

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

FROM THE C.E. COMMITTEE

**Welcome, Welcome, Welcome...
To KAaren Brown, our
new Acting Director of
Church School!**

The Christian Education Committee and the ministerial staff of the United Church of Christ in Keene are happy and excited to be welcoming KAaren to the team!

KAaren is a member this church and comes to us with experience in the classroom and is wonderfully aware of the varying learning needs of children of all ages. KAaren has already been hard at work helping the committee to think about new church school curriculum for our children and middle school youth.

As a result of these conversations, we have chosen a curriculum that will cover the entirety of the year called FaithWeaver. FaithWeaver is a Bible Story centered curriculum that will help our children connect their faith to their lives. One other great aspect of this program is that over the course of three years, should we decide we like the program and want to continue with it beyond this year, we will cover all of the major Biblical stories in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.



The entire congregation extends many thanks to Jane Trombi, who organized and anchored Vacation Bible School this summer, and the many volunteers who helped to make it happen! The week was a great success, bringing 19 children and 19 volunteers on many Bible adventures to explore service. Together, they served the Community Kitchen through the service of our third and fourth graders and a daily offering placed in personal banks. (We collected just over \$50 in total!) We also made offerings of school supplies and health/beauty products to our local shelter!

Special thanks to: Ally Moore, Sarah Guthrie, Diantha Dorman, Melanie Greenwood, Gwen Smith, Betsy Yacubian, Morgan Bothwell, Kathleen Joyal, Kathy Lukeman, Greg Guest, Cindy McGrath, Zach Trombi, Greg Trombi, Sean Dwyer, Steve Perkins, Robert Leatherman, Eliza Dumais, Zach Joyal

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!



Church School is opening on September 14th with our Ice Cream Sunday Social following worship! Please bring your child to this special Sunday when they will be able to spend the morning getting to know their classmates, meeting their teachers and KAaren Brown.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES

Registration Forms for Sunday School will be available outside the church office beginning September 2nd as well as at Rally Day, Sept. 7th and on the morning of September 14th. Please try to pre-register your child(ren). Doing so will help Christian Education prepare adequately for the year.

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION SESSION

SEPTEMBER 28TH at 11:30 until 12:15

This is a chance for us all to converse with one another about the future of our youth programming. During this meeting there will be break out time for youth and adults to develop lists of your hopes and dreams for the year and then to share them with one another.

I hope to see you all there and look forward to hearing your ideas.

IMPORTANT FUN DATES!

**Senior High: October 10th-12th
Junior High: October 17th-19th**



We will be heading to Otter Lake in Greenfield, NH for weekends of fun and excitement. These weekends will be filled with campfires, low ropes courses, crazy games, and good food.

UPDATING ALL CONTACT INFO. FOR YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

If you have not done so, please return the church office phone call to your family to update this information. We are looking for youth email addresses, parental email addresses, updated phone numbers, etc. . Please call us and let us know if there have been changes and/or additions or if everything has stayed the same!

YOUTH NEWS WILL NOW BE SENT DIRECTLY TO YOU VIA SNAIL MAIL AND EMAIL, IF YOU ARE A YOUTH GROUP MEMBER, PARENT, OR ADVISOR.

For all others, this page will remain in "The Messenger"

FALL! ITS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Transitions are happening all over the place, including your programs here at church. This fall both youth groups will be heading off on retreats so that you will all be able to get to know me (Stacey) better and meet the adults who will be working with us this year. We also will be making decisions about what local service and justice work we will engage in, planning any new kinds of activities you are all hoping for-- basically settling in and making some plans together, plans that will make us all excited about the year. So, put your thinking caps on. What makes you excited about being a part of youth group? LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Blessing to you all!