



## Reflections on Summer Ministries

### Why not just send money?

#### Youth Mission Reflection

Hope Aldrich

*This summer, parishioner Hope Aldrich will be part of her 5th St. Andrew's Youth Mission as an adult leader. We've asked her to reflect a bit on the nature of these trips, and why they feed her spirit.*

My attention was piqued in February of 2005, when I received a phone call that began, "I'm going to ask you something that might surprise you." Any conversation that starts that way has my immediate attention. Daniel Viggiani, then the Youth Minister at St. Andrew's, wanted to know if I'd be willing to chaperone the Youth Mission trip to Jamaica that summer. That trip was life-changing, not just for me, but for many of our kids and countless people still living in Hagley Gap. One of our youth leaders, John Prensner, has developed a long-term relationship between the village and the University of Michigan Medical School, creating a health clinic that is vital and active to this day.

Since then, I have had the opportunity to participate in two mission trips to Mississippi, work in Boston and travel to Honduras. What I have discovered to be a recurring theme in these trips is the magic that is born of giving. No matter what happens on the trip, before or after, each participant is forever changed, some dramatically, some without realizing, but all affected. The students involved from St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's and sometimes other kids, evolve in ways that are not possible in their "real" lives. One of the most poignant examples was a day on a bus outside San Pedro Sula, Honduras. There was an accident and we were stuck for several hours as the wrecks

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## SUMMER

#### Being A Steward In Haiku; #1

What is ours is God's;  
He wants us to care for it;  
Much good can be done.

### Making a joyful noise...

#### Vacation Bible School

Laura Brown-Mac Kinnon and Ruth Keyes

*Later this month, St. Andrew's will offer its second annual Vacation Bible School! Parishioner Laura Brown-Mac Kinnon and Ruth Keyes offers us this reflection on what VBS does for our church community and why it's so much fun.*

Five days of singing and dancing, playing and praying, crafting and reading, thinking and saying...I don't know who had more fun at last year's VBS, the 32 children enrolled or the adults and youth volunteering to lead them through all this. I do know that my family has carried the music and the eye-openers with us on all our travels far and wide. Even now, I hear

this music and instantly my soul lights up. I often hear my children in another room, completely unattended by me or any other adult, spontaneously singing their VBS songs. "Today is the day you have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it...and I won't worry about tomorrow. I trust in what you say, today is the day!" Vacation Bible School isn't just an entertaining diversion for the first week of

summer, it's a place to share and develop a common language of faith with our children. I know this year's VBS will be just as joyful, just as noisy and just as much fun. I am so grateful to St. Andrew's Church for giving us this opportunity.

— Laura Brown MacKinnon • [laura@brown-mackinnon.com](mailto:laura@brown-mackinnon.com)

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were moved to the side of the road. Out the windows, we saw open-air shacks which were people's homes, families struggling to survive. Staring was impolite at best. The kids interacted within the confines of the bus, time passed, depth of intimacy grew. As the Wellesley kids and their Boston peers talked, the realities of city life and suburban life back home were exposed as never before. Understanding and empathy grew. It was hugely moving.

This summer, we will return to Jamaica. This time to work on their water purification system, improve the grounds of the community center and whatever else the people of Hagley Gap may ask of us. We could send cash, and if we did they'd be most grateful, but in reality, that is short-lived. The gift of our time and witness, and our teens' time and witness is precious. Watching what happens to kids on these trips has touched my life. You can't buy that.

— Hope Aldrich • [h2ohope@hotmail.com](mailto:h2ohope@hotmail.com)

## Vacation Bible School continued from page 1

Vacation Bible School started off with a splash last summer. It was a wonderful program that brought together "kids" of all ages for a week long experience. Volunteers and children both learned that experiencing the Bible can be fun. What made this vacation bible school truly wonderful was the way that each Bible point was reinforced, through crafts, games, skits, stories, songs and discussion. It enabled each child and adult to really experience the Bible with all of their senses—this made it truly memorable. One of the program's strengths was the multi-age structure. Each "crew" was comprised of five kids—all different ages, and led by one of our high school students. Now our kids really feel that they know other children and our church, not just their Sunday School class. They especially love seeing the high schoolers on Sundays and think that they are the "coolest" things going. A lot of great friendships were started last summer.

