancy Carey, Beverly DelRosso,
Deborah Silvia, Denise Whitelaw, Andrew Nunes*

BIRTH

August 16, 2024

*Solenne Estes Jackson
Daughter of Brynne & Rodney Jackson
Sister of Renne
Granddaughter of Kristin & Bobby Putney*



NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

The Columbarium Committee... The Columbarium is available to all church members and their families. Use of the Columbarium Includes the inurnment spot, the container, the plaque, and the actual inurnment. Funeral and cremation costs are not included. We encourage anyone who would like more information on the Column to contact Shelley Alves or Linda Sable

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?
FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL THANK YOU!

INVITE THOSE WITH NO CHURCH HOME TO VISIT OUR CHURCH
... If we seek to be a church that is welcoming – it begins with each one of us extending an invitation~~

Be KIND - we are all God's Children

*“I expect to pass through this world but once
If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show or any
good thing I can do for my fellow being,
Let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again”*

be
KIND
TO OTHERS.

From the Board of Trustees



The Trustees we will not be meeting again until the All Committee Meeting, Monday September 16th at 6PM. The Trustees will continue to meet the third Monday of every month.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintenance of the Church and the grounds. If you see any maintenance related issues, please see a Trustee

Blue Envelopes... Thanks to all who contribute to the Mortgage Debt Reduction! The Blue envelopes in your box help us meet the monthly expenses.

ATTENTION

**All who serve on a Church Board
or Committee that meet on a regular basis!**

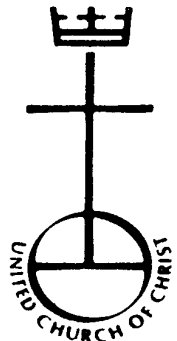
*Boards of Christian Education, Deacons,
Mission & Social Action, Trustees
and Stewardship Committee plus Church Council*

**September Meetings will be held at
ONE time only...**

**Monday, September 16th
beginning at 6:00pm in Hall**

**Note* We will cover several important areas of church life and leadership
altogether and then each Committee will hold its monthly meeting that night.**

*(Regular monthly/bi-monthly meeting
times will resume in October)*



FALL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

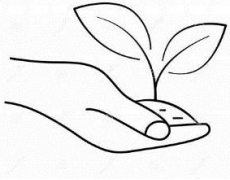
Saturday, November 9th (9AM – Noon)

**Volunteers needed for cleanup of Church grounds
Sign up sheet in Hall**

(Contact if any question: Trish Sweeney 508-736-8434)



STEWARDSHIP



PLEDGE GIVING (2024-2025)

“IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE.”

Thanks to all who have returned their pledge cards

Have you turned in your pledge form for the ongoing work of our Church?
Forms are available at each entry way...
please place in offering plate or you can call Maria in the office 508-336-9355.

Is your Pledge up-to-date?

OUR OFFERINGS ~ DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING

Have you ever noticed that some people don't put anything in the offering plate during worship!?!? Not that it's anyone's business...but some folks would like it known that they give with a check each month or every two months while still others give electronically and have it taken out of their checking and sent to the church directly...and of course there are those who give faithfully into the plate every week!

So...there are different ways of giving and we give thanks for the variety.

There are 3 ways to financially give to the church

Annual Giving – This covers the annual expenses of the Church – Mortgage, Staff Salaries, Utilities, Insurance, Office Supplies, Cleaning, Maintenance Supplies & so much more.

Capital Campaign – This is fundraising for a large project – Construction projects & major repairs-something not covered in the annual budget.

Planned Giving – This is for the future of the Church. There are so many options to leave money to a charitable organization. Qualified Charitable Distribution; Donor Advised Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities; Charitable Remainder Unitrusts or Annuity Trusts; Donating Stocks; In your Will - Lump Sum, % of your Assets, Property. Also know that when giving funds you can be specific and select an area that the funds will be used. It can be to the Music Programs, Children's Programs, Camperships, Signage, Repairs, General Budget or anything that means something to you. So many options.

