



WINNERS

A Final Word from our Pastor

Carol Steinbrecher

Jesus said, “Where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

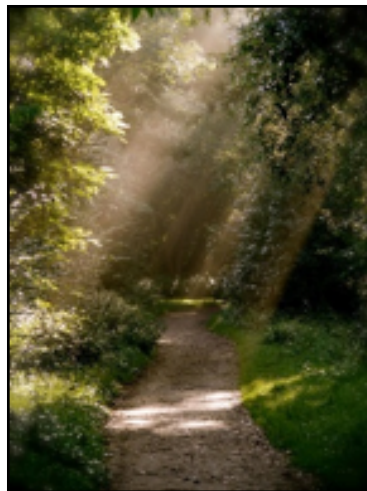
(John 13:33 - 34)

My final Sunday with you is approaching all too quickly. During our last worship service together, we will join together in releasing one another from the vows and commitments we made at my installation. You will be asked, “Do you, the members and friends of the Stratford Street United Church, release Carol Steinbrecher from the duties of pastor?” One of the questions addressed to me will be, “Do you, Carol Steinbrecher, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?”

While our mutual love and affection remain, the professional relationship of pastor and parishioner will be ending. When I say “yes,” it means that I am agreeing that I will no longer provide pastoral services and support for you. I will no longer be your pastoral or spiritual advisor; nor will I officiate at weddings, funerals, or baptisms. When you say “yes,” it means that you will not ask or expect me to perform such services nor make such requests of me.

Be assured that what has been shared with me in confidence or during counseling,

remains between us. It will be entirely up to you what you wish to share in confidence with your new Pastor. The Deacons and I will be sharing any current pastoral concerns that need attention or follow-up at the time of my departure.



I am not very active on Facebook in general, but for now, I must fall silent for all of you. I will not be “liking” your posts, or commenting on events, photos, videos, birthdays, or other occasions. Please know it is not because I don’t care, but that I am honoring my vows to give you the time and space necessary to welcome and embrace your new

Pastor the way that you did with me. If you wish to ‘unfriend me,’ I will understand completely.

If we run into each other around town, or in the supermarket, or maybe at a youth retreat, we can hug and say “hello” and catch up on what’s going on with our friends and families, just as all people with a shared and loving history do. The topics that are off-limits are any discussion regarding your new Pastor, or any conversation about church business.

This summer, I will be attending a certificate program at BU in Spiritual Formation. It runs for two weeks in the summer for the next three years. I will also be continuing my course work in the fall so that I

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A FINAL WRITTEN WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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can become credentialed for doing Intentional Interim Ministry. You can never be sure where you will end up when you are following God's lead, but those are the steps I will be taking for now.

I will not be receiving the weekly emails, but I will be looking forward to the newsletters so that I can see how you are all doing. Know that you will all be in my prayers for your continued spiritual growth, for the success of your food pantry ministry, and for your good health and

well-being. I am so very grateful for our time together. I appreciate the encouragement and space you gave me to discover my strengths and skills as a minister. I will cherish my memories of precious time spent with all of you. As a faithful and hope filled Christian, I will NOT be saying "Goodbye" to you. I will be saying, "Goodbye, for now."

May God bless you and keep you,

Pastor Carol

Search Committee

Church Council has decided to search for Pastor who will be "Designated Term" (both denominations offer this type of term). This designation means that the church will contract with the Pastor for a set period of time and then the contract can be mutually extended, so that the Pastor can become the Settled Pastor.

The search for a Designated Term Pastor is less involved than a search for a Settled Pastor. Rev. Vanderhart recommended a smaller team of 3 to 5 people as there is a smaller number of candidates to consider. Glenn has write-ups from the UCC and TABCOM that provide more information on what it means to enter into a Designated Term contract.

If you are interested in participating in this Search Committee or would like more information, please contact Glenn.

From the Winners Archives

Winners, June 14th, 1929

Out in the Fields with God

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the rustling of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die, and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.



Rose's Bounty, June 11th and June 14th!

We will need many hands to help set-up, to help guests check-in, to help the guests with shopping, and to clean up after.