We are excited to see them continue to grow from this. What a wonderful way to show the children God's love and involvement at all ages of their lives.

— Ruth Keyes • [rhkeyes@hotmail.com](mailto:rhkeyes@hotmail.com)



## A Big Team Of Helpers The B-SAFE Program Debbie Osborn


*The B-SAFE program is a big summer project that St. Andrew's contributes to... we hope you will contribute too!*

"A Summer enrichment program in Boston at St. Stephen's & beyond, full of fun, learning and friends for children and youth from 6-17 years old." The folks at St. Stephens's Youth Programs view summer time as an amazing gift, an opportunity to offer a program that all elementary and adolescent age children deserve to have and need to thrive. Our St. Andrew's volunteer efforts make a vital contribution to the success of B-SAFE. As you begin to confirm your plans for July, consider the difference your time and support could make participating in our partner church responsibility—come

join St. Andrew's volunteers the 3rd week in July, the 18th – 22nd.

We need a big team of helpers! St. Andrew's partnership with St. Stephen's and the B-SAFE program requires over 40 volunteers for one week in the summer to be successful. Planning, preparing and delivering lunches and snacks for 140 kids and counselors, ending with a fabulous field trip and picnic lunch at the end of the week. Please contact Debbie Osborn, Coordinator for B-SAFE with any questions or to Sign-up. 781-820-7040 ☎

— Debbie Osborn • [debbicosborn@comcast.net](mailto:debbicosborn@comcast.net)



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# Rector's Letter

## Varieties of Gifts, But the Same Spirit

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.*

– St. Paul to Corinth:  
1 Cor. 12:4ff.

The feast of Pentecost falls late this year, on June 12th, late enough that we can reflect on a whole variety of activities, services and gifts that we have experienced in the past weeks and months as the program year of our community concludes.

There has been the annual outpouring of gifts at Bargain Haul: gifts of things leaving our households, and gifts of things arriving. Always impressive to me, as I know to you, is the outpouring of time, thoughtfulness, compassion, ingenuity and good humor from over a hundred workers, coming together from all corners of the St. Andrew's community and beyond it.

As we celebrate Christ's ministry among us and his call to new ministry in Bedford, I am

conscious not just of the great gifts that Christ has brought to us, but also of the many gifts that have risen up from the church school, the youth groups, the college students' and adult study groups as we have embraced the work of spiritual learning and exploring with Christ's enthusiastic encouragement, and that of so many wonderful staff and volunteer leaders.

These and many other gifts that we give thanks for in our life at St. Andrew's are gifts of the Spirit. We believe that God the Holy Spirit is at work among us, drawing out our various capacities for caring, stimulating, giving generously, opening ourselves humbly to the scriptures and prayer, praising God in music and other art forms, taking risks for the sake of justice and to renew the hope of people to whom history and fortune have been unkind.

On the feast of Pentecost we have a special opportunity to thank God and celebrate with each other the constantly changing and emerging expressions of the Spirit.

We give thanks for our children, through whom the Spirit can move with such disarming ease and candor. We give thanks for our community veterans, through whose perspective the Spirit brings us wisdom and discernment for the long journey as well as the short intense sprint. We give thanks for newcomers, who challenge us to try new things and to see fresh opportunities, and who renew our reservoir of energy.

We give thanks for community members who help us understand the gifts and challenges of being poor, racially distinctive, gay, brilliantly gifted, disabled or challenged by disease or injury. All these varieties of experience are gifts of the Spirit to all of us, and are leading us by sometimes painfully small steps to be more inclusive, more understanding and more accepting. All this we celebrate with joy and with humble gratitude. God is among us, making the merely human holy. ✠



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# Warden's Letter

## Anne Prensner and Randy Parker, Wardens

Last fall, new carpeting was installed in the office wing as part of the Fire and Heat campaign. Now, the Property Task Force is researching replacing the well-worn carpet in the sanctuary as part of Fire and Heat as well. There are several data-gathering efforts underway that will help determine how best to do this. An acoustic study is being conducted to help us understand the effects of various flooring options in the sanctuary on our worship experience. With this information and updated cost estimates for several floor cover options, we hope to solicit feedback from the congregation on various alternatives being considered for our worship space. There will be a **parish discussion forum following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on June 5<sup>th</sup>** for Task Force members to share what has been learned, offer best recommendations based on this data gathering and for parishioners to offer their comments.