Thank you for continuing to give weekly and contributing to our capital campaigns and please consider PLANNED GIVING for our FUTURE.
Future generations will thank you.



MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION



- ♦ **FOOD FOR ANY YOU KNOW WHO HAVE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES:** granola/cereal bars, cereal (especially Cheerios), food in pouches that doesn't need heating, or peanut butter
- ♦ **THE CLOTHING SHED** is at the end of the County Street parking lot. Drop off your clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases or stuffed animal donations in a tied up bag.
- ♦ **HIGHWAY CLEANUP** - April through November etc. Sign up to make OUR portion of 114A from here to RI line. **Contact church or Mission Group**
- ♦ **CANS & BOTTLES** MA deposit Only: Save the environment and people!! Bring donations to the green bins - lift lid - drop in clean bottles and cans.

SEEKONK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – GARDEN UPDATE

We are very thankful to everyone (including our new volunteers) who have helped with our Church Gardens throughout the Spring and Summer! The Gardens have looked beautiful - especially during our "Joy FULL June" Celebrations!

Now that Fall is approaching, we can use more help with weeding, raking and preparing our gardens for the Fall Season.

ADOPTING A GARDEN AREA - Families and Church members have adopted garden spaces and/or updated spaces to add new plants and make the spaces beautiful. There are more garden areas to adopt if you are interested.

We thank everyone who spends time helping to take care of our Church property: mowing, weeding, raking, spreading mulch, and trimming flowers and bushes. It helps make our Church a beautiful place to come together for Church, children's activities and special events. Thank you all VERY MUCH!

We also thank Trish Sweeney for helping coordinate the Church Garden map of memorial spaces, and organizing the gardening tasks! If you wish to help please call Trish (508-736-8434) or Maria Tavares at our Church Office.

Your Deacons, Landscaping Committee and Trustees!





WELCOME TO THE EARNEST WORKERS!

**WELCOME BACK TO FALL and WELCOME BACK
to the EARNEST WORKERS
for our SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER Activities!**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 - WELCOME BACK MEETING for THE EARNEST WORKERS! (Note this is the third week of September!)

For our first Earnest Workers meeting of the new year we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall of the Gardiner Building, introducing ourselves to each other and welcoming everyone including new members. We will go over our Calendar for the Fall of 2024 and share dates for our meetings, programs and fundraising events for 2024-2025. This is a wonderful time to invite new friends to join us to find out who we are and what we plan to do for the coming year!

We will also make containers for our Cookie Walk Fundraising Activity that is held in late October. Please bring a bagged lunch and a beverage. Decaf Coffee and dessert will be provided.

OCTOBER 2, 2024 - GUEST SPEAKER Ellen Bensusan - ARMCHAIR TRAVELOGUE - Travels to Australia and New Zealand!

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall of the Gardiner Building for our business meeting. Ellen Bensusan will join us at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary to share her pictures and wonderful stories about her trip to Australia and New Zealand. Then we will travel back to the Hall for Lunch and dessert. Please bring a bagged lunch and beverage. Decaf coffee and dessert will be provided.

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 - FLOWER ARRANGING with Christina Greene

We will meet in the Hall of the Gardiner Building at 10:00 a.m. for our business meeting. Christina will join us at 10:30 to teach us and lead us in making beautiful Flower Arrangements. This traditional Flower Arranging meeting is a wonderful and fun event allowing you to take home a beautiful flower arrangement for the Fall Season. If you have a special flower container you wish to use, you may bring it with you. More details to follow.

DECEMBER 11, 2024 - CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON and YANKEE SWAP - Save the date! We have reserved December 11th with Davenport's for our very popular and fun Christmas Luncheon. Joyce Greene and Pat Smith are coordinating this event. **NOTE:** December 1st is the deadline for signing up to join us for the Christmas Luncheon.