The pantry is open **Saturday June 11th from 2pm - 4pm**

Set-up will be from 1pm-2pm and Clean-up will be from 4pm - 5pm.

The pantry is also open **Tuesday from 11am – 1pm.**

Set-up will be from 10am-11am and Clean-up will be from 1pm- 2pm.

If you know someone who could benefit from some good wholesome food (meat, dairy and produce are available at our pantry) please spread the word or share our ministry by bringing them by June 11th or 14th!

Let Judy Jose-Roddy know if you would like to help with this important ministry

June Birthdays

- 3rd Florence Kerr
- 3rd Robert Malsberger
- 6th Tonya Tedesco
- 7th Alice Ferrandi
- 9th Robert Branch
- 11th Paula Stevens-Our
- 14th Stephen Faust
- 18th Betty Sprenger
- 19th Dillon Tedesco
- 22nd Julian Baxton
- 25th Johnny Fortin
- 29th Judith Branch
- 29th Edwin Dickie
- 29th Maria Sheehan

June 26th is Children's Sunday!

Because we delightfully learn from them, Darra is planning a special service involving all our Sunday School Students. The younger church will lead us all in worship on June 26th. Mark your calendars!

Parents please reach out to Darra with your children's availability and talents! Parents look to your inboxes for an email!

³⁶ *Jesus took a little child and had the child stand among them. Then he took the child in his arms. He said to them,*
³⁷ *"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me." (Mark 9:36-37)*

On Carol's last Sunday, June 12th, 2016, there will be a Memory/Remembrance box, in which people can drop any cards. The box will be presented to Carol at the end of the festivities.

Relay for Life

Judy Jose-Roddy is walking and is inviting people to walk or to sponsor her for the June 3rd event at Catholic Memorial.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all.

Join or donate to take action against a disease that has taken too much! For more information or to donate please visit Judy's page on: www.relayforlife.org or contact Judy directly.

"You've got Mail"

It's has been a while since I last visited SSUC, but the congregation is never far from my heart and I wanted to write and say a quick hello!

I also wanted to ask if an announcement could be made at the service on Sunday that (by then) I will have gotten married! I am marrying my fiancé, Mathieu Doucette, in a ceremony with our family and friends in Montreal this Saturday the 21st.

I'm so very happy and wish my church family in Boston could be here to celebrate with us. I promise to follow up with pictures once we get them!

Best wishes,
Tim Wilfong

Former baritone soloist in the choir, 2008-2012

Camperships and Scholarships

Applications for **Camperships** are now available. *Note:* Camperships are for all ages, Youth thru Seniors! **Campership deadline is June 15th.**

Applications for **Scholarships** are now available. These are for any post High School accredited Program [Technical, Academic, Health Care, etc] **Scholarship deadline is August 1st.**

All applications are in the West Room

Applications are also available from the Office.

PUZZLE ME THIS



Summer time fun and games... Every week the Stewards have accomplished something at our church home... See if you can see what is newly painted, fixed or upgraded... and be sure to thank our hard working Stewards !

IN THE NEWS

BIDMC Surgeon Receives Bronze Star

Critical Care/Trauma Surgeon Michael Yaffe, MD, PhD, recently received the Bronze Star Medal for his military service in Afghanistan.



In 2007, BIDMC Critical Care/Trauma Surgeon Michael Yaffe, MD, PhD, gave a lecture on emergency trauma care to his Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Shortly thereafter, the U.S. Army contacted him, explaining that with an increasing numbers of improvised explosive device (IED) attacks on military convoys, there was a desperate need for trauma surgeons overseas.

“My ROTC students would soon be graduating and serving our country. If these kids were my sons and daughters, I would want to know they were getting the best medical care possible,” Yaffe says. “I felt it was my duty to join the military because I could spare the time, and I had some vital skills necessary to save lives and make a difference.”

From May 1-Aug. 19, 2015, Yaffe served as Chief Trauma and Critical Care Surgeon for the 402nd Forward Surgical Team at Bagram Air Base and the HKIA NATO base in Afghanistan, at times attached to the 1st Special Forces Group. During his three and half month tour, he performed more operations on U.S. military members, NATO personnel and Afghan soldiers than any other forward surgical team surgeon had performed during similar tours in the past year. His surgical team also played a vital role in developing and implementing better practices that now allow specialized surgical teams to treat soldiers closer to the front lines.

