



***No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!***

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Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon  
Tues-Fri 9am-3pm  
Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

**Bulletin Notices:** Please notify the office by Thursday at noon if you would like something added to the bulletin.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Lise Sparrow or one of the Deacons, please leave a message at 257-2776 with the name and room number of the person. Hospital confidentiality regulations prevent visits without this information.

**Prayer Chain:** Should a health emergency arise during the week for which you would like prayers, or if you would be willing to pray for others and would like to join the prayer chain, please call Lucy Spahr-Blazej at 380-3695. If you are leaving a message for Lucy requesting a prayer, please spell the name(s) or email Lucy at [lucysb1@gmail.com](mailto:lucysb1@gmail.com).

**GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH  
United Church of Christ**

**August 11, 2019  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**



“And He took the children in His arms  
Placed His hands on them  
And blessed them.”

(Mark 10:16)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Birthday Song:

*Happy Birthday, happy birthday, we love you  
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true  
When you blow out the candles one light stays aglow  
It's the love light in your eyes, where'er you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION and THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

INTROIT: "El Shaddai"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The day breaks

**All: And God does not let us go.**

One: The hour calls

**All: And God does not let us go.**

One: The evening falls

**All: And God holds us fast.**

One: Let us turn to God in worship

**All: God, who never turns from us.**

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

God is present to us, but we don't always feel it.  
God is good to us, but we can't always accept it.  
There is so much within and around us  
that attempts to step between us  
and our relationship to God's goodness.  
There are things that we think, things that we do,  
that act to separate us from God.  
Let us come together in connection to all which is good.

SILENT CONFESSION

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SAVE THE DATE



**GUILFORD FAIR**  
Guilford, Vermont

PLEASE SAVE TIME TO HELP AT THE FAIR  
**GOOD TIME... GOOD FOOD**

**Cashiers, grill cooks, drink servers and assistants  
Muscle and not-so much all needed**

**Thursday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup>** (5:00-7:00 pm) Booth clean up

**Friday, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** Booth set up, 3:00 pm to 5pm

**Saturday, August 31** 10am to 3:30 pm. Early sales

**Sunday and Monday**

6:30 am to 11am

Breakfast

11-5pm.

Lunch

4:30 to 7:30 pm

**Clean up** and Transport

This fundraiser is another wonderful way for the church  
to be visible in the community.

**For more information, contact Elly Majonen at  
ellymajonen@yahoo.com or Dunham Rowley at  
dunham.rowley@gmail.com.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

Hymn #278 "Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord..."

THE OFFERTORY  
CALL TO OFFERING  
\*DOXOLOGY  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
\*THE CLOSING HYMN: #600 “God Beyond All Names”

BENEDICTION  
\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291  
*\*invites the congregation to stand*

Today we especially thank the volunteers who make this worship service & the reception after possible.

Service Coordinator: Bev Langeveld  
Greeters: Jim & Pat Haine  
Coffee Hour: Buildings and Grounds

*We wish you a warm welcome this morning  
and hope you will feel very much  
at home and among friends.*

*Please join us after worship  
for the reception for the baptism.*

**NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION:**

*Lise will take vacation next week with her family.  
While she is away Lucy Spahr-Blazej (380-3695)  
can arrange for pastoral care if needed.  
For other church business call Cheryl Redmond (258-3866).  
Lise will lead the memorial service on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
and return August 20.*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who gives, gives all.  
The God who loves, loves all.

The God who forgives, forgives all.

Through Christ, our errors, every one of them:  
the errors of commission,  
the errors of omission,  
the errors we confessed with contrition –  
all are forgiven.

**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

ANTHEM: “Take Me to the Water”  
*(All children are invited to come forward)*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
for Julian Michael Silberman

Pastor: Dear friends, as we come to this font of living water, let us remember the meaning of Baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ.

**People: Jesus said: let the children come to me,  
Do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God.**

Pastor: And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. In as much as the promise of the Gospel has been for us it is also for children.

Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of their participation in God’s everlasting forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and fellowship.

**2**

**People: Out of the water of Baptism we rise with new life,  
forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of  
Christ’s body.**

Pastor (to parents): Is it your desire that this child be Baptized into the Christian faith?

**Parents: It is.**

Pastor: Do you promise, with God's help, by your life and teaching to lead this child toward an understanding of the Christian Gospel, and into the service of Christ?

**Parents: We do.**

**Godparents:** Do you promise, with God's help, by your lives together to support Ian and Jess as they lead this child toward a love of Christ?

**Pastor to Congregation: (Those who are able rise)**

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples and to offer them the gift of grace in Baptism. Do you who are witnesses promise your love, support and care to the ones about to be Baptized?

**People: We promise our love, support and care. To God be the glory forever and ever.**

PRAYER and ACT OF BAPTISM

**ALL: Loving God, may it please you to sanctify by your Holy Spirit this child in the name of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED (Rev. Sparrow)

Take this little one, dear Father, into your loving arms,  
Cover and protect him, guide him from all harm.  
Fill his days with love and joy, nurture all he is,  
Help him as he learns and grows, to feel loved and set apart.  
Speak to him of truth and light, so that his soul can sing,

**3**

A cry of praise, a song of joy, and a love for peaceful things.  
Take his little hands, dear God, and bless him as we pray,  
Let a beautiful faith story begin on this his Baptism day.

