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A Community Church

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## ◆ FROM THE PASTOR

“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone,” said Sandra Day O’Conner, former U.S. Supreme Court associate justice, “and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one’s life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.”

During May we will celebrate the way that the weavings of those individual threads can create community. We also will celebrate the qualities or characteristics of community that we most value.

We’ll consider what it means for a community to:

- Value learning.
- Be nurturing.
- Foster generosity.
- Be caring and compassionate.
- Encourage people to pursue their passions.
- Be open and accepting.
- Embrace diversity.
- Make meaningful connections possible.
- Work for the common good.

A highlight of our celebration will be Community Sunday on May 15.

We will invite people from throughout Jamestown to join us for a



*Easter Sunday*

*April 24*

5:45 a.m. The beauty of Beavertail will provide the setting for our sunrise service, which will take place in parking lot 3.

6:30 a.m. A pancake breakfast will be served at the church.

9:30 a.m. We will celebrate the good news of Easter during a service filled with joyous music, seasonal readings, and a sermon on *Leaving Fear at the Curb*.

10:30 a.m. An Easter reception will follow the worship service.

creative worship experience during which we will celebrate the qualities that help make our shared community so special. The 9:30 a.m. service will feature guest musicians and performers, as well as representatives of Jamestown groups and organizations.

On the other Sundays of the month, fictional communities will help shape the themes of our worship services. We will

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celebrate the qualities of community found in:

- Stars Hollow, home of the television series *Gilmore Girls*.
- Paradise Falls, the exotic setting for the animated film *Up*.
- Dillon, Texas, birthplace of the television series *Friday Night Lights*.
- Springfield, hometown for the animated series *The Simpsons*.

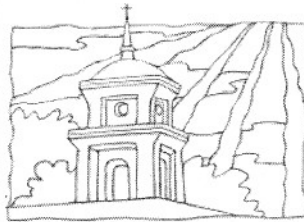
I look forward to a month of celebrating the tapestry of community—and especially the one that we weave together as a congregation.

Kathryn



## Graduate Recognition

We will recognize the graduates within our church family during our worship service and coffee hour on Sunday, June 12. If you know of someone who will graduate from high school or college this spring—or graduated since last spring—please share that information with the church office at 423-1651 or [cbc.jamestown@cox.net](mailto:cbc.jamestown@cox.net).



## STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

April 3 - May 22

To date we have received 21 pledges totaling \$53,790. This represents over half of our target of \$100,000.

Please send your donation and pledge to the church or place it in the donation box in the church parlor.

A final decision on a roofing contractor is imminent, with plans for roof work to begin this spring.

## Within Our Church Family



We celebrate the baptisms of Isaiah Ferrara, David Lawless, James Lawless, Jessy Primiano, and Sophie Primiano and the confirmation of Liam Gamon and Trevette Kuester on April 10.



We welcome the following new members: Arlene LaBua, Denise Gamon, Greg Gamon, Liam Gamon, Trevette Kuester, David Lawless, James Lawless, Harley Lee, Jessy Primiano, and Sophie Primiano.



We express our sympathy to Dale Ketchum and family upon the death of her mother, Sybil Walker, on March 16 in Maine.

Please add the following contact information to your church directory:

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## ► SPRING BIBLE STUDY

*Weaving the Tapestry of*

*Community* will be the theme of our final Bible study of the 2010-2011 program year. Each week we will explore the scripture text that will be at the center of the following Sunday's worship service.

The study, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday, will include:

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| April 27 | Romans 14:1-21        |
| May 4    | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 |
| May 11   | John 15:9-17          |
| May 18   | Hebrews 10:15-25      |
| May 25   | Philippians 2:1-11    |



## CBC ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.**

Join us as we gather to hear reports about our congregation's work during the past year, elect leaders for the new year, and consider our congregational finances.



*Up*, winner of the 2010 Academy Award for animated feature film, will highlight CBC's movie weekend.

Another masterful work of art from Pixar, *Up* is an exciting, hilarious, and heartfelt adventure that is told with wit and depth.

At its center is Carl Fredricksen, a retired balloon salesman who is ready for his last chance at high-flying excitement. Tying thousands of balloons to his house, Carl sets off to the lost world of his childhood dreams.

But unbeknownst to him, Russell—an overeager eight-year-old Wilderness Explorer who has never ventured beyond his backyard—is on Carl's front porch when the house takes off.

The world's most unlikely duo reaches new heights and meets fantastic friends like Dug, a dog with a special collar that allows him to

speak, and Kevin, a rare 13-foot tall flightless bird. Stuck together in the wilds of the jungle, Carl realizes that sometimes life's biggest adventures aren't the ones you set out for.

Viewing parties for *Up* will be hosted on Friday evening, May 13, and Saturday evening, May 14. A discussion of the film will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 15.

In addition, dinner and a special showing of the film for CBC children and their friends will begin at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14.

Sign-up sheets for the viewings will be available in the church parlor.