There are smaller Fire and Heat projects also under consideration for this summer. These include refurbishing our Denton and Washington entry doors, roofing repairs on our rectory and Montessori wing, and electrical upgrades. Decisions for completing these will follow the determination of scheduling a larger project, whether it is the sanctuary or the installation of energy-saving windows in the Montessori wing.

Unexpectedly, our Denton Road property sustained winter storm damage that will require roofing repairs. A water leak was discovered in the kitchen that will force us to remodel the cabinetry and flooring. These repairs, which will be funded from the operating budget and repair and maintenance reserves, are urgent and will be completed this summer.

The Vestry will conduct a six-month budget review during June as promised at

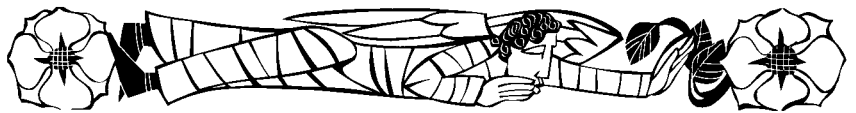
annual meeting. This will be reported on in the September *CALL*.

Easter was celebrated late in April, an unusually late date for the holiday, and Bargain Haul started the following week. This made for a busy time for parishioners; however, thanks to everyone who offered their time and talent to each celebration and special thanks to Liz Parsons and Liz Tecca, our Bargain Haul co-chairs.

Finally, we congratulate Chris Wendell on his call to St. Paul's Church in Bedford as their next rector. Chris has been with us for almost four years and he and his wife, Kristen, and their infant son, Nathan, have added a wonderful dimension to St. Andrew's. We are very excited for them as they begin this new part of their life and thank Chris for his work among us and wish him all the best.

—Anne Prensner • [amprensner@gmail.com](mailto:amprensner@gmail.com) ✠

## Stewardship



### What it means to be a steward from your Stewardship Committee

#### Tony Rea, Committee Chair



Being a steward to me is taking care of what God has provided for me. He gives me guidance on how to do that through the Bible. I have much richness in my life I see it as a faith-based responsibility which God entrusted to me to help those who are less fortunate. I have chosen to let St. Andrew's be the way I work to help those less fortunate and also to strengthen my faith. I see myself as a steward of St. Andrew's and of God's gifts;

I am one of many members, all caretakers of our mutual abundance. My faith called me to care for stewardship. It is a great privilege to have the responsibility for helping all understand how sharing this abundance is one of the deepest parts of our faith.

— Tony Rea • [tonyrea@verizon.net](mailto:tonyrea@verizon.net)

#### Connie Barnes, Committee Member



When I became an Episcopalian seven years ago and my husband Peter and I joined St. Andrew's Church, I felt as though I had "come home." My spiritual life and faith have been strengthened because of being a part of this welcoming community and receiving the guidance of its dedicated clergy.

As an active member of our new "home" I have felt closer to God and my faith. Joining the Stewardship Committee was an important step for me because it allows me to support the vital work that members of St. Andrews do as caretakers. Ours is really a Parish of stewards committed to caring for the less fortunate near and far, and I continue to be inspired by the energy and time contributed by St. Andrew's many volunteers. Supporting our Church in time and treasure is supporting God's work. — Connie Barnes

# Christian Learning

## Youth Programs

### Last Youth Group Dinner/Cookout

All high school students are invited to attend our final Youth Group Dinner of the year on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the parish lawn! Come for a cookout and games on the lawn, as we hang out, reflect on the year together, and say farewell to Chris, as he concludes his ministry. Please RSVP if you plan to come so we know how much food to get. Hope everyone can make it! — Rev. Chris Wendell • [chris@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:chris@standrewswellesley.org)

