

First Baptist Church in Wickford

THE GOOD NEWS

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The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a



FOOD DRIVE

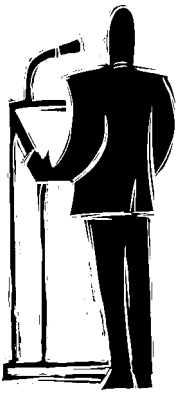


for the month of July to benefit the
North Kingstown Food Pantry

The food pantry's supplies are low this time of year. When you come to church each week please bring in canned and packaged food items such as yams, canned potatoes, canned carrots, baked beans, creamed soups, apple sauce, pears, fruit juices, stewed tomatoes, chicken and beef broths and paper goods. We will gather the items in the Narthex and the ushers will bring it forward as part of the offering.

*"Then the King will say to those on his right hand,
'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you; for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,...'" Mt 25: 34-35*

THE DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE OF THE GOOD NEWS IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH



Handpicked by God

Pastor Jason Genest

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness.

1 Peter 2:9

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

9:30 am

Worship

Sanctuary

10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

1:30 pm

Prayer Group

Stafford House

WEDNESDAYS

1:00 pm

Ladies Guild (2nd Wed.)

12:30 pm

Craft Workshop

(1st, 3rd, & 4th Wed.)

Stafford House

I will long remember those Sunday afternoon softball games with my home church. This being an “amateur” event without set teams led us to begin each game by assembling the two sides. One common approach was to elect captains that, subsequently chose those players they believed would add great strength to their team. The first captain to choose often selected the fastest, strongest player. The other captain selected the second strongest, and so on, until each player was on one of the two teams. This became a painful process for those chosen last. Not to mention, it was immediately assumed which team would most likely succeed—the team with the greatest strength and fastest runners. Realizing this process was a bit disheartening to those not as fast or strong, we decided to change the way teams were assembled. Selection based solely on the basis of strength and speed overlooks the drive and vigor of heart and soul. Several games proved that speed and strength don’t always win over the passion and determination of the heart.

The above scripture tells us that we’ve been chosen not by some contemporary captain for some ordinary game. We’ve been handpicked by God Himself for something far greater and far more rewarding than any game or event could afford us. Believers in Christ have been selected by God to become actively involved in the work of His Kingdom and in the praise and honor of His Holy Name. God selects people for a Holy Work, and does so not based on our own merit, strength or weakness, ability or inability. Instead, God selects those whose heart is yielded to Him and whose passion is to serve Him. His selection is a loved-based selection, in which God looks at the heart and spirit of all those who Believe on the Name of Christ. He sees us as a people through which He demonstrates His own Power and Strength. He sets us apart to actively minister His Grace and Love to those we meet and graciously provides us with all we need to accomplish His Will here on earth. The reward He offers to those willing to participate is the promise and hope of eternal life with Him.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help with the
ECUMENICAL HYMN SING AND DEVOTIONS
on Friday Mornings for 1 hour

Requirements of volunteers are:

ARMS to give Hugs

HANDS to hold, turn pages in songbooks or adjust a lap robe

EYES to read scripture and hymns

A VOICE (so-so to average) to sing the old Hymns
that the residents love

A HEART to care (for the saints who can no longer do some
small, simple things for themselves)

Please call Ginny Manicini (294-2140) or Mary Ostiguy (294-4035)
for more information or to volunteer.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Shortcake Baking
Thursday, July 6th
9:00 AM

Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Wickford Art Festival
Saturday, July 8th –
Sunday July 9th

Vacation Bible School
Monday, July 24th –
Friday, July 28th
Camp Canonicus

Coffeehouse
Saturday, July 29th
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Stafford House



WICKFORD ART FESTIVAL

Saturday July 8th — Sunday, July 9th

It is not too late to volunteer to work at the Art Festival!! If you have not yet signed up but would still like to volunteer please contact the church office at 294-4595.

We are also in need of some ice blocks to be used at the Art Festival. Please use a container or bag to freeze water into ice blocks, any shape will do!! You can bring your ice blocks with you when you come to volunteer or they can be dropped off at anytime during the festival. We are also looking for donations of bags of ice cubes for the iced tea and coffee. Bags of ice cubes can be dropped off on Saturday.



COFFEEHOUSE



Come and join us in the Stafford House (outside if weather permits) on

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH BETWEEN 4 AND 7PM!

Join us for some good music, food, fellowship and FUN

This event is sponsored by our Outreach Committee. Come and bring a friend.

A free will offering will be taken.



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IN WICKFORD**
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**TIME VALUE - DATED MATERIAL
PLEASE DO NOT DELAY**

**JULY
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st** Pat Curry
- 3rd** Eleanor Reardon
- 5th** Mary Alice Gunn
- 12th** Bill Johnson
- 13th** Matt Bellisle
- 16th** Alex Mills
- 19th** Janet Alexander Ryan
- 21st** Jeremy Arkwright
Wes Wild
- 22nd** Marcia Wild
Michael Wright
- 26th** Gordon Gunkel
- 27th** Jessica Derr
- 31st** Patti Arkwright

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