



# Steeple Notes

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## From the Pastor's Corner Blog

Hello All,

Rarely does a day go by in my life in which I am not picking something up off of the floor for one of my kids. One of my sons in particular seems to particularly enjoy leaving his socks all around the house. I'm not really sure what his process is. Does he just get sick of wearing socks and pull them off? Does he think I'll need these socks again later, but for now I'll just leave them sitting in the middle of the living room? The way his mind works is opaque to me.

Ann and I are trying to train our kids not to leave their socks, clothes, and other things strewn about this. Sometimes it feels like we are succeeding a bit, sometimes it feels like we have completely failed. Even when one issue no longer seems to be a problem another issue inevitably arises. We no longer have to deal with toys getting left out, but homework is often left out on our dining room table. I find the constant battle to train my kids and keep chaos at bay a bit draining. I want them to do better, and as they mature I expect they will do better. Progress is a reasonable hope, perfection is not.

There are no perfect people. If we are going to have relationships with people, we have to be patient with imperfection. If we are not, our relationships will be a source of never-ending frustration to us. It is easy to spend so much energy focusing on the frustrations that the people we love cause us that we miss out on the good aspects of our relationships. Frustrations are inherent in all relationships, we should seek to address them, while recognizing we will never eradicate them completely in this world. This is how God loves us through Jesus Christ.



Meditation Verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

In Christ, Brent

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## **Safety is always a priority at First Church Rowley**

Last week, Eric installed handrails on the ramp leading to one of the side entrances.

### **What handrails offer:**

Safety is the number one reason for any handrail to be fitted. They can quite literally be the difference between life and death.

### **A secure rail provides:**

- **A steady anchor** - all ages and all abilities can benefit from a securely fitted handrail. Providing stable railing not only steadies users but provides a safe and constant anchor whilst negotiating stairs.

- **A barrier** - do you have a one-way system in place? Could central handrails help to guide workers and direct footfall? Handrails have a dual purpose. Yes, they assist people in safely navigating stairs, but they can also act as a barrier, helping to guide and control access.

- **Something to grab** - in the event of missed footing, a trip or simply losing balance, handrails are a great safety line. Providing a secure fixing to grab hold of and reducing the risk of a serious fall. (**HRKilns**)

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**The August 18th Worship Services**  
welcomes and introduces  
The Strumming Brothers,  
who will be playing during the offering:

Paul Chang  
Richard Jesionowski, Leader of the band!  
Ken Sanford  
Jerry Schmidt  
Les Warren



# HAPPY Birthday

Luke Pyburn 8/2  
John Grover 8/3  
Emily & Sarah Gebow 8/4  
Bill Manning 8/4  
Alyssa Kent 8/10  
Ethan Dixon 8/11  
Randy Goss 8/17  
Schuyler Cummings 8/18

Justin Flodman 8/21  
Chuck Loring 8/23  
Ryan Clark 8/24  
Gabrielle Hanson 8/24  
Helen Downing 8/24  
Anders Whitmore 8/24  
Jen Loring 8/25  
Gia Page 8/30  
Will Gundrum 8/31



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# Happy Anniversary

Elizabeth and Nicholas Morris - August 3

John and Tina Robillard - August 13

Neil and Chrissy Laudenslager - August 27



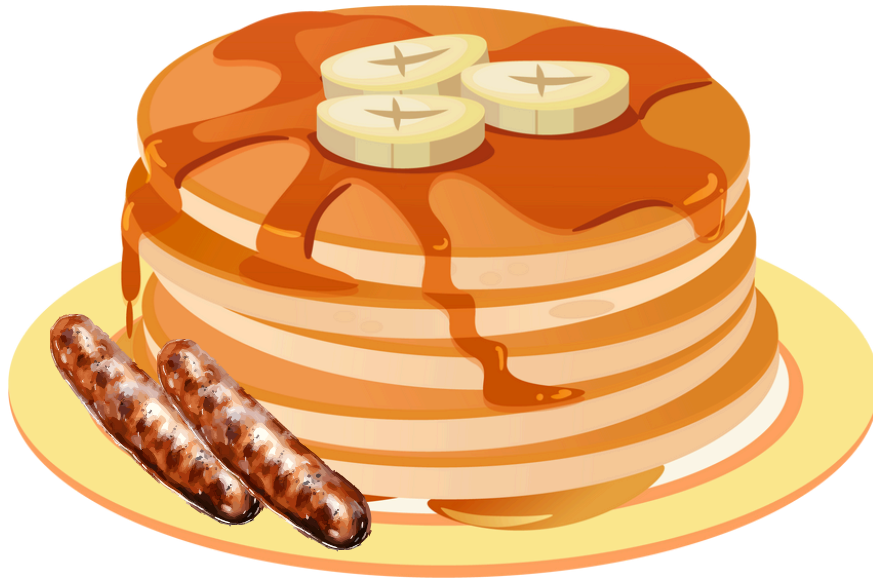
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**Pancake Breakfast resumes September 14th at 8:30 AM.**

