



The Spire

First Congregational Church

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Pastor's Message September 2025

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few, Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" Luke 10:2



As we move into September, fall harvesting begins, schools will get into full swing, and likewise we find autumn activities beginning to fill the calendar as summer draws near its close.

Our next "Acoustic Worship" sing-along will be on Wednesday, September third. Join us at 5 in the vestry for a different sort of worship experience of sing-alongs and bible readings. Lyrics are provided!

On Sunday the seventh we'll mark Homecoming, begin Sunday school, and enjoy a pot-luck lunch following worship.

A special treat is in store for music lovers on Sunday the fourteenth: the American Guild of Organists will be playing a progressive concert at all three downtown churches. Beginning at three o'clock at the Methodist church, the recital will proceed to First Congregational at 3:45, and then wrap up at Calvary Baptist at 4:30, with refreshments at Calvary following. It'll be a great chance to hear three historic organs well-played!

As workers in God's harvest field, we'll be furthering our mission on earth as we hold our first community lunch of the season Wednesday the seventeenth. I look forward to taking part, providing music and meeting new people. I'm filled with gratitude for everyone who helps out and glad that we have this opportunity for outreach. As much as I love leading Sunday worship, many of my best opportunities for ministry happen at our lunches and other less formal times. I hope that you get to experience a few "God Moments" during these times, as well. It can make for a bountiful spiritual harvest!

Happy Labor Day, and may the Peace of God be with you,

Michael Mario, Pastor

Coming Sunday 9/7/25

Old Home Day Pot Luck Brunch

Bring something that you enjoy making, eating and sharing.

The brunch will begin after the 10 o'clock service and after a short break to set up the food. Beverages provided. Come see who is returning to their home town to visit and share news.

With luck there will be extra dessert!

Church services continue to be live streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 10 AM and the services can be viewed anytime through the church website.

Sunday church services are also recorded on DVD for SAPA TV to be shown at a later date. The present channels are 160 for VTEL TV and 1077 for Xfinity Comcast and services are shown on Sunday at 10 AM and Wednesday at 4 PM. There is at least a one week delay.

Quilt Group Ready for Fall

Are you interested in joining us? The Quilt Group will be active again starting on September 18, then from October-June on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 9:30-3:00. We have group projects in the works for charity using donated materials and also have time to work on our own projects. Bring your own sewing machine and thread. You do not need to be a church member to sew with us. Come enjoy the fellowship, service, and learning together.

Beth Dodd, Quilt Group Facilitator
802-886-8290

NEEDED!



One lawn mower with a grass catch bag.



One weed wacker.

We have beautiful green sod growing and garden borders that need edging. Todd is using an ancient mower that worked for years on our scruffy lawn. It is time to upgrade and give Todd the tools he needs to keep our green space neat and tidy! Perhaps you have this equipment in your garage or basement and no longer need it...who knows and there is no harm in asking!

Thanks so much!

Dear members of the congregation,

Jeff and I wanted to thank you for the lovely flowers that were delivered in honor of our 35th wedding anniversary; very thoughtful of you. Seems like yesterday I was walking down the aisle in our church to say, "I do". We are truly blessed and this summer spent much of the time with our grandchildren. Alexis had Emeline February 20th and Sara had Elliot on May 17th. Again, does not seem possible Alexis and Sara were baptized in our church 32 and 29 years ago. Many fond memories of support and love from church members to our family over the years.

Thank you again for thinking of us,

Jeff and Tammy Locke

PRAYER LIST

Marlene	Jaz	Martha
Jocelyn		
Helen	Jeff	Amie and Nicole
Wesley		
All others in need		

The Vermont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor a Progressive organ recital in Springfield on Sunday, September 14th. The recital begins @3:00pm at the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley Street, then continues @ 3:45pm at First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, then concludes @ 4:30pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main Street, followed by a reception. Several members of the Vermont AGO will be performing works by Johann Kuhnau, G. F. Handel, J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann, Louis Vierne, Marco Bossi and others. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. For more information, please call (802) 759-2453.



SPRINGFIELD FAMILY NEEDS FOR THE FOOD SHELF

Spaghetti
Pasta
Peanut butter
Chicken Noodle Soup

Canned low sodium soups

Canned Fruit

Tuna

Oatmeal

Condiments

Let's bring in items for Homecoming

Sunday-September 7th

THANK YOU!

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Sept. 2	Wes Marshall
Sept. 27	Justin Dechen
Sept. 28	David Mobus

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Church Office Hours	Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Pastor's Hours	Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.