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MINISTER'S COLUMN, Scott Couper

Tuesday, 16 July, marked the one-year anniversary, to the day, since I began serving as the minister and teacher of Centre Congregational Church. On that day, I told the convened Council, "I love Vermont; I love Brattleboro; and I love this church family that I serve." My first year seems to have been a blessing for the church and I. I focused on listening and learning for one year.

Part of listening and learning is hearing my colleagues. Being a mission co-worker for over twenty years taught me that I do not work in isolation, but in partnership with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Therefore, this month, I have chosen to feature two correspondences, one from 'our own' Susie Webster-Toleno (minister of Westminster West, UCC) and one from Lynn Bujnak (Vermont Conference Minister). Susie speaks to us about civility and the degree to which we can speak to one another respectfully as a society. Lynn speaks about a subject that saturates the Hebrew and Christian scriptures and that which I specifically highlighted in my second of three sermons in our series "Our Local Prophets": caring for the 'alien' – call them what you wish, 'immigrants', 'foreigners', 'minorities', the 'marginalized'. Neither issue, civility and compassion, are political per se, they are theological concepts. We abandon them at our peril. We are Christians first. May we never be nationalists. The former is faithful. The latter is, arguably, idolatry.

Love always in Christ, Scott

A Correspondence from our Conference Minister

When foreigners reside among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God (Leviticus 19:33-34 NIV).

When Peg and I lived on the west side of Cleveland, we had great neighbors. Next door was an older Irish American couple. The house next to theirs was owned by an African-American family. On the other side of our house, the neighbors were from Puerto Rico and next to them, the family was from Pakistan. Across the street was an older couple who were 'DPs' – Displaced Persons from Hungary, and next to them, a family from Vietnam. The stories of how their ancestors, or sometimes they themselves, emigrated from their home country to the United States (U.S.) were unique, but the same themes came up over and over. They came to the U.S. to escape poverty and famine, to escape dangerous war-torn areas or almost certain death in concentration camps. They longed for a better life for their children. A very different narrative for the African-American family was a stark reminder that their ancestors were brought here against their will through the evils of slavery. Except for indigenous people (Native Americans), all of our ancestors were once foreigners in this country. All of them. This bears repeating as we see desperate people at our southern border longing for a life free from violence and poverty and hoping for a new life in the U.S. Caging asylum seekers, holding children in unsafe, unsanitary, overcrowded conditions, and suffering the trauma of being taken away from their parents is wrong. It's wrong morally and it is wrong spiritually. We are most certainly not "lov[ing] them as we love ourselves." It is time for the people of God to raise our voices, to march, write to our senators and representative, to be clear with our friends, coworkers, congregation that injustice is crying out and we cannot ignore it. Thank you to the clergy and church members who took part in one of many Lights for Liberty gatherings last Friday night. Here is a link to an article featured on our denominational website: www.ucc.org/news_ucc_folks_help_vigils_shine_light_on_border_concentration_camps_07152019. While we may and often do hold differing opinions on immigration policy, there surely is one thing on which we can agree: separating children from their parents and caging them in unsafe, overcrowded conditions is wrong and is doing great harm to the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of these 'little ones' whom God loves.

In hope, Lynn Bujnak

“Scorn, Everywhere”

We are, on a large national scale, in a not-very-happy committed relationship, with wildly divergent ideas and values.

I recently had the opportunity to counsel a young couple who are considering getting married. I was tickled to be asked for feedback, as so often brides and grooms are more focused on the wedding celebration than on contemplating what it's like to be in a day-in/day-out, committed relationship that they hope will last for many decades.

Like the relationship of a couple who were both nearing end of life in their 90s, having been married at a very young age before the husband was whisked away to fight in WWII. I recently was the hospice chaplain for them. When I marveled with the wife that she had been married for 72 years, she said, “And all to the same man. Can you believe it?!” I chuckle every time I remember her delighted giggle.

The young couple who sought my counsel asked good questions. Honestly, the fact that they were asking strikes me as a sign of strength in their relationship, and I suspect they'll do very well together. We talked about some of the obvious potential challenges to life together — challenges that sometimes emerge unexpectedly: infidelity, sexual incompatibility, different views around money or child-rearing. Before we were done talking, I shared with them what I have found, anecdotally, to be the strongest indicator of a relationship that will fall to pieces sooner or later. Scorn.

