

NEWS FROM THE CENTER

Church and Community News

Sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Shelburne

Second Saturday Suppers

Saturday July 9, 6:00 p.m.

Military and Veteran Recognition Dinner, half-price (\$6) to thank for your service to our country.

Baked ham, homemade baked beans, summer vegetables, cole slaw, corn bread, brownies ala mode with homemade ice cream.

Saturday August 13, 6 p.m.

Bring a friend new to our dinners, and the friend eats for *half-price!*

Oven barbecued pork, corn on the cob, vegetables, homemade rolls, salad, blueberry pie.



The First Congregational Church of Shelburne, on the Mohawk Trail, welcomes you.

Are you seeking good old-fashioned community events? Find some right here in Shelburne Center...

Band Concert and Ice Cream Social

The Shelburne Falls Military Band will present a concert on Wednesday evening, *July 6*, at 7 p.m., at Fellowship Hall on Little Mohawk Rd. Enjoy homemade ice cream as you listen to the concert. Outdoors if the weather is fine, so bring your own seating, or blankets for the lawn.

On Wednesday evening, *August 3*, the band will return for another concert at Fellowship Hall. This time slices of pie will be for sale!

Second Saturday Suppers *see menus on sidebars*

All homemade and all delicious. Come to a traditional community/church supper, served at 6 p.m. Families, friends, young and seasoned...all are welcome.

More Saturday Suppers...

Saturday Sept. 10, 6 p.m.

Red Sox Night

Chicken & Biscuits, all the usual good stuff including appetizer, homemade quick breads, salad and vegetable, delicious dessert. *Plus Red Sox items in the monthly raffle. :)*

Adults \$12, ages 6- 12 \$6, ages 5 and under free. Reservations 625-0127 or 625-2343. Reservations released at 6 p.m., walk-ins welcome as space permits.

Eventide Singers

The Eventide Singers are volunteers who offer songs of hope and comfort for the ill, homebound, dying, and their caregivers who may benefit from the healing power of music. To request this free service, contact Joe Toritto at 413-774-5828 or Judi Truesdell at 413-625-9326.

Our Church Organ is 100 years old! Join us for a celebration of its music and history, on Sept. 18 at 4 p.m.

Church News

From the Pastor:

Greetings Friends of the First Congregational Church of Shelburne, UCC:

I want to tell you who we are. We are a church that is on the move-dedicated to the mission and ministry of the Shelburne community. We are a faithful group of dedicated volunteers who put the best needs of the church and the towns it serves at the forefront. We host outside groups in our buildings as well as provide worship opportunities each Sunday. We are here for significant moments in people's lives, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. We are here collecting donations for local food pantries, hosting community meals, raising funds to help the neediest in the world, and doing our very best to live out our mission. We are the heart of the community.

In the past few years we have gathered to create a mission statement and a Vision for our church. We are looking forward, and planning for our awesome future. Currently, we are in the midst of a Capital Campaign, where we are completing the tasks that were highlighted and prioritized. Projects are underway, and the work is happening. The church is doing it's very best to live into the Vision- and we take our mission to be 'God's hands on earth' seriously.

But it isn't all serious business. I think we have a lot of fun too. Worship is both meaningful and somewhat relaxed. We are traditional, yet informal. We welcome everyone, regardless of where their journey has taken them. We are not perfect. If you are thinking, or have thought about visiting our church—please come to worship, or any other event held at our church. I think if you do, you will be glad that you did. I know we will.

Peace-

Rev. Will Sencabaugh

Grange News, "Family, Friends, and Fun!"

All events are held at Fellowship Hall unless otherwise noted. The Shelburne Grange is dedicated to offering programs that educate and entertain the entire family - all are welcome.

Shelburne Grange Fair Planting Season!

The Shelburne Grange Fair Committee would like to remind readers that the time to start thinking about the fair is now! We are celebrating 70 years of the fair this year on *Saturday August 27* and it will be the best ever!

Are you poring over seed catalogues, tending that favorite house plant, or even have put a few peas in the ground already? Keep the Shelburne Grange Fair in mind. Don't know how to get started entering your hard work? Check out shelburnegrange.org and click on the link for the fair. You will find the premium list with all of the rules for entering.

So you don't have a green thumb? That is ok! You can enter anything from baking to canning to sewing to artwork and photography. There is even a LEGO creation category! Entrants can be of any age and there have been 2 year old children to the 99 year old young at heart. You do not need to be a Grange member or even a local resident to enter.

Still not sure? Click on the link to email the committee. We are all seasoned exhibitors and love to help people get started and learn how much fun you can have. We are also experts on the rules. Entering in the Shelburne Grange Fair is a great way to get started because the competition is very friendly.

More Grange events:

Wednesday, July 20 - Meet at Fellowship Hall at 6p.m. for a brief business meeting, then carpool to Conway for a visit to Wildside Gardens.