Set your alarm, bring your appetite  
and friends!

**The Pancake Breakfast Team**



**Announcement: September Cabinet Meeting**  
**The September Cabinet Meeting will be held at 6:30**  
**on Wednesday, September 4, 2024!**

All Committee and Board Chairs are asked to attend  
and give a report on their upcoming plans.  
All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged  
to attend as well! Refreshments  
and coffee will be available!



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Dear Church Members and Friends of the Church,

We are just about 2 months away from the 15th Annual Ezekiel Rogers Golf Tournament and Fundraiser. This event is an opportunity for our church members and friends of the church to come together for a great day to golf or join us for lunch and auction.

Our goal each year is to be more successful than the last, in order to continue to support our church and community.

**Each one of you can share in this success!**

We welcome you to golf and bring friends and family. Invite your coworkers and neighbors.

Make a basket for our silent auction. Contribute with a donation to purchase basket items, lottery tickets or gift cards. There's so much you can do!

Over 50 letters have been sent out to local businesses. We were successful with calls last year. Gift cards from local restaurants and gift shops can be used for our raffle and auction.

**We also need some volunteers that day.**

If you would like to help with this event, please reach out to Debbie Confalone 781-290-6502 and [dconfalone@comcast.net](mailto:dconfalone@comcast.net) for more information.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you - Deb Confalone



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# 15TH ANNUAL EZEKIEL ROGERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY  
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF ROWLEY

SEPTEMBER 28TH

FAR CORNER GOLF COURSE, BOXFORD, MA

8AM - REGISTRATION, 9AM TEE TIME  
AFTER TOURNAMENT EVENT W LUNCH BEGINS AT 2PM.

- \$165 PER PERSON INCLUDES GOLF AND LUNCHEON
- \$35 LUNCHEON
- \$150 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP
- \$75 FAMILY SPONSORSHIP
- \$500 LUNCH SPONSORSHIP

SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES A TEE SIGN AND RECOGNITION  
AT THE "AFTER THE TOURNAMENT" EVENT.

For more info:

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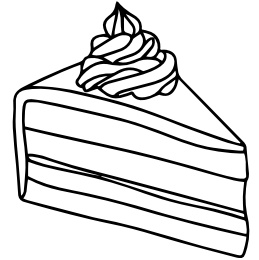
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## After Church Fellowship Board/Committee Assignments

### Pastry or treat 1st and 3rd Sunday Updated Schedule



- January - Compassionate Care Network
- February - Thrift Shop
- March - Diaconate
- April - Missions
- May - Music Committee and Inspirational Singers
- June - Finance/Trustees
- July - Thrift Shop
- August - None
- September - Missions
- October - Finance/Trustees
- November - Diaconate
- December - Music Committee and Inspirational Singers.

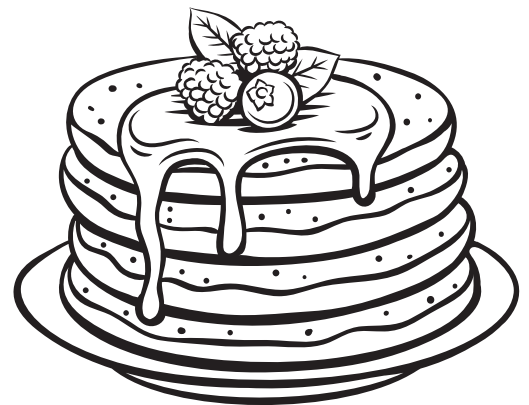


\*The schedule will be posted at coffee hour and reminders will be sent via email.