It sounds so simple, doesn't it? But I find it to be true: committed relationships where one or both partners routinely roll their eyes about the other, mock them in their presence or behind their backs, and dismiss the value of their ideas or choices are relationships that are not based on honoring the full humanity of the other. It's possible that a marriage founded on scorn might last, I suppose, but it won't be a very happy one.

After talking with that couple, I went home and, as I do, I sat at the computer and checked out Facebook. It suddenly struck me: scorn, everywhere. People I love and people who challenge my ability to remain loving were all over my news feed, piling derision on those they disagree with. People I otherwise respect were wielding ugly memes to show the world how imbecilic and values-less their opponents are, belittling their intelligence in the most mocking terms. It's worst in the comments section of news stories, of course; there, it was all one big, nasty, “aren't I clever/aren't they moronic” eye roll, regardless of which side of an issue was being supported.

It seems to me that we are, on a large national scale, in a not-very-happy committed relationship, with wildly divergent ideas and values. And we are heaping scorn on one another all the time. I understand — I'm not above feeling the urge to display my own cleverness as I rhetorically slice my opponent to ribbons. But I know that doing so doesn't actually change their minds or open their hearts to my opinion, and it doesn't make me more loving or courageous, so I try to resist that urge.

I don't have a solution to the cynical relationship pattern we've developed as a nation. I do know that when I remember to act and speak out of love (even with those I fundamentally disagree with), I feel more peaceful and less exhausted. To be clear, I'm not advocating shrugging off the differences in our values in order to get along. My hope for us as a community and a world is that we could find the life practices that call us back to our better selves, remembering to honor the humanity of others even while standing strong in our truth.

I'm pleased to say that our church is one of the forces that feeds my own courageous kindness, reminding me of God's love for all people and all of creation. If you want to find out more, come worship with us some Sunday. Even if you don't define yourself as Christian, I suspect you'll see the value of contemplating a life based on Jesus' example of love, justice, compassion, and truth-telling. And if the church way is not your way, I hope you find a community that nourishes your ability to live in a committed relationship with our broken, wounded world.

SUSIE WEBSTER-TOLENO (M.DIV.) *serves as pastor of the United Church of Christ congregation in Westminster West and is also a hospice spiritual coordinator. This piece originally appeared as a post on the church's website, westminsterwest.org.*

Council Chair, BILL McCARTY

It is hard to comprehend that the summer is almost finished! Am I correct? Probably not!

CCC Council has not taken a vacation and has been working through the summer dealing with on-going issues. Some of them mundane and others of significance. At our most recent meeting on July 16, Council reviewed and discussed many issues that affect Centre Church, its members, and friends.

All are aware that the Space Envisioning sub-committee has been moving things around! Music to the library; library and meeting room to the now Heritage room, etc. Much has been done to maintain our orientation and information. Buildings & Grounds has installed signage so that we know where we are or have been! I hope all have been able to find their way.

So that we can all appreciate and review what has been done, a "pause" has been effected to the moves and a review of the changes will be made. We will review the changes in approximately six months and see whether they are effective and/or whether further change or reversion is appropriate. A special meeting will be held in September so that we can review and receive comments from all members and friends.

Audio-visual needs and changes are also being contemplated for the sanctuary. A special sub-committee is investigating the technology, effect, and costs. It is important that the least visual intrusion into the sanctuary occurs.

If anyone has information or constructive comments please confer with a member of the sub-committee, B&G or a Council member.

Church Council meets the third Tuesday of every month and all are welcome to attend and participate. Your input and comments are important and will be heard.

A matter of much importance – The endowment of Centre Church is a trust given to us by the members who preceded us. Please respond appropriately to messages you will be receiving from Rev. Scott Couper and our Treasurer, Anne Fecto.

Membership in Centre Church is important, both as a privilege and a duty. Please participate in Centre Church life as an active member. Stay involved and maintain the vibrancy and leadership position of our church.

See you Sunday!!

From Music Director, MARY MILKEY-MAY

On July 7, we were fortunate to have Stephanie Ducharme as guest pianist/soloist while I enjoyed a vacation Sunday. Stephanie did a terrific job not only accompanying hymns, but also accompanying herself as she sang the anthem and offertory. Such talent! Stephanie will be subbing for me again September 1, which is the last Sunday before the choirs return!

