



The SPIRE

Park Avenue Congregational Church

The United Church of Christ

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Minister

June 2019



Sunday, June 2 – Choir Appreciation Sunday



We will dedicate a portion of our worship service to applaud the musical talents and enrichment that our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir and Music Directors bring to our services.

Sunday, June 9 – Youth Sunday and Confirmation

Join us as we celebrate our young people and Sunday School teachers. We will also be celebrating Confirmation. Come support our confirmands as they mark a major milestone in their faith journey.



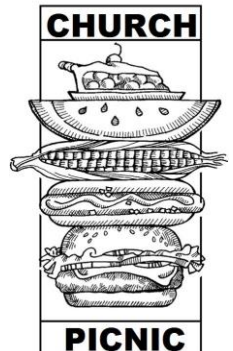
It is also **Pentecost** on the 9th - Don't forget to wear **Red** in celebration! It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Spring Arts and Crafts Exhibit for members and friends of PACC is on two Sundays, **June 9th and June 16th**, after church in the Fellowship Room. We welcome submissions from children and adults. Submissions may be turned in to Gwen Phelps or Karen Stark at church on Sunday, June 2, or at some other time or place as arranged with Gwen [(617) 966-2670 or Gwendy646@aol.com] or Karen (Kastark@rcn.com).

Church picnic - Sunday, June 16, from noon - 4 pm

Lexington Christian Academy, 48 Bartlett Ave in Lexington

Join us for our annual church picnic! Bring bathing suits and towels to swim in the pool. There are wading pools to fill for children still in swim diapers. Bring tennis racquets and balls to play tennis. There's plenty of sun and shade and chairs for everyone. There's a field if anyone wants to organize a softball game. The CE ministry will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks. We'll also have some veggie dogs. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!



Greetings from our Pastor!

Dear Park Avenue friends,

As a lifelong beneficiary of central air, in recent years I've come under the tutelage of my native New Englander husband, Chris, in the ways of what I like to call Air Conditioning Unit Season. This includes instruction in the correct method for installing AC units without dropping them on toes or out windows, and the precision choreography involved in maximizing and preserving cool air inside our home by means of opening and closing windows (subdivided by floor and airflow) at specific times, depending on the ratio of indoor to outdoor temperatures. I am learning fast, because it only takes a few greenhouse-like days or hot, sultry nights to realize just how miserable unmitigated New England summer weather can be.

But I don't wish away this season. After a snowy winter and a long, cold spring, I try to find the beauty in the heat and humidity. So what if we superheated the kitchen making dinner on the stove? We'll eat outside! So what if the mosquitoes have colonized our backyard? That's what bug spray is for! So what if it's too hot to stay inside? It's finally warm enough to play on the jungle gym!

Just as each meteorological season has treasures for us to enjoy, so does each season in life. I don't relish the groggy-eyed sensation of getting up with a baby at 4:30am, but once I'm up, I find myself delighting in those quiet hours spent with a smiling baby and a hot cup of tea before the world awakens.

Whether we're in the trenches of parenting children or caring for an aging relative; whether we feel an uncertainty of purpose as we graduate college or move toward retirement; whether we are up to our eyeballs in schedules and activities or find ourselves sitting quietly on the sidelines, God has showered our lives with blessings, if only we have eyes to see them.

Even in the seasons that feel hotter than Hades, when we have come to the end of ourselves and have nothing else to lean on - it is then that we are given the great gift of leaning into the loving embrace of a God who will never abandon us, no matter how miserable things get.

This summer, when I find myself holed up next to the AC unit, cold drink in hand and sweat on my brow, I'll raise my glass and say a prayer of thanksgiving for the sweet graces of hot days - and I hope you will, too.

Blessings,



Reverend Leah Lyman Waldron, Pastor

Groups at PACC

Sarah's Circle

We will meet on **Saturday, June 15**, in the Fellowship Room at **10:00 am** (Those who wish to meditate may come at 9:30 am). We need a volunteer for milk/cream, and also if someone could volunteer to bring more sugar, it would be appreciated. We have chosen to read "The Woman in White" by Wilkie Collins.