For his incredible service, Yaffe recently received the Bronze Star Medal, the prestigious honor that is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces for heroic or meritorious achievement or service in a combat zone.

“We are all extremely proud to have a member of our department receive such a prestigious military honor,” says Elliot Chaikof, MD, PhD, Chairman of Surgery. “Dr. Yaffe is a tireless, highly respected surgeon and scientist whose commitment to providing superb surgical care to all patients, including the men and women of our armed forces, is well known. We congratulate him on his well-deserved Bronze Star Medal, and thank him for his service to our country.”

“Although I am fortunate enough to be the recipient of the Bronze Star, I really think it belongs to the entire unit,” Yaffe says. “It’s only because of them that all of this was possible. I am accepting this honor on behalf of the entire 402nd Forward Surgical team.”

Yaffe is currently the Deputy Commander for Clinical Services for the 399th Combat Support Hospital at Fort Devens, Mass. At BIDMC, he is a faculty member of the Division of Acute Care Surgery, Trauma and Surgical Critical Care, and also part of the Division of Surgical Oncology. Yaffe spends much of his time conducting research to understand how cells respond to stress and injury, including genotoxic, traumatic and septic insults. He continues to teach at MIT as the David H. Koch Professor of Biology and Biological Engineering.

Courtesy of BIDMC Today May 20th, 2016



If you would like to email one of our newsletter’s most regular contributors:

Bud and Minetta Waite have a new email address:

budandminetta@mailbug.com

WE ARE THE CHURCH WHEN WE SHARE ONE ANOTHER'S CONCERNS



Keep in your Prayers:

Judy Tucker asked prayers for her friend, Kathy, who has been on a heart transplant list for 1 ½ years.

Sung-Yun thanked us for our prayers for Dana, the mother of her young patient Nico, who

made the difficult decision to take Nico off life-support.

Judy Jose-Roddy shared with us that her sister-in-law, Kathy, is doing much better as it turned out some of her ailments were side-effects of some of her medicines.

We pray for Ted Yaffe, Michael Yaffe's father, who fell and is still not doing well.

Kim's daughter, Eleanor, asked prayers for her friend, Joslady, who fell and broke her kneecap.

Paula asked prayers for Isbel, who had a tooth extracted and is still feeling uncomfortable.

Caryl asked prayers for her Dad, Donald, who had to go to the ER because of painful swelling in his calf. She also asked prayers to help her voice heal.

Jose asked prayers for his Mom who is in the hospital. She has been having many health issues this year and Jose is not sure whether she will be coming home this time.

Bud asked prayers for his son, Arthur, who is in some serious trouble. Prayers also for Bud and Minetta as this is a very hard time for them.

Prayers for Elsie Reis and her family, a longtime church member, who passed away March 16, 2016 at the age of 97.

We continue to pray for Pat Smith's daughter, Moira, who is home recovering from her surgery.

We pray for Glendora, resident of the Snow House, who had a major stroke, will not recover, and is now in hospice care.

We pray for Pastor Carol's nephew Nathan, who is having a third surgery for a wandering eye issue, and his parents, Marc and Katharyn. He continues to suffer other major health problems.

Deborah Rohoman is doing well and thanks all for their prayers, cards, and calls.

WE ARE THE CHURCH WHEN WE SHARE ONE ANOTHER'S JOYS

In May:

Judy shared the good news that we have found an excellent Food Pantry Coordinator. Watch for more information about Danita Boyce.

We celebrated Bud, Maurice, and all those who were working and walking for Hunger.

We celebrated the Grand Opening of our food pantry, Rose's Bounty!

Barbara shared the exciting celebration that her granddaughter, Ashley, will be getting married in June!

We celebrated that Cameron Dumas, son of Lynn Buble, received his Doctorate on Pharmacology.

We celebrated Tim Wilfong's wedding.

Tim is on his honeymoon in France with Mathieu Doucette.