## Church School

### Church School End of Year Celebration

All Church School students and teachers are encouraged to attend our Church School Celebration on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. Come and celebrate the wonderful learning and formation that has been going on all year from the Toddler Room up through Rite-13! Help us thank our fantastic corps of over 50 volunteer teachers for their excellent work this year, and show them and all our children how much we value their energy and enthusiasm for this important ministry. Popsicles and a festive coffee hour will follow in the parish hall after the service. Don't forget to wear red as it is also the Feast of Pentecost! —Susan Jackson Roer • [susan@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:susan@standrewswellesley.org)

### Church School Events & Activities for June

#### Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13  
6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Cookout

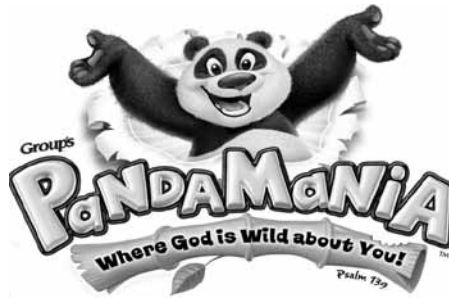
#### Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (All Parish Eucharist)

9:45 a.m. Church School for Toddler – Pre-K Only  
Graduation & Teacher Recognition  
Popsicle celebration following the service!

### Vacation Bible School

On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Andrew's Church is going to be taken over by 44 children, 44 volunteers and a few pandas – singing, dancing, crafting, acting, reading, thinking and praying their way through five Bible stories.

Here are some key dates to mark in your calendars:



#### PARTICIPANTS:

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
9:00 a.m. (sharp) – 12:00 p.m. VBS

#### VOLUNTEERS:

**Station & Associate Station Leaders**  
**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Training Day

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> –**  
**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Set Up & Rehearsal Time

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

Final Set Up after Church

**Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. VBS

**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

12:00 p.m. Volunteer Lunch

**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Clean Up

**Youth Station Assistants**

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Training Day

**Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> –**

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12:00 p.m. Volunteer Lunch

**Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 p.m. Clean Up

**Crew & Assistant Crew Leaders**

**Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Training Day

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### Church School Teachers Still Needed for Next Year!

We're still looking for a few good men (and women) to help make our church school thrive next year. Please consider helping out as a teacher, assistant, pre-school leader or Toddler Room volunteer. We need over 50 people to make this ministry happen, and that includes you. If you have a child in church school, please remember that you are expected to volunteer as a teacher or assistant at least every other year. To sign up, please contact Susan Jackson Roer • [susan@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:susan@standrewswellesley.org) or Jenny Sawyer • [marksawyer10@hotmail.com](mailto:marksawyer10@hotmail.com)



# Worship

## Foreign Language Readers Needed for Pentecost

Each year on the Feast of Pentecost, we invite members of the congregation to help us read the lesson from the Acts of the Apostles in various languages at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. If you can read a foreign language (particularly one that is uncommon!) and would like to participate, please let us know. High school students through seniors are welcome to participate! We can help provide the text of the reading in many foreign languages. — Edie Dolnikowski  
• [edie@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:edie@standrewswellesley.org)



## Acolyte Recognition Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup>!

*All acolytes please plan to attend.*

We have a fantastic group of middle and high school acolytes who enrich our worship through their leadership and service. Please help us recognize them on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through your attendance and show of support for their ministry. — Cynthia Scott  
• [cc.scott@verizon.net](mailto:cc.scott@verizon.net) and Heidi Harper  
• [hnnharper@mac.com](mailto:hnnharper@mac.com)

### Save the Date...

for the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Tenacre Country Day School.

## Calling all potential Acolytes!

St. Andrew's has a special opportunity for students in grades 8-12 to serve our congregation during the September to June season during the regular Sunday 10:00 a.m. services, as well as at special holiday services. New acolytes start in the banner bearer position, advancing in later years to torch bearer and, finally, crucifer. An acolyte's annual commitment is to serve as part of a team for one Sunday a month on a regular basis, or to serve occasionally on a substitute basis. If interested, please contact one of the acolyte coordinators.

—Heidi Harper • [hnnharper@mac.com](mailto:hnnharper@mac.com)  
or Cynthia Scott • [cc.scott@verizon.net](mailto:cc.scott@verizon.net).