Other soloists during July included Jenifer Ambler and Eric Strickland, both choir members, who graciously were willing to fill in during the choir's absence. Jenifer and Eric did a terrific job and were greatly appreciated.

During the first three Sundays in August we will enjoy additional soloists who will fill in the anthem spots. On August 25, we will have a combined choir with folks from the four churches that gather during the summer months. Please feel free to join us. We will meet at 9:00am to warm up and rehearse the pieces for the day. We would love to have you in the loft! It's a very nice view!

DEACONS

The deacon's would like to recognize and thank Wendy Randall for her many years as a deacon. Wendy is stepping down from the Deacons. She came on as an interim and stayed several years.

The deacons work hard and coordinate all sanctuary services. Wendy has been diligent in her responsibilities and we appreciate all she brought to this group of dedicated workers. We each thank her and she knows we will still call her to be a liturgist and usher. Many thanks, Wendy!

The Deacon of the month of August is Mary Bristol.

Welcome back to Joy Everett! Joy had left to help her daughter Lisa and son-in-law Michael. We are elated over Michael's great 'cancer free' report!

How lucky we all are to work together.

-Carlene McCarty, chair

CENTRE BELLS

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**Centre Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

MISSION & SERVICE

2020 will be here before we know it! Mission & Service is reviewing our Second Sunday Offerings for the upcoming year, as well as other fundraisers, donations, and projects. We would love to have comments and suggestions from our fellow church members! If you have any ideas about more effective ways to raise money or give money, project ideas, offering recipients we should prioritize, add or discontinue, please feel free to talk to any M&S Committee member (Priscilla Svec, Dennis Newman, Jenifer Ambler, Bonnie Girvan, and Amy Balin).

El Salvador Trip Looking for Participants

There is a medical trip to El Salvador in the planning stages for **November 9-16**: Dentists and optometrists, and also volunteers willing to pitch in and help with anything needed. No Spanish fluency is necessary! Tentative schedule:

- Saturday, arrive and settle in, drop equipment off at clinic
- Sunday, visit sister parish while other medical people set up clinic
- Monday – Thursday, Clinic with a day or half day off midweek to socialize, learn, and tour
- Friday, clean-up and R&R
- Saturday, a little touring or shopping, then fly home.

Approximate cost of the trip is around \$1200-\$1500 per person, most of which is the flights. Wouldn't you love to be where the trees are green, the flowers are blowing, and the birds are singing just when everything is gray and chilly in VT? If so, talk to Jenifer Ambler: 802.254.9181 / busylitlmom@gmail.com

Second Sunday Offering

The Second Sunday Offering on August 11 is **Brattleboro Senior Meals (BSM)**, which encompasses the lunches served at the Senior Center and Meals On Wheels delivered to seniors at home. Affordable nutritious meals are a very important service to the seniors in our community, especially those on limited incomes. Federal and state funding for such services has decreased recently, leading to even more need for community support.

Hot meals are offered every day (Monday-Friday) at 12 noon at The Brattleboro Senior Center. For those over 60 there is a suggested donation of \$3.50. All those under 60 are charged \$6.00 per meal. The menu is set one month in advance, but is subject to change due to food availability and severe weather conditions. During special

programs, times and fees are subject to change. Reservations are appreciated. Some special programs require reservations. Weekend meals can be arranged for take-home on Fridays with the Executive Director or Head Cook. You must sign up before Wednesday. In addition, Brattleboro Senior Meals currently runs a breakfast program twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:45am.

Meals on Wheels is a program that is designed to help people over 60 who face challenges in preparing health adequate meals due to such situations as advancing age, hospital recovery or physical disability. Any person over 60 who experiences 'Food Insecurity' is unable to participate in the noon time meal available at the Brattleboro Senior Center, or has a spouse who is eligible for meals on wheels will qualify for the program. BSM also serves participants who are under 60 that are funded through Vermont Center for Independent Living.

BRATTLEBORO CENTRE for CHILDREN

Thank you to the 'angel' who weeded part of our garden in the back! We would like to thank you in person, so please let us know who you are (ahead of time, if there is a next time, if possible). Thank you so much. Somedays, our children would rather play in the water than in the dirt in the hot sun.