If you have questions about the Earnest Workers please contact: Trish Sweeney or Cheryl Gherardini (Co Chairs), Evelyn Watkins (Secretary) or Joyce Greene (Treasurer). Please feel free to call the Church Office to get phone numbers for these Earnest Worker leaders if you wish.



~~ Craft Group ~~

Our group meets Tuesday from 11am to 1pm in Room 1. Come and join us for some lively conversation and craft work. Maybe you knit or crochet or do bead work, coloring or painting. We like to share and have some laughs. Bring a snack or lunch if you like. Contact Mary Silvia at 774-644-5387 with any questions. **Hope to see you!**

Be A Well Being Group Tuesday October 1, 2024 ~ 6 PM

Please join us for 45 minutes of quiet time which includes meditation, prayer and gentle movement all in the candlelit Sanctuary led by Sarah Stevenson.

The purpose of the **Be a Well Being** group is to provide a supportive and non-judgmental forum for exploring stress management strategies and all are invited to attend.

HOW TO BE A
**WELL
BEING**

CHILI COOK-OFF DINNER AND DELICIOUS DESSERT AUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 @ 5:30PM



We are excited to announce that we will have Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction this year. Sign-up sheets to enter in your favorite Chili Recipe will be in the hall or you could contact our coordinator Pat Smith at 401-429-8696 to sign up. Please bring in your chili in a crock pot at the time mentioned on the sign-up list. We will all taste the various Chili Recipes and vote for our "favorite"!

Evelyn Watkins will be coordinating the "Delicious Dessert Silent Auction". You can call Evelyn (401-680-2490) if you would like to make a Delicious Dessert or to bring a Dessert from your favorite Bakery.

We will have sign-up sheets starting in early September for everyone who wishes to help us set up, help during, and clean up after this event. Everyone is welcome to come, have fun and help!

Tickets for the Chili Bake Off Dinner are \$5 and will be sold during Coffee Hour. Walk-ins welcome. We hope you can all join us for this FUN event!



CHURCH YARD SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 ~~~ 9AM – 2 PM!!!

Reserve a table for \$30.00 each to sell your own items or donate your items to the Church for sale at the "Church Section" of the Yard Sale. You can donate items that are no larger than a breadbox - unfortunately, we do not have room for furniture or other large items.

Please check out Donna's emails and Church announcements. If you have items, please put them aside so that you can **bring items to the Church (starting Saturday, September 21st) two weeks before the Yard Sale.** If you have any questions, please call Lori Ferreira (401-525-1874).

We will be putting up sign-up sheets to allow everyone to sign up to help with this event. Evelyn Watkins (401-680-2490) will also be coordinating a Food Table serving Coffee, Juice, Doughnuts and Muffins. If you wish to help bake, please let Evelyn know.

Thank you all very much for helping with this Fundraising Event!

HARVEST DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 ~ 5:00 – 6:30PM



We will have take-out and eat in options. The menu will include baked ham, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, Harvard beets, onions, coleslaw, rolls & butter, and apple bread pudding.

TICKET PRICES: adults \$17 and children (5-12 years old) \$7.

We will have sign-up sheets available for everyone to sign up to make Apple Bread Pudding, to donate miscellaneous items, to help peel vegetables, and/or set up tables on Friday, November 1st, to help serve the Harvest Dinner and/or to help clean up after the dinner on November 2nd.

More details to follow. **Tickets will go on sale during coffee hours on Sunday Oct 13th or you could contact the Church Office at 508-336-9355 or chairperson Kristin Pion 774-991-1836**



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**December 7, 2024
Saturday, from 9AM-2PM**

Our Christmas Bazaar is a wonderful Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC tradition offering beautiful wreaths and centerpieces, delicious ham and beans, amazing baked goods, Grandma's Attic with all sorts of Christmas items, pictures with Santa and so MUCH more!
More information to come!!!

BLOOD DRIVE

(make your appointment at) donate.ribc.org
There are Many Reasons to Give Blood



Blood Drive dates 4-7pm in the Hall ~ Monday Sept 9th and Monday Dec 9th

WHAT IS A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY?