Women's Guild

Guild will meet at Margaret Bell-Berman's home in Bedford on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** for a tea. We will have a signup sheet for providing small sandwiches, finger desserts, and other items. We will meet at the front of the church at **11:30 am** to carpool to Margaret's. If you need transportation to the church call Beverly at (781)646-0030. Please mark your calendar for what will be a fun event and time for fellowship.

PACC Men

PACC Men will meet for at PACC in the Fellowship Room on **Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm**. Ken Miller will present on his time as a pilot in the U. S. Air Force. We'll order food to be delivered from a local restaurant. Let Mike Rich (mrich3478@comcast.net) know by early afternoon on the 4th if you will be coming so he will know how much food to order. Please bring a beverage or dessert.

Let Dave Morrissette [(781)643-6631, drmorriss@comcast.net] know if you will be around for a restaurant outing in July and whether you would prefer the 2nd or 9th.

CRAIGVILLE RETREAT - VACATION TIME!

Several church members have been taking advantage of our denomination's Craigville Retreat Center's off-season rates. It offers a great opportunity to explore Cape Cod and stay in a lovely setting just two blocks from the ocean.

It's a great deal for retirees and others with flexible work schedules. The dates are September 2 - 6. The cost is \$339.43 for four nights and includes all meals. Application forms are available in the church office or can be obtained by calling the center at (508) 775-1265. You can also go online info@craigvilleretreats.org and see photos of the area. For more flexible dates, consider Star Island, Isles of Shoals, NH www.starisland.org (the church office has a catalogue. Pilgrim Pines in Swanzey, NH www.pilgrimpinetrees.org is another nice place to vacation and offers a Road Scholar program as well.

Christian Education



Mark your calendars for confirmand **Ella Ford's baptism on Saturday, June 8 at 9:30am at Walden Pond**. Bring a dish to share for brunch and help us celebrate this wonderful moment in Ella's life! Parking is \$8 per vehicle with MA license plate; carpooling encouraged. Walking on path to baptism site required.

Youth Sunday

Come celebrate Pentecost and Confirmation with us on June 9! There will be a brief **rehearsal on Saturday, June 8 at 4:00pm** in the sanctuary. Anyone who does not have a speaking part and is not in Youth Choir can just come for the first 15 minutes to practice music and see where we'll sit on Sunday. If you've got a speaking part or you're in Youth Choir, the rehearsal will last about 45 minutes.

Confirmation

Confirmation is **June 9!** Our last **group meeting** is on **Sunday, June 2 from 5-6:30pm**. We'll run through the service, answer any last-minute questions, and finish our art project for the art show.

Update on the Search for CE Director. The Job is Posted! Help spread the word!

PACC Family: Can you help us find a new CE Director? As we prepare to thank our beloved Kate as she transitions into her next chapter (**her last Sunday as CE Director is June 16**), the Search Committee is at work to find a new CE Director to serve our wonderful PACC community.

We have posted this job description in a few places, and we know that one of the best ways to find wonderful candidates is that they hear of opportunities from people they know. Can you help spread the word? We invite applications from outside or inside the PACC community.

Here is where the job is posted: <https://www.pacc-ucc.org/jobs/>

We are inviting applicants to send a cover letter and resume to ce-search@pacc-ucc.org

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! The CE Director Search Committee:

Marianne McPherson, Chair (2019 Deacon for Christian Education)

Valerie Censabella, Katie Colello, Sarah Baldwin, Ella Ford, Lane Hogan, Josh Young, Leah Lyman Waldron (Ex Officio), Andy Hart (Ex Officio)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Walk for Hunger team. We raised over \$300 to fight hunger and food insecurity in Massachusetts.

