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Look out!

For the movie “Porgy and Bess,” based on the Broadway musical of the same name, jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald and trumpeter Louis Armstrong performed the song “Summertime,” which received a Grammy award. The opening line goes like this:

*Summertime, and the livin’ is easy,
Fish are jumpin’ and the cotton is high.*

Those of us hearty New Englanders, when we hear those words, I think you’d agree, we want to stand up and shout, “Yes, yes, yes!” Because for many of us, winter somewhat causes us to look “in” or maybe even to stay “in,” and things primarily revolve around things “in” our homes.

words or smiles? They could prompt a conversation that could result in an invite to our church or even, more importantly, an introduction to *The Son—Jesus*. You never know *what* (or *whom—yes, even you*) God will use to prompt someone by His Spirit and draw them closer to Him, the One Who has the *kindest* words of eternal life.

So this summer as you’re out and about, instead of looking *inside*, look *out*, and intentionally look for ways you can be a simple blessing to those you meet. Have a great summer, and God bless you all as you seek to be blessings to those you meet.

▪ *Til next time, I remain,
Unworthy, but His, Thom*

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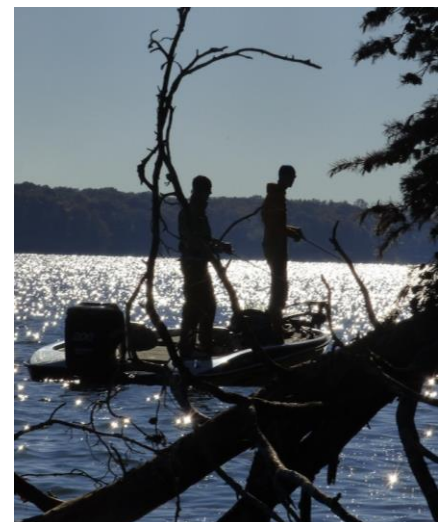
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Yet at the first sign of spring, we can’t even wait to get “**out**!” Smiles come *out*, strollers come *out*, bikes come *out*, boats come *out*, golf clubs come *out*, and the list goes on and on. The coming of the sun does that, doesn’t it? It’s amazing the effect it has on us and on everyone around us! It lifts our spirits!

Now at the risk of sounding “corny,” I use that as a backdrop to encourage and challenge us to *be* the sun, better still to *reflect the Son* to those around us as we’re out and about this summer. Proverbs 16:24 reminds us: “*Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.*” Just think what a blessing each of us could be to the many folks who will visit our beautiful area of the country, with kind words, a gracious smile, or even a willingness to give directions or suggest a restaurant! There are lots of ways to *be* the Son and to *reflect* the Son in our everyday lives!

On a deeper level still, who knows what could come from those kind



Come and celebrate

Children's Sunday!

June 5th, 2016

We will be hearing from our children and honoring our teachers and graduates at the 10 AM service.

Directly following the second service, we will be gathering at Camp Sentinel for a time of

**FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES!
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

What to bring:

- *Dessert or side dish to share*
 - *Hiking shoes*
 - *Lawn chairs*
 - *Sunscreen*
 - *Bug spray*
 - *Cameras*

FCC will provide chicken and hotdogs.



Directions to Camp Sentinel will be in the Children's Day bulletin.

New members received

The First Christian Church family warmly welcomed new members into fellowship on Sunday, May 22nd. These included Harry and Donna Chick, Claude and Leann LaPlante, Michele McLean, and Nate and Jen Williams.

Learn to knit—bless others!

FCC's Mission Motion team invites "experienced and beginning knitters" to join Compassionate Knitters and Lifebridge mentors and mentees in a "Learn to Knit—Bless Others" gathering! We'll meet at 37 Sewall Road in Wolfeboro on Monday, June 6th, at 3:00 PM. Stay as long as you can. We'll teach you to knit an easy project, and the materials are provided. You can finish it over the summer while riding in the car or watching TV. Your "gift" will go to bless another person in need. And we'll have a great fellowship time getting to know one another! Call Heather Wingate, 859-1274, or Patricia Johnson, 455-4919, to sign up.