Speaking of the water, we have begun our summer water play on the front lawn. It really cools the children and allows them to be happier. We thank the church for allowing us this freedom three times a week. It is a great source of pleasure. We have also rigged up a shade for the playground. It's simply a large tarp and we will take it down on weekends and when rain is forecast.

This month we are preparing to graduate five of our pre-kindergarteners as they get ready to go off to public school and start their kindergarten year in the fall. We are proud of them (some of them have been here since they were in our Infant Room!) and wish them and their families success and happiness on this new phase of their educational lives. This is a big part of what we are here for--helping young children gain the skills they need to move on. It is a bitter-sweet time for us as their teachers, but growing up is what we help them do. Thank you to all the parents who share their children with us. We love sharing this journey with you.

-Nan Mann, Director

Dear Friends at Centre Congregational Church (United Church of Christ) Brattleboro, Vermont

We are writing to express our concern, indeed, our heartache over conditions for families coming to our borders seeking refuge. As grandmothers, mothers, and educators we are particularly angry and frustrated by the lack of care for young children, many of whom have been separated from their parents. We know that such separations can be traumatic for any young child, often leading to physical symptoms such as a loss of appetite, stomach aches, and headaches as well as providing a basis for a failure to thrive in school, acting out behaviors, and substance abuse in later years. The damage we are inflicting not only affects refugee families now but will come back to injure us in years to come. We are creating a whole generation of people who will hate our country whether they are ultimately admitted as citizens or not. The numbers seeking refuge are not insignificant, as we all know.

Therefore, we are writing to our own representatives in Congress as well as those representatives from other states to demand that they work toward the following as expeditiously as possible:

1. Provide basic physical care for those who seek entry to our country. This would include safe and adequate shelter, healthy food, space to move about and play, and medical care as needed;
2. Increase personnel at the southern border, particularly. This should include workers who can attend to the health needs of refugees, workers who can conduct initial interviews, and judges who can determine status. All interviews must be facilitated (in this case) by Spanish speaking personnel;
3. Send envoys to Central American nations to consult on conditions leading to the exodus of their citizens as well as determining the support necessary to slow the exodus.

While acknowledging the primacy of our Native American citizens, as well as the history of forced immigration of many of our black and brown citizens, we are the descendants of people who came here seeking a better life. Who, then, are we to deny the same opportunity to others? Surely, among those who are now at our borders, there are future doctors, engineers, teachers, and willing farm workers. Let's welcome them, be gentle and courteous to them, and find ways to accommodate them to our society. We will be richer for it.

Signed:

Marion Abell B.S., M. Ed.-- mother of three and grandmother of three

Margo Neale B.A., M.A., M.Ed. – mother of three and grandmother of six

Beverly Webster – B.A., M.Ed. – mother of four and grandmother of nine

MEMBER CARE

In our fellowship time following church service members of Member Care, with the help of some volunteers, we served up thirst quenching beverages and some delicious snacks on the Sundays of July. Thanks to all who served!

Making this list for Fellowship Time / Coffee hour in the parlor is challenging as we try to spread the responsibility over the several committees / boards of our church. We posted the schedule with blank lines for November, hoping that some people will volunteer to fill these blanks. This is a tradition at Centre Church. We don't like the idea of 'no fellowship hour'.

The schedule will be posted on the bulletin board in the parlor, with the sign-up for flowers. There is another sign-up sheet for purchasing coffee. If you would like to buy a pound of Fair Trade Coffee which we use for church events, sign up there. It is \$7.00/pound. Please be sure to note that this is for coffee on the memo line of your check.

-Marion Daley, for Member Care

Schedule for Coffee Hour Hosts 2019-2020	
September	Brattleboro Centre for Children Board
October	Deacons
November	Volunteers
December	Mission and Service
January	Choir
February	Finance and Endowment
March	Council
April	Pastoral Relations &volunteers
May	Fund Raising Committee
June	Buildings and Ground
July / August	Member Care

PEOPLE



A word of good cheer would be warmly received by members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers, or are housebound as of March 26.