Mission and Justice Matters at PACC



Mission and Justice Spotlight



Housing Corporation of Arlington's 18th Annual Walk for Affordable Housing – Sunday, June 9, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

HCA's largest fundraiser of the year, the Walk raises awareness and funds for our Affordable Housing program to house low and moderate-income families and individuals in need and for HCA's Homelessness Prevention Program, to provide financial assistance to those in danger of losing their housing. Last year HCA raised more than \$37,000 in support of the 93 properties under management, and specifically the 57 units in our current development pipeline. The walk starts at the Jason Russell House. After the walk there is free food, balloons, face painting, live music, entertainment, raffles, and more. More information about HCA here: <https://housingcorparlington.org/>

Gun Safety

Arlington Gun Buyback - June 29 from 10am – 3pm at the Department of Public Works (51 Grove St.) - The Arlington Police Department will host the "Safer Homes, Safer Communities" gun buyback for unwanted, unsecured guns. No ID required, no questions asked; individuals will receive gift cards to local grocery and retail stores for each gun turned. Transport guns in the locked trunk of your car. PACC is a sponsor for this great event to help make Arlington safer! You can help by sharing the event on Facebook (<https://bit.ly/2VXCpRC>) or by volunteering to call local businesses to solicit donations toward gift cards; we have a prepared script and FAQs to make it easy. Contact: Pastor Leah with any question or if you'd like to volunteer.

Immigration, Asylum, and Refugee Issues

Mass. Conference UCC Immigration, Refugee and Asylum Task Team -
<https://www.macucc.org/immigration>

Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN / Beyond)

Several members of our Immigration working group have taken training to answer telephone hotline calls and are getting ready to take their first shifts answering calls from home from folks caught up in the immigration system asking for assistance. See <https://beyondbondboston.org/> for more about what they do. Talk to Cindy Manson if you are not yet on her email distribution list and wish to participate or merely be informed.

Local

Arlington Food Pantry

Bring non-perishable food items and household goods to church by **Sunday, June 2**. Find a list of high-need items at arlingtonfoodpantry.org/donate-food. You may also donate by check or cash noting that the funds are for AFP. Thanks for your generosity and thanks to Bryan Mau for delivering our items to the AFP.

NEAT (Neighbors Eating All Together)

The next **NEAT dinner** at St. John's Church (74 Pleasant St.) is **Saturday, June 22**, from **5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**. This dinner is a community dinner, open to all and free of charge. Look for an email to CHAT if you'd like to help set up, serve, help in the kitchen or clean up. Thanks!

Open and Affirming (ONA) LGBTQIA++ Issues

Mystic LGBTQ+ Youth Support Network – Sign up for *Queer Mystic's* Newsletter here: <https://www.queermystic.org/contact.html>.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a ministry of Hadwen Park Church and a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBTQI individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States. Asylum seekers who file for asylum in the United States are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process which can take more than a year. During that time, we strive to provide housing and financial support. Our goal is to educate the public in an effort to change policy around the globe so that someday no LGBTQI person will need to seek asylum because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and the need to find a safe place. <http://www.lgbtasylum.org/>

Pride Morning Worship

Old South Church UCC – Copley Square Boston, June 8, 2019 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Pride Morning Worship is a high-energy, joyous annual service celebrating the LGBTQ community.

Boston Pride 2019: Looking Back, Loving Forward

We invite you to march with the Mass Conference ONA churches in Boston Pride in the 49th annual Boston Pride on **Saturday, June 8, 2019, 12:00 pm**. Spectators enjoy cheering for our marching group, with our 100 participants, rhythm instruments, chanting and dancing. Our message of Extravagant Welcome for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions is always well received. Our presence makes a real difference. *Please see Jill Lewis or email her at jelewi@gmail.com if you have any questions.*

Arlington also celebrates Pride

On **Saturday, June 8** from **12:00 -2:00 p m** the [Arlington, MA Lgbtqia+ Rainbow Commission](#) is sponsoring “**Queeraoke at the Arlington Porchfest PRIDE Stage**” at Arlington Senior Center 27 Maple St.

