

The Spire

Informing Members and Friends - Encouraging Fellowship and Spiritual Growth

Monthly Newsletter

May 2011

A Newsletter of the First Congregational Church of Sutton – Victoria Snow, Pastor

Pastor's Desk...

How can God love each one of us? How can we each be special in God's sight? The following story shows us how love is not limited. Love is not only for a small few, but love grows and grows. Like to love in this story about the mother and her children, God loves each one of us and is excited to be part of our lives. Happy Mother's Day to all!

Geraniums of Love

by: Harriet Xanthakos,
Chicken Soup for the Soul



As the fifth of seven children, I went to the same public school as my three older sisters and brother. Every year, my mother went to the same pageant and had parent/child interviews with the same teachers. The only thing different was the child. And every child participated in an old school tradition - the annual plant sale held in early May, just in time for Mother's Day.

Third grade was the first time that I was allowed to take part in the plant sale. I wanted to surprise my mother, but I didn't have any money. I went to my oldest sister and shared the secret, and she gave me some money. When I arrived at the plant sale, I carefully made my selection. I agonized over that decision, inspecting each plant to ensure that I had indeed found the best geranium. Once I had smuggled it home, with

the help of my sister, I hid it on the upstairs neighbor's porch. I was very afraid my mother would find it before Mother's Day, but my sister assured me that she wouldn't, and indeed she did not.

When Mother's Day arrived, I was bursting with pride when I gave her that geranium. I remember how bright her eyes were, and how delighted she was with my gift.

The year I was fifteen, my younger sister reached third grade. In early May she came to me full of wonder and secrecy and told me that there was going to be a plant sale at school, and she wanted to surprise our mother. Like my older sister did for me, I gave her some money and off she went. She arrived home full of nervous excitement, the geranium hidden in a paper bag under her sweater. "I looked at every plant," she explained, "and I know I got the best one!"

With a sweet sense of déjà vu, I helped my little sister hide that geranium on the upstairs neighbor's porch, assuring her that our mother would not find it before Mother's Day. I was there when she gave my mother the geranium, and I watched them both bursting with pride and delight. It was like being in a dream I had already dreamed. My mother noticed me watching, and she gave me a soft, secret smile. With a tug at my heart, I smiled back. I had been wondering how my mother could pretend to be surprised at this gift from her sixth child, but as I watched her eyes light up with delight as she was presented with that most precious

gift, I knew she was not pretending.

Blessings,
Victoria

Book of Life



Please keep Les, Bert, Andy, Joan, Pearl, Sandy, Cheryl, Kris, Kim, our service men and women, the peace makers, our church and our country in your prayers.

The Sympathies of our church are extended to... Luanne Peterson and family on the loss of John.

Births... Congratulations to Sean and Sara Reid on the birth of Sophia born on April 12th.

Baptism: Darren Lennox Cland born March 3, 2010 son of Crystal Troy and Jacob Cland.



Remember our Shut-ins with a note or call....

Lillian Peterson
Beaumont Nursing Home
85 Beaumont Drive
Northbridge, Ma. 01534

Bert Helgerson
112 Town Farm Rd.
Sutton, Ma. 01590

Ruth Putnam
St. Camillus Health Care
Hill St.
Whitinsville, Ma. 01588

Pearl Cressey
Millbury Health Care
312 Millbury Ave.
Millbury, Ma. 01527

Joan Smith
16 Bashaw Road
Sutton, Ma. 01590

Lester Stallsmith
195 Hartness Road
Sutton, Ma. 01590

May Birthdays

1st Nancy Falcone
1st Kristi Gervais
1st Anthony Varjabedian
2nd Ryan Conley
2nd Spencer Edwards
4th James Couture
4th Addison Kahale
4th Austin Kahale
4th Kyle Kahale
4th Lillian Peterson
5th Marius Louw
6th Michael Hovagimian
7th Nicholas Brigham
7th Matthew Greenslit
8th Douglas Reid
9th Karolina Eykman
9th Monica McMullan
10th Jacqueline Larsen
10th Mark Ryan
10th Kristine Schulze
10th Tess Smythe
11th Gary Beisaw
11th Caroline Howe
12th Ed Leonard
12th Christina Paul
12th Stephen Smith
13th Matilda Gervais
13th Merrielle Ondreicka
14th Robert LaRue
14th Sylvia Louw
14th Hailey Nemetz
14th Kate Smythe
15th Luanne Ellsesser
16th Kristen Wagner
17th Dawn Coggins
18th Nancy Ryan
18th Robert Shaw
19th Amy Haven
23rd Cynthia Shaw



24th **Walter Baker**
 24th **Heather Sprague**
 25th **Michele Bock**
 27th **Greg Johnson**
 28th **Christopher Chartier**
 29th **Annika Haerle**
 29th **John Peterson**
 30th **Samuel Boltruczuk**
 30th **Faith Cole**
 30th **Marisa Curry**
 30th **Ryan Kassatly**
 31st **Meagan Hopkins**

Here's how it works-you sign up with the Women's Fellowship, and they do all the advertising for you. Maps and lists of addresses of participating homes will be available at the start of the event at the church.

If you wish to rent space at the church, you may do that. Either way, it will be a fun day and there's bound to be lots of customers!

Anyone wishing to participate should call Nancy at 865-4907 before May 22.

The Women

Deacons News

The Sutton Food Pantry

Still needs our help, items that are in great demand are; Syrup, Jam/Jelly, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Pudding, Jello, Sugar, Flour, Beef/Chicken Stew, Hearty Beef Soups, Canned Meats, Spam, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Flavored Noodles, Cereal, Canned Spaghetti (Spaghetti O's/Raviolis) Carrots and Mixed Vegetables.

Please remember that no outdated products can be accepted, so please check the expiration dates.

Women's Fellowship

The regular monthly meeting of the WFS will be held on Monday May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring something for a Yankee Swap 'with a twist'...Call Nancy at 865-4907 with questions.

SECOND ANNUAL TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

The Women's Fellowship of Sutton will hold their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 11. This year the group is inviting everyone in town to be part of it!