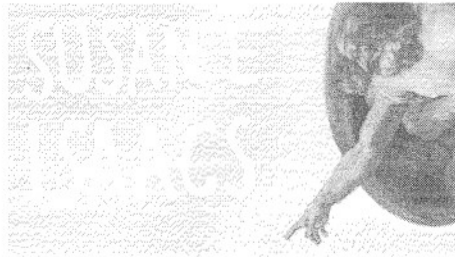


## SPIRITUAL MEMOIR DISCUSSION

*Angry Conversations with God: A Snarky but Authentic Spiritual Memoir* by Susan Isaacs is the selection for the final spiritual memoir gathering of the year. The discussion will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12.

Isaacs' story begins when she hits 40 and finds herself loveless, jobless, and living over a garage. When a church friend tells her she needs to look at her relationship with God like it was a marriage, Isaacs decides to take God to marriage counseling.

In counseling she casts herself as



A SNARKY BUT AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL MEMOIR



the neglected wife and God as the deadbeat spouse, while skewering American *Churchianity*. But soon Isaacs must admit the god in her head is not the real one. Is she willing to love the real God, “for better or worse?”

Isaacs' literary debut was named a Top-Ten Religion Book of 2009 by *Publisher's Weekly* and *Relevant Magazine*.

Flyers with more information, along with copies of the book to borrow, are available in the church parlor.



## Mission Fund to Help Locally, Internationally

CBC's mission fund will provide the financial support for the mission project we are planning for this summer in Jamestown.

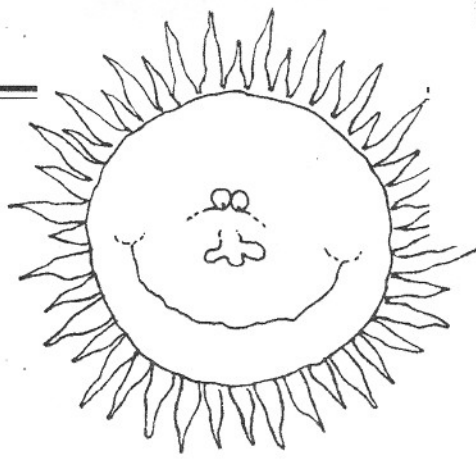
In addition, the Board of Deacons recently allocated \$4,600 from the mission fund to support relief efforts in Japan through One Great Hour of Sharing and the local work of

the Martin Luther King Center in Newport, the Johnnycake Center in Peace Dale, and South Providence Neighborhood Ministries.





Save the date!



Saturday, June 25

# JUNE FESTIVAL

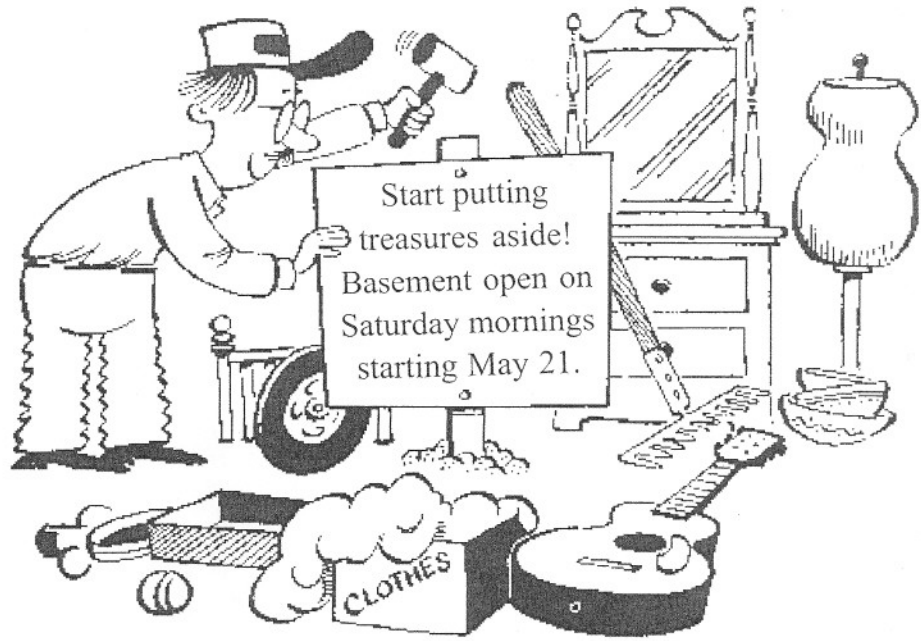
Once again we will need everyone's help for our annual fun and fundraising event. Please sign up on the poster board in the church parlor to indicate the area in which you would like to participate. Members are needed for the June Festival planning committee. Please speak to Deb Nordstrom or Don Haskell if you can join us on the planning committee.

The church will be open on the five Saturday mornings preceding the festival to accept donations of resellable housewares, garden implements and decorative items, vintage items, books, movies and

music CD's, sporting goods and marine items. Small wooden furniture, rugs and art work are also requested. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors when spring cleaning to put aside

appropriate items for the church sale. Trucking will be available.

For the garden center, please separate and pot some of your perennial plants when working in your garden. Now is a good time to start seedlings to be sold in our garden center. For the bake sale, please bake and freeze your specialty baked goods. For the Silent Auction, consider requesting a gift certificate for services or goods from your hairdresser, personal trainer, local market, florist, auto repair center, etc... and SAVE THE DATE!!



WE'RE 28 DENOMINATIONS STRONG!



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