On **Sunday, June 9th** – **1:00 - 4:00 pm.** – The [Arlington, MA Lgbtqia+ Rainbow Commission](#) is holding its **Second Annual PRIDE Picnic!** Bring a blanket and eat in the fresh air, or head inside at Arlington Senior Center for tables and chairs away from of the sun. Be sure to pack a lunch (and bring your reusable water bottles). We'll have plenty of frozen treats, water, and rainbow swag waiting for you. We hope you will join us in celebrating our wonderful LGBTQIA+ community and honoring the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising that inspired Pride.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 - Mandy Brush | 7 - Alicia Tapper | 24 - Merrith Sabo-Jones |
| Abigail Ewen | 8 - Albert Randall | 25 - Meredythe Schober |
| Claudia Truesdale | 9 - Joan Amon | 26 - Linda Carew |
| 2 - Anna Colello | 14 - Sadie Ford | 27 - Betty Rich |
| 3 - Buck Lombard | 16 - Abigail Jones | Emily Evans |
| Gwendolyn Phelps | 17 - Rona Malone | 30 - Catherine Freudenreich |
| 6 - Sharon Hamilton | 19 - Aaron Colonnese | Christine Rochon |
| Ethan Moore | Norm Niven | |
| Elizabeth Olson | 22 - Rachel Durning | |
| Derek O'Rourke | | |

*Happy Father's Day to all the amazing
PACC Dads out there!*

Church Family News

Happy birthday to **Norm Niven** who will celebrate his 80th birthday on June 19th!

Congratulations to **Laurie Scott** on the birth of her granddaughter, **Keoni Dunne Scott**, on April 23rd.

Congratulations to **Jill Lewis** after the birth of her first grandchild, **Ella May Cornelia**, on May 22nd. Jill's daughter, **Michelle Lewis**, and her partner, **Pat Cornelia**, are Ella's parents.

Congratulations to **Meredythe Schober** after the birth of her 9th great grandchild! Meredythe's granddaughter and her husband, **Heather and Bryan Restuccia**, are the parents of **Colin** who was born on May 23rd.

Congratulations to **Erik Pichette** and **Alexandra Barbolla** who were married on May 10th. Erik is the grandson of **Sue and Dick Erickson** and son of **Sheila and Gary Pichette**.

In our prayers:

Eric and Christine Rochon and their family, after the death of Eric's grandfather, Dan Rochon Sr., on May 25th.

Norm Niven, who is home recovering from surgery to remove his bladder.

Liz Ramras, who finished her treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Bob Allen, **Norma Allen's** brother, who is recovering from surgery on his eyelid.

Also, please keep in your prayers: **Carol Barker, Linda Brinkman, Karen Davies, Janet Doe, Marilyn Janssen, Anne Jordan, Florence Marshall, Dick Phelps, Linda Jarvis Randall, Marcia Rieth, Alicia Russell, Dorothy Sexton, Joan Sorensen, Skip Symonds, Doris Wilson, Timothy Young, and Claire Zia.**

Curious about membership at PACC?

We're planning a membership orientation for early summer. If you're interested in exploring what membership might mean for you, or just curious, please contact Cindy Manson (cynthia.manson@gmail.com, or 617-800-5694) or Betty Rich (bgr642@gmail.com), or Pastor Leah, and we'll include you in our scheduling - and answer your questions!



PACC GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL

Emma Young, who has attended PACC since she was 3 years old, is graduating from Arlington High School. She will be attending Trinity College in Hartford, CT in the fall. **Christie Getto Young** and **Josh Young** are her proud parents.

The Hogan Family is celebrating the high school graduation of **Reese Hogan**. She will be attending Lesley University in Cambridge to study Special Education in the fall.

Meredythe Schober is celebrating the graduation of her granddaughter, **Noelani Schober**, from Arlington High School. She will be attending the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in the fall to study English/Communications.

The Moore and **Phelps** families are celebrating the graduation of **Ethan Moore** from Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Lexington. He will be attending University of Massachusetts Lowell in the fall majoring in Civil Engineering.

Hal and Judy Miller are celebrating the graduation of their grandson, **Nolan Miller**, from Evergreen (CO) High School. He will attend Clemson University in the fall.

Jeanne Tift and family are celebrating the high school graduation of her son, **Will**. He will be attending the University of Chicago to study pre-med in the fall.