Wednesday, August 3 - Come get your pie and ice cream at the Shelburne Falls Military Band Concert. Grange Fair Committee in charge.

Wednesday, August 17 - Business meeting and prepare for the Fair.

Wednesday, September 7 - Business meeting and Words for Thirds auction.

Wednesday, September 21 - 6:30 p.m., Cookout and informal meeting. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share. S'Mores and beverages provided.

Shelburne Free Public Library News

The library will run a summer reading program for children starting in late June. The national summer reading theme is Fitness and the local theme is Fairies and Fairy Houses. Judith Kulp is giving her time and talent to the summer program so it is sure to be a lot of fun!

Find the library on Facebook, and on the web at shelburnefreepubliclibrary.org

Library hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3-7; Saturdays 10-12. 413-625-0307

Library Director Elizabeth Antaya

More on the Farmers Market!!

Special monthly events :)

June 24, Fiber Day

July 29, Children's Day

August 26, Veggie Day

September 30, Customer Appreciation Day

October 14, Cider Day

Visit the website at:

shelburnefallsfarmersmarket.org

A Very Special Event!!

Dust off your favorite Pirate and Fairy costumes and save the weekend of August 19, 20 and 21 for tons of fun and excitement as the World Premiere of The Fairy Tea Party (Or How Pirates Almost Spoiled The Day) is presented at the Jaduke Black Box Theater in the Turners Falls Industrial Park.

Written and directed by Judith Dean Kulp, it is the continuation of the story of a little girl, Margaret, who is much beloved by the Woodland Creatures and Fairies after she saved them from a terrible storm that threatened to destroy their home. This summer Margaret is being honored at a tea party hosted by her friends in the woods, but somehow lost Pirates stumble onto the scene and hilarity ensues. Filled with sweet songs, exciting production numbers, singing and dancing (and cooking !) pirates and a lot of misunderstandings and confusion, The Fairy Tea Party (Or How Pirates Almost Spoil The Day) ultimately proves that kindness and friendship will always win the day.

The cast includes our very own Sophia Goodnow as a Woodland Creature and her dad, the normally shy and retiring Lewis Goodnow, as a Pirate!

Performances are Saturday, August 20 at 11:00 and 3:00 and Sunday, August 21 at 3:00. Special Tea Party activities are planned throughout the weekend so go to Jaduke.com and click on "Shows and Performances" for more information and to purchase tickets.

Shelburne Falls Farmers Markets

The Farmers Market is held every Friday from 2-6:30 p.m., until October 28. It is located at the corner of Main and Water St. in the village. 15 full and part-time vendors, plus performing musicians, have signed up for the season. Featured are local farmers, crafters, and body work. There is room for more vendors, particularly for prepared food, cheese, and local crafts.

More Church activities.....

Our Missions Committee raised over \$2000 in pledges, variety show receipts, and matching yearly budget funds to donate to Meals on Wheels. The First Congregational Church of Shelburne was again the top church organization for funds raised. Thank you to everyone!

Volunteers from the Church will be preparing and serving the community meals at Trinity Church on July 15 and August 19.

Also in the works is the 2nd annual Richard Bole Sock Collection Drive. Last year our goal was 1000 pairs and well over 2000 pairs of socks were collected in Dick's memory. Dick tried to increase the sock collection by about 50 pairs per year and the last year he was alive he set the goal at 300. So this year we will set the goal at 350 pairs. We will focus on infant, toddler, and children's sizes, as there is a great need in our local school district.

Sunday School and Family Fun...

Annual Summer Jubilee will be held on three consecutive evenings, Tuesday-Thursday, *July 26-28*.

On Tuesday enjoy crafts, and on Wednesday games, both from 6-8 p.m.

On Thursday night a potluck salad supper, beginning at 5 p.m., followed by movie night with popcorn and other snacks.

Our theme this summer is "Building Community" so everyone is encouraged to bring friends and enjoy!

Trip to Heifer International Farm, Rutland, MA

A guided tour of the Heifer International Farm is planned, date to be announced. Please call Linda Judd at 625-2855 for more information and to reserve a spot.

August Vesper Services

In lieu of regular Sunday morning services, during the month of August services will take place at Vespers (7:00 p.m.). *August 7* Organ Vesper at Church; *August 14* at Deb and Al Coutinho's home, Taylor Rd.; *August 21* at Gordon and Marion Taylor's home on South Shelburne Rd.; *August 28* joint service with Second Congregational Church in Greenfield.

And local author Theodore Cromack has published a new book! It is titled "An Anthology of Short Stories and Verses" and consists of 16 short stories with fifteen short verses interspersed. Available at the library, or directly from Ted, at 625-0127.

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holds services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Our pastor is the Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

Our website is shelburnechurch.org, where you will find up-to-date information on Church, Grange, and community events.

Find us on Facebook too!