### Save the Date...

Church School for Fall 2011 will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please join us that day for Welcome Sunday, which includes Church School Registration and the very important first day of class for all grade levels! The All Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> after church. —Susan Jackson Roer • [susan@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:susan@standrewswellesley.org)

### Save the Date ...

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Andrew's Alternative Auction and Fellowship Event!



# St. Andrew's Summer Calendar

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The Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. The 5:00 p.m. service runs through the end of June and starts again on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:40 a.m. All are welcome! Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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## Wednesday June 1

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. EFM Graduation Service

## Thursday June 2

9:30 a.m. Ascension Day Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir  
12:30 p.m. Altar Guild lunch

## Friday June 3

7:30 p.m. Cody's Recital

## Saturday June 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## Sunday June 5

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group & Dinner

## Monday June 6

7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

## Tuesday June 7

10:00 a.m. Church School Committee  
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

## Wednesday June 8

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday June 9

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Sunday June 12

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
11:30 Festive Coffee Hour for the Wendells  
6:00 p.m. Teacher Thank You and Potluck!

## Wednesday June 15

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee

## Thursday June 16

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place

## Sunday June 19

3:00 p.m. Youth Mission Meeting

## Monday June 20

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

## Tuesday June 21

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

## Wednesday June 22

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Monday June 27

Vacation Bible School begins

## Tuesday June 28

5:15 p.m. Salvation Army  
Miracle Kitchen night

## Wednesday June 29

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday June 30

Youth Mission to Jamaica begins

## Friday July 1

Vacation Bible School ends

## Saturday July 2

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## Monday July 4

Parish Office Closed

## Wednesday July 6

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday July 7

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill

## Friday July 8

Youth Mission to Jamaica returns

## Wednesday July 13

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

## Monday July 18

B-SAFE program begins

## Wednesday July 20

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday July 21

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place

## Friday July 1

B-SAFE program ends

## Tuesday July 26

5:15 p.m. Salvation Army  
Miracle Kitchen night

## Wednesday July 27

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Wednesday August 3

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday August 4

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill

## Saturday August 6

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## Sunday August 7

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Christ  
Church United Methodist, 2 Brook St.,  
Wellesley, MA

## Wednesday August 10

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Sunday August 14

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Wellesley  
Hills Congregational Church,  
207 Washington St., Wellesley, MA

## Monday August 15

Call Deadline

## Wednesday August 17

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday August 18

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place

## Sunday August 21

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Wellesley  
Hills Congregational Church,  
207 Washington St., Wellesley, MA

## Tuesday August 23

5:15 p.m. Salvation Army  
Miracle Kitchen night

## Wednesday August 24

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Sunday August 28

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's  
Episcopal Church

## Wednesday August 31

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday September 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**A Reminder from  
the Treasurer's  
Office**

As you plan for your summer holiday, please remember to keep your pledge payments current over the next three months. Our expenses continue in the summer and we rely on pledge income to pay our bills promptly. Thanks and best wishes for a refreshing summer!

# Parish News

## Farewell from Chris and Kristen Wendell

As we prepare to conclude our time at St. Andrew's later this month (our last Sunday at church will be June 12), Kristen and I just wanted to express to the whole community our profound gratitude for all you have given to us over the past four years. In that time, we have learned so much from getting to know so many of you and sharing in your ministry: valuable skills and lessons that we'll carry forward throughout the coming decades. But more than that, our experiences with you have helped both of us fall in love with parish ministry. We have come to see in St. Andrew's what is possible for a parish community in terms of deepening compassion in the lives of its members, caring for each other, strengthening each other's faith, and carrying out the mission of God in the world.

We've also been so blessed personally by the kindness you have shown us in the past year, as we welcomed our son Nathan into our family. Of course, there have been the occasional challenges, conflicts and growth moments, both for us and for the parish — but they have left us stronger for having faced them, and, we think, St. Andrew's, too. Many of you have expressed to us how much you are looking forward to hearing how things unfold for us in the years ahead. We feel the same way about St. Andrew's! We know there are wonderful things in store for this parish — new ministries to grow, new missions to pursue, new opportunities to welcome strangers, new depths of faithful discipleship to explore. We look forward to hearing about



what God is up to in your life as a community for years to come. With deep gratitude and love, Chris & Kristen — Rev. Chris Wendell  
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