Stu and **Charlene Belden** are celebrating the graduation of their granddaughter, **Lila Carey**, from Abington High School. She will be attending Suffolk University in the fall.

Brenda Wesinger is celebrating the graduation of her grandson, **Christopher Wesinger**, from Pembroke High School. He will be attending Suffolk University in the fall.

Jeanne Woodin and family celebrating the high school graduation of her grandson, **Caleb Woodin**, from Hingham High School. He will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall.

COLLEGE

Hong and Susan Chin celebrated the graduation of their son **Jeffrey Chin** from Purdue University. He obtained a Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Aaron Colonnese graduates this year from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and Applied Math. He is interested in a position working on the campaign for one of the democratic presidential candidates.

Tom Janssen's granddaughter **Emma Janssen** graduated from Salem State University with a Master of Science degree in Psychology. She is now employed at Primark.

Jeanne Woodin and family celebrating the graduation of her granddaughter, Carolyn Woodin, She will receive her Masters degree in Social Work from Salem State University.

Abby McNulty graduated from Southern New Hampshire University on May 11 with her degree in Hospitality/Business and honors, cum laude.

PRE-SCHOOL

Jeanne Woodin and family celebrating the graduation of her great-grandson, **Shawn Woodin**, from pre-school. He will be entering kindergarten in the fall and joining his sister, *Kayla Woodin*, who will be entering third grade.

RUMMAGE SALE RECAP

First, and most importantly, **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED, WORKED AND SHOPPED AT THE SALE!** The total received to date is a little *over \$4400*. We think this is quite respectable given that we didn't think we had as much merchandise as usual or as many customers. This was the first time our shoppers were able to use credit cards to make purchases. It worked well.

Over the three days of setting up, sorting, pricing, selling and cleaning up, we had at least 60 people helping on the sale. Workers were positive, pleasant, energetic and eager to present the best sale we could to the public. The public definitely recognizes our efforts and appreciates the opportunity to shop in a well-organized collection of good clothing and useful household items priced very reasonably. Then at the end, when so many of us were really tired after days of working very hard, this incredibly cheerful, strong, and experienced cleanup crew arrived to help pack up, sweep up, and put the building aright. If you have never worked on the sale, please know that you are most welcome to join us in this very worthwhile endeavor. You will get to work with a lot of really nice people on an important fundraiser for an organization we all know and love. Looking forward to having you work with us next April! ~ *Thank you, Judy Miller*

Summer Hospitality (Coffee Hour)

During **July** and **August**, the Hospitality Committee takes a break and the coffee hour becomes simpler with coffee and lemonade and a snack. There will be someone from the Fellowship and Care Ministry there to make the coffee and to help with questions. The sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen door in the Parish Hall. Thanks for your help! For any questions please contact Hong Chin, at hong2446@gmail.com or (857)998-2287.

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 9:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal, NR 10:00 AM Confirmation, S 10:00 AM Worship Service, S 11:00 AM HCA Walk for Affordable Housing 11:15 AM Coffee Hour, PH 11:30 AM PACC Art Show, FR	10 7:00 PM Chorale-PH 7:30 PM Council of Deacons, FR 8:00 PM Chorale-N	11 6:00 PM Colonial Village Associate meeting, PH 7:00 PM Thai Chi, PH 7:30 PM Knitting Group, FPR	12 6:50 PM English Country Dance, PH 7:30 PM Bible Study, FR	13 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal-N 8:00 PM FAC PH	14 2:00 PM Jay Lane-N 8:00 PM FAC-PH	15 9:00 AM Movement class, PH 9:30 AM Sarah's Circle, FR
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Sundays in June at PACC

Worship begins at 10:00 am

- June 2** - Worship Service with communion, Choir Appreciation, Food Pantry collection
- June 9** - Worship Service, Confirmation, Youth Sunday, Pentecost, Art Show
- June 16** - Learning to Pray, Worship Service with mid-month communion, Church Picnic, Art Show
- June 23** - Worship Service
- June 30** - Worship Service





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