

# THE OPEN DOORS

Newsletter of the Ashby Congregational Church  
August - September 2025

From the Pastor

As warm as this summer has been so far, it has still been enjoyable for most of us. The Band Concert season is almost over, and we are looking forward to a busy autumn. As September approaches, we must make plans for the Church annual meeting. Our Church is doing quite well, and we are blessed to have so many people participating at all levels. The attendance level has been steady and even growing as we continue to share the message of the gospel in our community.

Our church family has been so very generous in helping to support organizations like Samaritan's Purse as they respond to tragedies across the world. The Christian outreach is so important in this world today even when there are so many different causes and charities competing for resources. Our Mission's Committee is to be commended for their efforts in making sure that we can support as many groups as possible.

I would urge all members of our church to take a look at the several committees in the church and if you are interested, please ask someone if you can get information on what each committee does and learn what is required to serve. Any and all help will be welcome. I look forward to the coming seasons and the blessings that go along with each one.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ken

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 10:00 am



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### CHILDREN'S DAY June 8<sup>th</sup>

Children's Sunday was celebrated on June 8, 2025.

The service was lead by the confirmation class. The pre-K – grade 5 children shared what they learned as they traveled in a “time machine” through the Bible. They shared the “souvenirs” they collected and the meaning of each souvenir. They played a song with the handbells and a song with the boomwhackers. The program concluded with a slideshow of the children throughout the year involved in various activities related to the travel theme.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible school was held July 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

The theme was “Magnify-Discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things”. Every day was filled with crafts, bible stories, science and recreation.

Fun was had by all!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL – September 14<sup>th</sup>

The tentative first day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The curriculum will be based off of the Dr. Seuss Book, “Oh, the Places You’ll Go”. We will be learning about people and places as we travel throughout the Bible. Each child will keep a scrap book to help them to remember their “trip”.

Looking forward to a new school year!

## THE ASHBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH “GIFT OF RECOGNITION”

The Scholarship Committee had one qualifying recipient this year and is pleased to give a “Gift of Recognition” to Ben Johnson who will be attending UMass Lowell majoring in Mechanical Engineering. We wish him the best in all his endeavors!

### Prayer is Powerful



**1 Chronicles 16:11** – “Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.”

**Matthew 7:7** – “Ask, and it will be given unto you; seek and you will find; knock; and it will be open to you.”

There are no guarantees in life. We will be faced with many moments of affliction and pain that requires us to seek the Lord as our refuge and strength.

An integral part of our church is the prayer chain. We lift up the needs of not only the people in our church family, but also the needs of others. Through prayer, we often ask for Gods healing touch and divine intervention for individuals and their families.

We are thankful for those who take the time to pray. This act of love and compassion is a powerful expression of faith and hope.

### MISSIONS NEWS

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*God at Work,  
Faith in Action*

The Missions Committee continued to make contributions to worthy causes. A donation of \$1100.00 consisting of \$600 from church members and friends donations and \$500 from the Missons Committee, was sent to support relief efforts from the Texas floods.

Campus Ambassadors Christian Fellowship at Fitchburg State University where students can learn about God, the Bible, make friends and go on retreats was given a \$150.00 donation. To close out the remaining funds, a donation of \$91.00 was made to the Salvation Army. The committee was pleased to add a new member whose enthusiasm and ideas are greatly welcomed.

Our dollars at work once again! Praise be to God!

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## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday School Starts** –September 14<sup>th</sup>

**Pumpkin Fest** – September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Ashby Congregational Church Annual Meeting** – date to be determined

**Drive-Thru Bakery Sale** – October 25<sup>th</sup>

### **The Open Doors**

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