



# THE SPIRE

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Rev. Judy, you went above and beyond for us.

You helped revive us and build us up and prepare us for our  
next chapter,

for that and more we are  
grateful.



## Worship/Events

### JULY

- 1 Holy Communion  
Sermon: Rev. David Ackerman  
Lay Reader: Robert Munroe
- 8 Welcome Rev. Fred Meade!  
*"The Hub of Spirituality is Kindness"*  
Lay Reader: James Stephenson
- 15 Sermon: Rev. Meade  
*"Spiritually Hungry"*  
Lay Reader: Suzanne Munroe
- 22 Sermon: Rev. Meade  
*"Faith's Function in Resilience"*  
Lay Reader: Jade Haile
- 29 Homecoming Community Worship  
@ Lynch Park 10:00a.m.  
NO Worship @ Second Church

### AUGUST

- 5 Holy Communion  
Sermon: Rev. Meade  
*"On Understanding Holy Communion"*  
Lay Reader: Jack Terril
- 12 Sermon: Rev. Meade  
Lay Reader: Maureen Schug
- 19 Sermon: Rev. Meade  
Lay Reader: David Boynton
- 26 Sermon: Rev. Meade  
Lay Reader: Cheri Marquart

## September

- 2 Holy Communion  
Sermon: Rev. Meade  
*"Spiritually Hungry"*  
Lay Reader: Dale Earl
- 9 SUNDAY ONE 2018  
Church School Resumes!  
Sermon: Rev. Meade  
Lay Reader: Bob Munroe



### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

During July the Church Spire will be illuminated in loving memory of **Jim Shute** by Jane Shute; also, in loving memory of **Henry C. Swanson** by son Dana Swanson & family.

### TREE OF LIFE

Welcome into Christ's Family: **Rose Louise Caruso** (daughter to Eileen & Keith Caruso), baptized on June 3.



Welcome into our Family of Faith the following who entered into full covenantal membership on June 10: **Margaret Carpenter, Marie Carpenter, Eileen Caruso, Keith Caruso, Angela Goodoak and Ann Marie Goodoak.**

## Message from our Interim Bridge Minister Rev. Judy

Dear Friends,

Thank you! What a wonderful send-off. The worship service and reception on my last Sunday was an indication of what a kind and loving community you are.

I have been richly rewarded by my time at Second Church. Our ministry together was such a joyful experience. Here's what I've loved about it:

- The friendly interactions I've had with so many of you. The smiles and hugs at church, the meals we've shared at Community Suppers, the recipes, plants, entertainment and shopping tips, and the food you've shared with me. You are such nice people!
- The dedication you have to your church and its future. You are faithful and hard working and kind. You have amazing leaders.
- The bravery with which you are facing your next steps. You know change is inevitable and you seem ready to make a leap of faith.
- The enthusiasm you have for worshipping together. You are hearty singers and passionate pray-ers. There is an energy in the sanctuary on Sunday morning that is rare; this attitude is every pastor's dream!
- The warmth and friendliness you exhibit to all; the effort you make to welcome everybody (even canine visitors).
- The staff. They bring 100% to their tasks. We are so blessed!

So, already having had such a gratifying experience these last 10 months, I hardly needed further rewards. But you blessed me with love and gifts. Thank you so much.

For the clever original lyrics to the choir anthem, the generous gift certificate to the Beauport, the beautiful hand-made kitchen towel stole (which surely doesn't look like kitchen towels!), the flowers, the pot-luck lunch, and the cards and personal gifts from many of you. You have been so generous.

My time with you has been a delight. Thank you for 10 lovely months. I leave you with one of Paul's blessings that seems especially apt.

*Grace and peace to you. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion. ~ Philippians 1:2-6*



## PRUDENTIAL BOARD REPORT

JULY, 2018

Year-to-date financial results for Second Church are looking favorable. Our income is ahead of both last year and also our current budget. Better yet, our spending is below both last year and the current year budget! Several things created this impact. The income side was primarily affected by current year pledges and building use income both being ahead of plan. On the expense side, high utilities costs and spending on renovations to P-1 were more than offset by lower salary and major church maintenance expenses.

The stewardship planning season kick-off was held in June. This year's campaign will focus on all the positive changes we are experiencing and the opportunities before us to eliminate our deficit. A mailing will be sent out in September, and we are looking forward to increased participation this year.

Our budget season will begin in earnest in July. This year we hope to engage a wider audience in forecasting our financial needs in the planning process. While the creation and publication of the budget is the responsibility of the Prudential Board, the financial condition of the church needs to be the care and concern of every member of the congregation, so we expect more outreach this year. We are also looking forward to fresh ideas and inputs from Rev. Fred, based on his many years of experience.



- Mac Donaldson



***Congratulations Recovery High, Class of 2018!!***

## Knitting Notes

Recently, I delivered a Prayer Shawl to a friend in Rehab. She was delighted to receive the Shawl and immediately put it on as she was a little cold. She is now out of rehab and called me again to thank me for the lovely, warm Prayer Shawl. She did tell me that the patients kept asking her where did she get the shawl? The shawls are appreciated by those who receive them. They do brighten the day for them.

The Prayer Shawls are in the office of the church and ANYONE is welcome to go to the office and take a shawl for delivery. I know that your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

I also, delivered baby blankets to Beverly Hospital nursery for the new born babies. Prayer Shawls and baby blankets were delivered to Hospice, also. Our knitting ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you to all who knit for the ministry.

We will be meeting in the Church Parlor on July 11 and August 15, at 1 pm. All are welcome to join us for knitting, laughter and chatter.

Ruth Moran



## Photographer wanted!

We need YOU! If you have professional photography experience, especially photographing for websites or other digital media, we need your help! Looking for an experienced photographer to help us make our new church website beautiful and eye-catching.

Please contact

[e-communicationsadmin@beverlysecond.com](mailto:e-communicationsadmin@beverlysecond.com)

If you can help. Thank you!



We welcome **Jeanie Murray** and thank her for joining the Board of Deacons.

**Pews News!** During the weeks before and after homecoming, the back three rows of pews will be removed and used to replace more worn pews closer to the front. The floors will be refinished and a new, safe rug will be put down the center aisle. The removed pews will be saved in upper parish hall. In the future, we will be able to host Fellowship Hour right in the back of the sanctuary, where the pews were removed. We hope this will provide an inclusive and welcoming environment that encourages more people to stay for coffee hour, which is an important ministry for our church community.



"The Community Speaker Committee would like to thank everyone for making this first season of this particular mission a success!

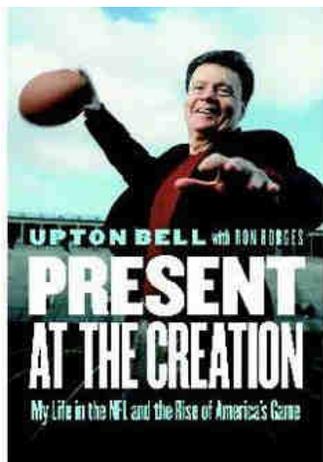
Whether you attended one of our author events, concerts or strawberry social, we appreciate it. We are looking forward to bringing you, and the greater community, more events starting in the fall."



*Strawberry Social*



*Lisa Fenn Author of Carry On*



*Upton Bell*



*Chapman University Singers*



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## *Summer Solstice Blessings*

*As the Sun spirals the longest dance.*

*Cleanse us*

*As nature shows bounty and fertility*

*Bless us*

*Let all things live with loving intent*

*And to fulfill their trust destiny*