Congregation Welcome Hymn Tune #38: "Morning Has Broken"  
*Julian, we greet you on this glad morning.*  
*Your day of Life, we now recognize*

*Here is the water, we are God's people.*  
*Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord!*

*Julian, we name you and with thanksgiving*  
*Offer our prayers and sing you this song.*  
*We are the Church, your spiritual family*  
*Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord!*

*Julian, we are all cared for in God's love*  
*Risking and trusting, daring to see,*  
*The heavenly Kingdom growing among us*  
*Sing we our praises to Christ the Lord!*

***The children are invited downstairs for Sunday School and nursery care.***

CONTEMPORARY READING (Cathy Hess)

The only opportunity you will ever have to live by faith is in the circumstances you are provided this very day: this house you live in, this family you find yourself in, this job you have been given, the weather conditions that prevail at the moment.

SCRIPTURE READING (Cathy Hess)

Genesis 15:1-6 \*\*\*RPB p.11 \*\*\*LPB p.14  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 \*\*\*RPB p.211 \*\*\*LPB p.273

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn: #617

"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON

ANTHEM: "He Never Failed Me Yet"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(It is our custom to join hands for the Lord's Prayer.)*

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**CHURCH CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT**

***Need a ride to church?*** Please call Patty Meyer at 254-0994 by Friday noon.

***Want to receive our weekly e-news and quarterly newsletters?*** Please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate.

**BCTV:** Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at [www.brattleborotv.org](http://www.brattleborotv.org).

**Audio-recordings of services** are available through Patty at 257-0994.

**AA MEETINGS** take place on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Houghton Room. Tuesdays at 6:00 pm is an OPEN AA MEETING for men and women. Friday's meeting is at 5:30pm and is a closed AA meeting, for women only.

**SECOND SUNDAY STEP STUDY** – An Al-Anon Family Step Work Group. This group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2- 4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SENIOR LUNCH** is the first and third Friday of each month. For more information, please call Peg Curtiss at 254-9774. The next meal is Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LIVING STRONG** Classes for strength and balance meet at the church Mon/Wed at 5:15–6:15pm, Tuesday -Friday 10-11am. Speak to Lise (257-2776) or Lucy (380-3695) for more information or check out the Facebook page: Guilford Living Strong. NOTE: Tues/Thurs class off for August

**TAI CHI FOR MATURE BODIES** – Mondays from 11-12 downstairs in Zeller Hall. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994. Tai Chi will be on vacation from July 8–15. New session to begin July 22. There will be a beginners class at 10 and intermediate to follow at 11.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Saturday, August 17, 2pm**  
Memorial Service for Joan Shimer  
*Let Mary Ellen know if you can help*

**Sunday, August 18**  
Worship Leader: Joellen Tarallo

## **Sunday, August 25** **UNION SERVICE**

Center Congregational Church

## **GUILFORD FAIR**

August 31, September 1& 2  
*So much work, so much fun!*

## **Sunday, September 9**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

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**CENTERING PRAYER** every Wednesday  
---everyone welcome

**4:15-4:50 pm OPEN MEDITATION** *in the Sanctuary*

**4:50-5:30 pm DISCUSSION** *in the Houghton Room*  
“Universal Christ: by R. Rohr , Chp.15 this week.

### Going on vacation?



***Don't forget to leave your pledge with us!***  
*(a message from your hard-working Finance Committee)*

## **PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE**

The Pastor Search and Call Committee was very appreciative of the great attendance at last Sunday's report of the Focus Groups—



**SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED**



## FOCUS GROUPS MEET



## PROFILE COMPLETED AND UPLOADED

Lise will be with us fully through next May. Our goal is to have a new pastor overlap with her so that the transition can be smooth and successful.

Last Sunday the congregation stayed to hear about the information gathered from the membership during seven various focus groups.

With the Profile ready to "Go Live" on the Vermont Conference Website, the Committee is putting together a "rubric" (worksheet) so that we can sort Ministerial Profiles as objectively as possible. When that document is finished, we will let the Conference know to post the GCC Local Church Profile and, with fortitude, fortune and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our search for a new minister will take a significant leap forward! Our new minister is out there right now!

Sincerely, *Tom Yahner (Chair), Connie Green (Asst. Chair), Andy Davis, Stephanie Dougherty Rob Harnish, Jerome Holland, Ken Kornfield, Sylvia Morse and Connie Woodberry.*

Family and Friends of Edna White  
Family and Friends of Curtiss Reed, Sr.  
Family and Friends of Art Stickney  
Family and Friends of Annie Suquet  
Family and Friends of Joan Shimer  
Family and Friends of Sam Fooks

Mary Fooks	Al Franklin	Justin
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
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Theodore Koehler	Angela Daprato	Kyle Franklin
Tony Barrand	Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes
Barbara Le Van	Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove
Elizabeth Israel	Ruth Ayers	Alison
Michael Vose	Wendy Redlinger	Herb Meyer
Elisabeth Dearborn	Laura Christie	Grace Wahlberg
Margaret Dale	Mary Ellen Koehler	Tammy Fleming
Don Marsh	Jeanie Griffin	GCC Search Committee

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** continues to provide beautiful hand knit or crocheted shawls for those in need of the comfort the shawls offer. We have a good supply of yarn and patterns for those who wish to fashion a shawl. If you would like a shawl blessed to give to someone please speak to Lise, Pat Haine or Ellen Crockett. If you would like yarn to make one please contact Pat. And, if you donate a shawl please put your name on it so we will know who made this gift.

## PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful force for healing. Within our community, we believe it is also important to respect confidentiality. We trust the people listed below have been consulted and are glad to be included.

If you would like a loved one added to these prayers, please leave a prayer request in the prayer triangle at the back of the Sanctuary, or call the Pastor's phone line (257-2776). They will be included for three weeks unless other requests are made.