The Rev. David Cutting—Pine Heights #406
187 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro, VT 05301

Fran Burrows—Langdon Place
136A Arch St. #150, Keene, NH 03431

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254-4977

Wanda Godfrey—Vernon Hall
13 Greenway Dr., Vernon, VT
254-2444

Phyllis Hickok
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515-337-1956

Jane Reed—Valley Cares
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802-221-4213

Karen Getty Peter—Pine Rock Manor
3 Denny Hill Rd., Warner, NH 03278

The Rev. Allen Vander Meulen—Pine Heights
187 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro, VT 05301

Sylvia Eaton—Thompson House, #208
80 Maple St., Brattleboro, VT

Nancy Clarke—Hearthstone
402 Hemenway St., Marlborough, MA 01752

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Lynn Herzog | |
| 8 Carlene McCarty | |
| 10 Laura Slate | |
| 12 Margo Neale | |
| 13 Lisa Keller | |
| 14 Wendy Randall | |
| 15 Victoria Svec | |
| 16 L. Clyde Johnson | 26 Dan Healey |
| 17 Verne Bristol | 27 Jeanushka Fishell |
| 20 Sue Rowell | 31 Mary Bristol |
| 23 Pat Neer | Peter Abell |



Welcome Center Event Friday, September 6, 2019 The Centre Church Fundraising Committee is coordinating the Welcome Center "Coffee Break"

**All church members and friends
will be asked to help in
making this a great success.
You will be contacted in the
next few weeks to see how
you can help.**

**Thank you in advance
for your help!**

Meg Harriman

The NY Times came and interviewed both 4th grade classes at Green Street School. They asked for students to write their personal opinion on any topic. Some wrote about gun violence, chewing gum in school, length of the school day, etc. Here is Jackson Grobe's contribution, reprinted with permission.



JACKSON GROBE, 9

Girls can play football, and boys can do ballet. Gender differences make people feel bad for liking what they like. Boys can like pink, and girls can like blue. We are all the same and different. We are all people.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES TO HEIDI MARIO, July 6

Who was inadvertently omitted from last month's Birthday list.

AUGUST 2019

**Holy Communion celebrated

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit Scott on leave	2 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 5 ⁰⁰ Latch-on event 5 ³⁰ Moment for Peace 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott on leave	3
4 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship** 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting Scott on leave	5 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl Scott on leave	6 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 5 ⁰⁰ Book Study 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 7 ⁰⁰ Vitality Conference Scott on leave	7 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott on leave	8 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit Scott on leave	9 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott on leave	10 11 ⁰⁰ Writing Workshop
11 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	12 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl 6 ³⁰ AA District 8	13 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 10 ⁰⁰ Senior Solutions 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 5 ⁰⁰ Book Study 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	14 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting	15 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit	16 CB DEADLINE 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott day off	17
18 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship/FIA 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ New Members' Class 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	19 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl 1 ³⁰ Compassionate Brattleboro	20 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 10 ⁰⁰ Windham Union 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 5 ⁰⁰ Book Study 6 ⁰⁰ Church Council 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	21 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting	22 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit	23 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott day off	24 11 ⁰⁰ Writing Workshop
25 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Union Service Centre Church 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ New Members' Class 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	26 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl	27 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	28 MAIL CB 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting	29 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit	30 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting Scott day off	31

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BROWN BAG LUNCH GROUP
will not meet on **Wednesday, August 7**. For any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Laura Slate: 802.254.5887/tjllslate@comcast.net.

AUGUST LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, August 4—8th Sunday after Pentecost Hos 11:1-11 and Ps 107:1-9, 43 or Ecc 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Ps 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; **Luke 12:13-21**
Sunday, August 11—9th Sunday after Pentecost Isa 1:1, 10-20 and Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 or Gen 15:1-6 and Ps 33:12-22; Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; **Luke 12:32-40**
Sunday, August 18—10th Sunday after Pentecost Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 or Jer 23:23-29 and Ps 82; Heb 11:29-12:2; **Luke 12:49-56**
Sunday, August 25—11th Sunday after Pentecost Jer 1:4-10 and Ps 71:1-6 or Isa 58:9b-14 and Ps 103:1-8; Heb 12:18-29; **Luke 13:10-17**

Everyone is invited to
TAKE a MOMENT for PEACE
Friday, August 2 • 5:30-6:00pm
 Our presenter for this month is Ayla Varol Clark, PhD, music psychotherapist and composer. Ayla will be playing her 'Kanon', a 75 string harp-type instrument. We will have the opportunity to just listen or enjoy free form movement. All are welcome!

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