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## Community Pancake Breakfast

2nd Saturday in each month from  
September 2024 through April 2025  
\$10.00 - Under 12 free!  
Looking Forward to Seeing you!



## Steeple Notes Schedule

January - Compassionate Care Network

February - Missions - Holly

March - Deacons (including Christian Ed) - Jerry and Nancy (for 2024)

April - Finance/Trustees - Doug

May - Music Committee, including Inspirational Singers - Karen Schmuck

June - The Thrift Shop - Paul Chang

July - Pastoral Relations Committee - Penny

August - Getting to Know You (Judy submitted for July)

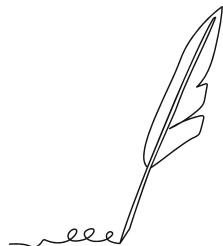
September - Golf Tournament and Flower Committee - Debbie Confalone

October - Old Tyme Country Fair - Donna Irving and Kay Dalzell

November - Community Dinner Team - Liz Butler

December - Pancake Breakfast Team - Jerry Schmidt

Staff - Any month as needed - you know this team :)





# Southern New England Conference

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## Daily Lectionary Scripture References –September 2024 (Year B)

### **Sun., Sept. 1**

*Fifteenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **Mon., Sept. 2**

Psalms 144:9-15

Song of Solomon 3:6-11

1 Timothy 4:6-16

### **Tues., Sept. 3**

Psalms 144:9-15

Song of Solomon 5:2–6:3

1 Peter 2:19-25

### **Wed., Sept. 4**

Psalms 144:9-15

Song of Solomon 8:5-7

Mark 7:9-23

### **Thurs., Sept. 5**

Psalms 125

Proverbs 1:1-19

Romans 2:1-11

### **Fri., Sept. 6**

Psalms 125

Proverbs 4:10-27

Romans 2:12-16

### **Sat., Sept. 7**

Psalms 125

Proverbs 8:1-31

Matthew 15:21-31

### **Sun., Sept. 8**

*Sixteenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

### **Mon., Sept. 9**

Psalms 73:1-20

Proverbs 8:32–9:6

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

### **Tues., Sept. 10**

Psalms 73:1-20

Proverbs 11:1-31

Hebrews 12:3-13

### **Wed., Sept. 11**

Psalms 73:1-20

Proverbs 14:1-9

Matthew 17:14-21

### **Thurs., Sept. 12**

Psalms 19

Proverbs 15:1-17

Hebrews 11:17-22

### **Fri., Sept. 13**

Psalms 19

Proverbs 19:24-29

James 2:17-26

### **Sat., Sept. 14**

Psalms 19

Proverbs 21:1-17

Matthew 21:23-32

### **Sun., Sept. 15**

*Seventeenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19 or Wisdom 7:26–8:1

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### **Mon., Sept. 16**

Psalms 73:21-28

Proverbs 22:1-21

Romans 3:9-20

### **Tues., Sept. 17**

Psalms 73:21-28

Proverbs 25:1-28

Colossians 3:1-11

### **Wed., Sept. 18**

Psalms 73:21-28

Proverbs 29:1-27

John 7:25-36

### **Thurs., Sept. 19**

Psalms 1

Proverbs 30:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

### **Fri., Sept. 20**

Psalms 1

Proverbs 30:18-33

Romans 11:25-32

### **Sat., Sept. 21**

Psalms 1

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Matthew 23:29-39

### **Sun., Sept. 22**

*Eighteenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

### **Mon., Sept. 23**

Psalms 128

Proverbs 27:1-27

James 4:8-17

### **Tues., Sept. 24**

Psalms 128

Ecclesiastes 4:9-16

James 5:1-6

### **Wed., Sept. 25**

Psalms 128

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

John 8:21-38

### **Thurs., Sept. 26**

Psalms 124

Esther 1:1-21

Acts 4:13-31

### **Fri., Sept. 27**

Psalms 124

Esther 2:1-23

Acts 12:20-25

### **Sat., Sept. 28**

Psalms 124

Esther 3:1-15

Matthew 5:13-20

### **Sun., Sept. 29**

*Nineteenth Sunday after*

*Pentecost*

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

### **Mon., Sept. 30**

Psalms 140

Esther 4:1-17

1 Peter 1:3-9