

The Bodylife, June 15, 2017

The Pastor's Corner

Hello All,

The shooting in Washington D.C. earlier this week and my own sermon prep remind me to consider a biblical truth: Words Matter. God spoke the world into existence through words, John describes Jesus as the Word. Each day we are all exposed to thousands of spoken and written words. The words we listen to shape us. They affect the way we live our lives. Much of what we hear on commercials, talk radio, from our friends, and elsewhere contradicts God's words spoken through Scripture and the Holy Spirit.

Just as we are shaped through what we hear the words we speak shape others. They also shape us. We need to be aware of the impact our words are having. Not just what we mean, but how those words are understood by others. The person you speak to more than any other is yourself, you are constantly talking to yourself. What you say affects how you live. Your words should be salt and light to others and to yourself.

In Christ,

Pastor Brent

P.S. Thank-you to all those that work with the Byfield's youth and children. It was great to see God at work last Sunday.

Church Family:

WEDDING CEREMONY: *Dear Church family, you have been an important part of our daughter Kasey's life as she has grown and matured during the years. We would like to extend the opportunity for anyone who wishes to attend her wedding ceremony here at the Byfield Parish Church. Kasey and her fiancé, James Grams, will be married here at BPC on Saturday, June 17th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. We would love to have you share in this blessed event!*

You are invited: Dessert with the Fugates. Pastor Brent and his wife, Ann, will be hosting a monthly dessert on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for them to get to know the people of Byfield Parish Church better and vice versa. If you would like to attend please sign-up at the Welcome Table in the narthex. Space is limited. The Fugate family lives at 19 Manila Ave., Amesbury, Ma.

The Flower committee offers you the opportunity to sign up and purchase flowers for Sunday morning service. Please see the flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex for a spot available. Remember to put your phone number along with your name and a Flower committee member will contact you. Thank you.

Christian Ed.

Vacation Bible School

**Maker Fun Factory, Created by GOD
Built for a Purpose**

July 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For Pre-School and Elementary Students:

Pre-School: Ages 4, 5, 6

Elementary: Entering Grades 1-6 in the Fall of 2017

Child's name _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please drop form off in VBS box on the long table in the Narthex,

Thank-you.

Calendar items: Reminder: Sunday Worship is at 9:00 AM.

NEXT WEEK, June 19-25 Visit ByfieldParish.org for more info.

Monday, June 19

6:00 AM

Men's Prayer group

Conference room

Tuesday, June 20

11:45 AM

Sr. Lunch

Fellowship hall

Sunday, June 25

9:00 AM

Morning Worship

Main Meeting room

Looking ahead on the calendar:

June 17 Wedding at 2:00 PM, Kasey Mann & James Grams

June 18 Father's Day

June 20 Senior Lunch

July 4 Tuesday, Independence Day!

July 5 1st Wednesday at Camp Cedar Mill

July 17-21 Vacation Bible School, 9 AM – 12.

EVENTS & information,

Byfield Parish Church Summer BBQ event

Join us Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM in July at Camp Cedar Mill,
for fun fellowship and BBQ!

The church will provide hot dogs and paper goods.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors each week.

The pool will be open until 7PM. A lifeguard will be on duty.

Basketball, gaga, and other activities will be available.

Camp Cedar Mill, the Ipswich YMCA Rowley Campus, is located at
390 Wethersfield Street, Rowley.

Directions: when on the Newburyport Turnpike (Rt. 1) turn on to Wethersfield Street at the Mill River Winery in Rowley. (there is a blinking yellow light).

Contact Becky Murray at 978-270-2799 or becjmurray @gmail.com.

Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26.

- FYI: All Byfield Parish Church mail needs to be addressed to our P.O. Box 335 address. Please use the 132 Jackman Street address for Pastor and Mrs. Boylan only. Thank-you.
- - **Ever Wanted to Walk Where Jesus Walked?**
 - WEZE offers one of the finest tours of the land of Israel.
 - Tour dates: November 1-10, 2017.
 - Flyers are in the narthex.

Prayer requests

**Betty Stone has been moved to Northeast Rehab., 70 Butler Street, Salem, NH 03079.

**At Hope Community Church in Newburyport, six-year-old Ellie, has a cancer, called neuroblastoma. Ellie is currently undergoing chemotherapy and other aggressive treatments to help her battle this disease. She is being treated at Boston Children's Hospital as well as Dana Farber.

It is being asked that we pray for Ellie and her family, believing that our Heavenly Father can heal little Ellie completely and rid this cancer from her body.

MISSIONS

The yellow envelope is for contributions to our Faith-Promise Missions budget. What is Faith-Promise giving? The believer looks to the Lord in faith asking how much He would have the believer give; then the believer in faith promises to give as the Lord directs. Here at Byfield Parish, our mission budget is administered completely separate from our general administrative budget. Using the yellow envelope designates money that you want to go toward missions. All monies not designated by envelope or check memo will be put toward the general fund.

Notes from the Church Office

The 49th Annual Secretaries Conference, June 11-13, 2017

“A Time For Every Purpose”

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank the church for providing me the opportunity to attend the 49th Annual Secretaries Gathering that was held at the Craigville Conference Center, Cape Cod. The retreat center is nestled in the picturesque village of Craigville, on Nantucket Sound. It is beautiful in the springtime with gardens surrounding each little cottage, the salt marshland full of Grey herons, Baltimore orioles and Red-winged blackbirds, with the dining hall situated next to the peaceful Red Lily Pond and the Craigville Manor and the Retreat house overlooking the Craigville Beach and Nantucket sound.

There were more than 30 churches represented by faithful secretaries from more than five different faith backgrounds. This was my third year in attendance and I felt very welcomed. Our first evening together we each shared a brief description of who we are and brought an item for our fun event a “Yankee swap” that showed a small glimpse of who we are beyond our job descriptions.

The next day our morning and afternoon sessions were spent looking at “Time Management: Work Load and Expectations” and “Time Management:

Technology and Interruptions” with guest speaker Rev. Mary Lou Gifford from UCC Randolph. We learned how we can better manage our time in the office, how to deal with time wasters and how technology can help us save time. After lunch and some free time, many of us worked on four main topics for our “Networking” session. Example, policies regarding renting our facilities, contracts, software available to churches, and keeping up with contacts within the church.

Keeping in theme with our topic of time management many of us brought recipes to prepare meals, fast and easy suppers with a crock pot, five ingredients or less side dishes and desserts. We enjoyed the finished products in a potluck fashion supper. Our workshop was making a recipe folder with home hints and hacks.

The last day concluded with a worship service and communion together before we departed back to our homes. Rev. Christie Burns presided over the service.

The secretaries have two opportunities for giving. First we each brought non-perishable food items and personal care products that were given to a food pantry at the United Church in Walpole. Our offering of \$355 was presented to one of our secretaries whose family walks to support the Parkinson’s Disease foundation.

Once again Thank you for supporting me and allowing me the opportunity to attend and learn. It is a great resource for professional development with others who truly understand the demands of the job in an environment of support, love and laughter.

In joy,

Minda

PS. I brought a dessert recipe that is easy, delicious and can be eaten plain or “fancied up”.

Butter Cake

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

Beat together till light colored.

Melt $\frac{1}{2}$ **cup butter** and put into egg and sugar and beat again.

Add **1 cup flour** and **1 teaspoon almond extract**. (I add 1 tablespoon extract).

Beat together.

Pour into an 8X8 greased pan, Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes. Enjoy!

Fancier up: Drizzle with chocolate or honey and sprinkle with slivered almonds.

OR use instead of shortcakes.

And the ever popular, serve with ice cream.