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Throughout the centuries, shawls have been made to provide comfort, warmth and protection for the elements. Today's Prayer Shawls are handmade gifts of well wishes, into which blessings and intentions have been lovingly stitched with prayers for the recipient, offering comfort and warmth of a different kind. With this in mind, people who love to knit and crochet have picked up their needles, hooks and yarn to use their love of their craft to make a thought filled gift for someone special,

creating a gift from their heart.

Similar to praying, spiritual practice involves adding prayer or blessings from our minds and hearts to the work in our hands.

Who will receives the Prayer Shawl?

Prayer shawls often begin with a specific person in mind but they may also be inspired by an intriguing stitch pattern or a tempting yarn. Even if we do not have a specific person in mind, as our projects progress, we might learn of someone who is in need of a shawl.

How can you use the time making a Prayer Shawl as a spiritual experience?

To create a peaceful surrounding and to enhance your quiet, reflective knitting time, prepare your shawl-making space by lighting a candle, playing some quiet music and making yourself a cup of tea.

We will be happy to share Prayer Shawl patterns for both knitting and/or crocheting to anyone who wishes to make a Prayer Shawl. Please let Evelyn Watkins (401-680-2490) or Donna Euell know if you are interested in getting a pattern or finding out more about how to make a Prayer Shawl. Also if you happen to know of friends or family who have extra yarn to donate we will be happy to speak with you.

Thank you all VERY MUCH - and especially thank you all for taking time to pray for our many Church members and friends on our Prayer List in our Church's Weekly emails. We have heard from many how much it means to them that we are thinking of them and sending prayers.

THANK YOU NOTES

TO THE GREATEST CONGREGATION IN THE UNIVERSE...

Dear Friends

The words 'thank you' from the depths of my heart and soul cannot begin to express the gratitude that I will FOREVER carry with me into the rest of my life!

What a privilege and gift to serve for 38 years in the Seekonk Congregational Church United Church of Christ!!!

And THEN to experience the surprises and celebrations beyond all imagining during the 'Joyful June' celebrations... and the myriad of departing gifts of presence and presents ~ of food and flowers... friends and family ... and ALSO the gift of infinite memories~~ and the 1000's of lives from birth to aging and life eternal touching mine.

Because this Seekonk Congregational Church UCC is so amazing... I know that as a faith community you will intentionally and prayerfully live into the future ~ caring and sharing and creating and daring to "BE THE CHURCH"--- all ages *'thinking outside the box---* of *'what is'* to what *'will be'*!!!



*Honor your staff !!! They are THE BEST~ ...
Care for each other !!... ALL AGES ~...
and Serve in Christ's LOVE.
LIVE the Banner and "BE THE CHURCH"
and Yes – Dare to think creatively outside the box!*

*With Love and Gratitude always in all ways!!
Rev. Joy*

Dear Church Family

We all want to thank you once more for helping us to celebrate the completed life of our father Ed August. Your support and caring concern over the last few years have given us great comfort. The frequent cards from church members and the Earnest workers, and visits from church family always lifted his spirits and prompted wonderful memories of his time with his church family. It was quite evident how dad felt during his very last hour as he was reaching out to joy for comfort, support, and prayer.

Our parents raised us and provided us with such a solid spiritual foundation. They found us the perfect church that provided us with an incredible extended church family where we were able to share our gifts and talents, as well as, providing us with an opportunity to learn what giving and sharing are all about, and how it has fulfilled our lives. We have had so many fun times filled with memories along the way including serving as Deacon, Mentors, choir members, church school volunteers, and our favorite, Grandparents camp.

We all know Joy's retirement will bring many changes within our faith community, but Joy has left us with a great legacy that I know we will all honor as we continue to live out our faith in this amazing church family.

Through many of lives ups and downs and twists and turns this church family has sustained us through it all. During this recent loss your love and support has held us up. We found comfort in your support and are tremendously grateful for all of you.

Rejoicing in Gods love and spreading it far and wide!
God Bless,
The August family

