

THE OPEN DOORS

The Newsletter of the Ashby Congregational Church
September 2023

From the Pastor

As we prepare ourselves to enter into the Fall Season, let us pause to give thanks for the blessings we have enjoyed this summer. A very successful Band Concert season was enjoyed by all. The church did quite well in its fundraising activities selling ice cream sundaes, floats and popcorn. Thanks to all who helped out.

Our church family has grown a bit this year with new faces seen in worship on a regular basis. For those who say that God does not matter, they should come to church and find out that God does matter and that we are here to teach and learn from the scriptures as faithful children of God. Time spent in worship and fellowship with each other is as important as anything we do at other times during the week.

I urge you to invite friends and family to join with us on some Sunday morning and find the joy that comes with worshipping God. Coming to church can be a very uplifting and stress relieving experience. Think about how good you feel after church. Wouldn't it be nice to share that feeling with others? We are called in our Statement of Faith "to proclaim His gospel to all mankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and laboring for the progress of knowledge, to promotion of His justice, the reign of peace and the realization of Christian brotherhood." This is the mission of our church and we should be willing to carry it out with joy.

The coming months will prove to be busy as we enter into the season of Thanksgiving and the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Try to make church a regular part of your schedule. You won't regret it.

Blessing to all,
Pastor Ken



Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 am

SUMMER RECAP

June, Children's Sunday
Signing to a "Wonderful World"



Tyler Dillon received his Duty to God and Country Boy Scout Award

The Ashby Congregational Church Scholarship Awards were given to two of our continuing education students.

Riley Gendron and Madisen Dillon
We wish them all the best in their endeavors!



Wednesday night Band Concerts might have started out a little wet and windy but it did give us a beautiful full rainbow.

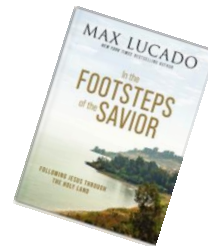


BIBLE STUDY

We will begin a new study on Tuesday, November 7th.

It is titled “In The Footsteps Of The Savior.” It is written by Max Lucado and will go for 6 weeks. The study will take us to different places in the Holy land where Jesus lived and preached.

Info to follow.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts September 17th

Welcome Back!!



We are so excited to begin a new year of learning, exploring, experiencing and growing in faith with you and your child!

This year, each child will compile a cumulative photo/activity album. Each child will have his/her photo taken engaged in the weekly activity. The photo along with a story, written activity or drawing will be kept in the album to be taken home at the end of the school year.

We will be starting off our curriculum this year with an 8-week unit study of the animals in the Bible. The Bible is full of wonderful stories that involve animals. For each Bible animal, the children will learn to navigate the Bible as they learn the Biblical concept or story.

Following this unit, we will begin a unit on Biblical virtues. Virtues such as gentleness, self-control, diplomacy, contentment, humility, optimism, love, forgiveness, persistence, patience, faith and responsibility will be covered. Music, crafts and performances will be an integral part of the curriculum.

Dan Smith will be working with the children in grades 7 and up.

Classes will meet after “Children’s Time” and will be dismissed into the Fellowship Hall after each class has ended.

Please rsvp if your child is planning on attending this year so I can plan accordingly.

Hope to see you on the 17th!

Blessings, Laurie Dillon, Superintendent
Cathy Johnson, Teacher



Ashby Congregational Church

It's that time of year again!!

DRIVE-THRU

"HARVEST BAKERY"

Saturday, October 22, 2023

10am - 11am

Pumpkin Whoopie Pies \$7 for ½ doz.

Jumbo Pumpkin Muffins \$1.75 each or 4 for \$6

Fresh Apple Cider Donuts \$1.25 each or \$7 for ½ doz.

NEW THIS YEAR!! PUMPKIN ROLL \$10

Preorders Only – Call Cathy 978-386-5502
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Order Deadline: Friday, October 13th



Turkey Potato Chowder

Gayanne Boyer shares her mother's recipe

Ingredients:

1 pound ground turkey
1 medium onion, chopped
1 celery stock, chopped
1 medium red pepper, chopped
6 cups chicken broth
1 large potato, cubed
1 bay leaf
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup Half & Half
1/4cup parsley

Directions:

In a large pot, cook ground turkey, onion, celery and red pepper over medium heat.

Stir often to break up limbs of turkey.

Cook until turkey is done. Add chicken broth, bay leaf, salt, pepper and bring to a boil.

Reduce to low heat and simmer, stirring occasionally for 25 minutes. Stir in Half & Half, parsley and remove bay leaf.
Serve

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Sizes Available*

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday School Starts – September 17th

Choir Begins – September 17th

Pumpkin Fest – September 30th

Bake Sale – October 21th

Ashby Congregational Church Annual Meeting – October 22nd

Halloween Town wide Celebration – October 30th

Operation Christmas Child - shoebox collection - Look for information in next issue

Bible Study – November 7th

Ladies Night – Fall & Christmas Decorations – Center Pieces

Christmas Tree Lighting on the Common – December 2nd

Children's Church Christmas Celebration – December 10th

Christmas Band Concert – December 16th – Dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall

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