Men's Choir to sing

The Men's Choir is continuing their first-Sunday-of-the-month rehearsals immediately following the 10 AM service. Their next practice will be on Sunday, June 5th. (Men, you'll be finished in plenty of time to make it to the church picnic at Camp Sentinel!) Men of all ages and abilities are invited to join! On Fathers' Day, June 19th, the men will present special music. If you have any questions, please see Dave Harubin or Dave Snell.

New storage shed to be installed

A new shed will soon grace FCC's property and help with storage needs. The pre-built shed from Reeds Ferry, measures 10' X 16', includes a floor, and requires just a stone bed for installation. Many thanks to Gerry Levesque and all involved in completing this project!



“Now What?” is well underway!

At the end of every sermon, Pastor Thom extends an invitation to those who have not yet received Jesus Christ into their hearts. Many people respond to that invitation and want to begin the new life as a believer. “I’ve been saved! But *now what??*”

There are many questions following this life-changing decision: What just happened to me? What does God expect? What does it mean to be *Christian*? To be *saved*? How do I begin reading the Bible? (Where do I get one?) How do I pray? Will God even listen to me? What happens when I blow it? These are the kinds of questions we try to answer together in a group for new believers called, “*Now What?*”

Using The New Believer’s Handbook (no cost), participants learn how to get started on their faith journey. We encourage the essential habits of daily Bible reading and prayer. We practice using the Bible by reading the book of Mark and answering questions about Jesus’ ministry. We talk about what it means to be a child of God and the responsibilities that come with this family life. Over a period of 8 weeks, participants get a much better feel for who they are *in Christ*. Yes, it takes time, but it’s



time well spent. Plus, the group provides the opportunity to meet others who are experiencing the same—seemingly strange—new life as a Christian.

Two women have been faithfully attending this group on Tuesday mornings (10:30-12:00). They are my heroes for making this commitment! We have plenty of room at our table, so please join us if you’re also asking the question, “Now What?” ■ Jan Hawes 569-0327 jan.hawes47@gmail.com

FCC shares fellowship hall with students

On Wednesday, March 23rd, during the GWRSD delayed opening, 19 students, grades K-7, gathered in the First Christian Church fellowship hall for a painting class with artist, Susie MacDonald, of “Paint The Town,” hosted by Bette Frazier, Craft Club teacher.

Susie guided the students to paint a lake scene, complete with a mountain background, sailboat and a birch tree. As she guided the students, their creativity shined through as some added bumblebees, birds, and intricate flower details. At the completion of the two-hour class, the masterpieces were ready to be brought



home and proudly displayed. All the students had fun, learned a lot, and were proud of their accomplishments. I am also proud of all the boys and girls for doing their best!

FCC was also pleased to host the children again on Wednesday, May 18th, and to share our facility with this delightful group!

■ Bette Frazier



Getting to know our church family!

Meet the Moore's!

For April vacation this year, Mike and I took our three boys to Washington, DC. Daniel, 15, Liam, 9, and Harrison, 5, all enjoyed the history and beauty of our nation's capital. We packed a lot into the five days we were there!

We started the week by touring the Department of Printing and Engraving to learn how our paper money is made. Next we headed to the Library of Congress for a tour, and finished our day at the Museum of American History. On Tuesday we took a great tour of the White House and explored the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. The next day we headed to the National Zoo for a fun day, watching the pandas and seeing many other animals. On Thursday morning we met with our state senator, Kelly Ayotte, and had a wonderful tour of the Capitol building by one of her staff members. We spent the afternoon at the Museum of Flight. On our last day in

Washington, DC we headed to George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, and had a great day exploring his estate on the Potomac River.

We had an unforgettable experience together discovering how our country began, how it grew and changed over the years, and who many of the people were that helped to build our great nation. --Judy Moore



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