If you would like to send a card, Tim's new address is:

Tim Wilfong & Mathieu Doucette
4188 rue de Bullion
Montreal, QC H2W 2E5
Canada



BLESSED WITH HISTORY

Why I Came To Stratford Street Church

I first started coming to Stratford Street "Baptist" Church about 1952, shortly after meeting Minetta at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. I lived in Millis at this time and she lived in West Roxbury and went to the Stratford Street Baptist Church. At that time, Minetta was a best friend of Jeanne Nourse Gavrilles. They worked together at the R.M.V. and Jeanne rode back and forth with me from Medfield every day. I met Minetta through Jeanne and as we continued our relationship and "romance," we would alternate church attendance between Millis Congregational Church, where I went, and the Stratford Street Baptist Church in West Roxbury.

We were married in 1955 in the Stratford Street Baptist Church, now the Stratford Street United Church. We lived in Roslindale for about ten years before moving to West Roxbury, and raising our three kids. Our two sons and daughter were all "dedicated" and later baptized in the Stratford Street Baptist Church. They went to Sunday school every day into high school. (I might add with perfect attendance!)

In the meantime, a while after we were married, I transferred my membership to Stratford Street Baptist Church and became very involved in all aspects of the Church. I first became friendly with Ginny Dickie's father and got involved in ushering and have been doing that ever since. I gradually got into and onto boards and committees, being Chairman of the "Trustees" and "Deacons" among other committees and the Church Council. I became moderator of both the Baptist Church and the United Church and was very involved in the process of uniting our two churches. I had been moderator and/or assistant moderator for over

22 years. I believe I've been on every board and committee at least once except the Board of Christian Education, but Minetta spent much time on that board and also being Superintendent of Sunday School. Between the two of us, we've probably covered most everything possible.

What drew me to this Church in the first place? Certainly, it was Minetta, as it was her church and I don't think I had a choice anyway, either here with her or not.

What inspired me in this Church, were the people, the ministers, the beauty of the church, the choir and the very vibrant activity and friendliness of all. We were engaged in all activity of the church and our kids were involved with growing up in our church with their friends, from infants to 12th grade seniors and beyond. They grew up with some who are still in our church, Tom Parla, Wayne Sanden, Gale Sanden Barter, Mark Hallonquist, Diana Kehoe Thorpe, Laurie McPhee, and Jimmy Smith.

What am I doing here now? Still ushering, on a few committees and Church Council. I just can't do all the things I would like to anymore. I am still here in "My Church." I have nowhere else to go and wouldn't want to if I did. Since I have been here, nearly 60 years, we have seen at least 12 clergy including all ministers and interim ministers. We have had Baptist and Congregational ministers, including the first two lady pastors to come here. It has been an interesting time for me. To top off my church career, I was honored in 2004 with the presentation of a beautiful plaque and clock noting my 22 plus years as Moderator of our church and appointing me as "Moderator Emeritus". This indeed has been a great honor.

Bud Waite

NEWSLETTER NEWS

Is not the same without you!! ... we want to hear from you or your children! Email articles to darraslagle@mac.com or send to Fran in the church office by the 23rd of the month.

Lazy Summer Days



What do you enjoy most about summertime? Slower days? Longer days? More time with people you hold dear?

Summer technically begins June 20th, yet opinions differ on the start of “summer”. Some people’s summer begins

at the end of school, Memorial day weekend, or Fourth of July weekend. At our church, many consider Children’s Sunday, June 26th, the start of the summer. No matter when your summertime begins, the laziness of Summer is a perfect time to reflect. Just Reflect.

Life, goals, gifts, talents, health, time... What you reflect on is up to you. We are all blessed in some manner, and yet we are all burdened too. Remember to take the time this summer to relax, reflect, recharge, pray, and give thanks.

Calendar

June 11th, 2016

Rose’s Bounty Open 2pm - 4pm

June 12th, 2016

Pastor Carol’s Last Sermon
Pastor Carol’s Farewell Collation

June 14th, 2016

Flag Day
Rose’s Bounty Open 11am - 1pm

June 19th, 2016

Father’s Day

June 26th, 2016

Children’s Sunday