



Church Marquee : That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing I meant it - God

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Clifton Lutheran Church is a welcoming, multi-community congregation of people, gathered by God and nurtured in worship by Word and Sacrament, in order that each of us has the opportunity to grow in faith amidst the chances and changes of this life, belong and be valued, and serve among the hopes and hurts of our world.

CLIFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:00 am Worship</p> <p>11:00 am Coffee & Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 pm Troop 79 Committee meeting</p>	2	<p>3 6:30 pm Troop 79 Meeting</p>	<p>4 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm AA</p> <p>7:00 pm Harbor Bells</p>	<p>6 7:30 pm Back Bay Ringers Concert</p> <p>9:00 pm Strawberry Shortcake reception</p> <p>DEDICATION WEEKEND</p>	<p>7 7:45 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7:00 am Book Drive</p> <p>JUNE 6th - 8th</p>
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Clifton News



From the Pastor:

The Blessing of Giving

I saw an interview on television the other night with a 25-year-old Chinese woman. She was well educated, lived outside the earthquake zone and had a good paying job in the information technology sector. She was, like so many Chinese of her generation, a single child, and she thought that had resulted in a self-centered approach to life on her part and the part of many of her peers. But the terrible suffering caused by the recent earthquake had stirred something within her and many of her friends and acquaintances. They realized that there had been something missing from their lives; a vital concern for others that works itself out in acts of compassion. And so for the first time in her life she found herself really giving to others and finding great meaning and satisfaction in it. She had perhaps discovered what great souls of faith have known all along, that "It is" (as the Apostle Paul quotes Jesus in the 20th chapter of Acts) "more blessed to give than to receive." Another way of saying it might be "There is greater happiness in giving than in receiving." This is not a particularly easy lesson for many of us to learn. We struggle daily against the old Adam within us who is set on acquiring as much as possible for ourselves, and we are abetted in that inclination by sophisticated media that encourages us to indulge our every whim. But, thankfully, we are also regularly presented with opportunities to

give of our time, talent and treasure in ways that benefit others instead of enriching ourselves. And it is then that we hopefully discover that it does indeed feel good to give.

On the weekend of June 6-8 we will formally dedicate the improvements to our building. These improvements honor the Lord's house and they have also made a tremendous difference in the appearance, functionality and accessibility of the building that is, after all, one of our main instruments of ministry in this place.

None of this happened without some serious giving. At the beginning of the project the people of Clifton were presented with the opportunity to give of their time, talent and treasure to a very ambitious project that would not benefit them for the most part personally or directly. Nevertheless you responded with energy, generosity, imagination and great commitment, going not only the second but the third mile as well. And should we be surprised that out of this often sacrificial giving came great blessing and, from what I see on people's faces and hear in their voices, happiness? We have tried the Lord and found him faithful and his word true – "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

OFFICE INFORMATION

Pastor Franks may be most easily reached in the church office Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm (with some exceptions) and by use of the answering machine. Saturday and Monday are usually his days off. Please check the newsletter calendar for important dates. If your committee schedules a meeting, please enter it on the church calendar in the office. Since many meetings are scheduled on Sunday after church, please be aware of conflicts with other committees.

Serving in Worship in June

	<u>June 1</u>	<u>June 8</u>	<u>June 15</u>	<u>June 22</u>	<u>June 29</u>
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	<i>Jack Pickell</i>	<i>Susan Angrisano</i>	<i>Mike Wade</i>	<i>Daniel Collins</i>	<i>Joanne Evans</i>
<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Barbara Janavaris</i>	<i>Bill Finch</i>	<i>Mary Hall</i>	<i>Mary Hall</i>	<i>Carol Lloyd</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Brian French Jim Koehn</i>	<i>Teresa Collins Daniel Collins</i>	<i>Ken Anderson Steve Duly</i>	<i>Robin Calahan Robin Rude</i>	<i>Chris Prouty</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sande Vesely</i>	<i>Karen Pickell</i>	<i>Bonnie Magistrelli</i>	<i>Sally Skinner</i>	<i>Louise Wade</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Gally family</i>	<i>Theresa Byors Jennifer Byors</i>	<i>Koehn family</i>	<i>Joyce Lofmark</i>	<i>Pat Finch</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Caitlin French Melinda Wilson</i>	<i>Edwin Baez Scott Walker</i>	<i>Joe Walker Melanie Wilson</i>	<i>Sam Pickell Sam Walker</i>	<i>Fox Prouty Nora Walker</i>

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for someone to take your place, and report the change to the church office by Wednesday morning.

*Items for July 2008 **Clifton News** are due on Monday June 23rd
Please submit them to Ruthi Wurth. Email address ruthi.wurth@verizon.net*

Presidents Letter

Please read the following interview from Nick Dovidio who interviewed our very own Mike Wade. And if you like what you read ... don't forget to let Nick know. – Karin

Mike Wade Interview by Nick Dovidio

I chose Mike Wade to interview for my confirmation assignment. I decided to interview Mike Wade because I know he's been a member of the Clifton Lutheran church for a long time and he and I get along well because we both like sports.

My first set of questions relate to the church and Mike. The first question I asked him was how long he has been a Lutheran and his response was "30 years". Mike said that he had been a member for about 20 years before becoming a formal member. The Lutheran religion was chosen for Mike by default. He does remember his first day at church but it wasn't a Sunday church service, it was his marriage to Louise. The day he got married to his wife Louise was his first day at the Clifton Lutheran Church. As most of us know and others can guess, Mike came from England where he grew up as a member of the Church of England.

Mike said the greatest thing he has done for the church happened 10 years ago. "The church was in financial straights and members wanted to sell the parsonage." For those of you who don't know what a parsonage is, it's usually the house right next to the church where the pastor lives. Mike convinced them to rent it instead of selling it. Mike did an analysis to tell the members that it was worth renting and selling wouldn't make a good profit for the church. My last question relating to him and the church was what would you say the greatest thing that the church/congregation has done for you? His response was that the church has given him an extended family. That is the end of the highlights for his remarks on his life with the Clifton Lutheran church.

For Mike's greatest accomplishment in his life, he said "At first, playing Rugby for England. At that time it was the greatest thing." He continued "but then when I looked back on life, having a solid family life was greater. The sports side of your life eventually ends but family tends to keep on coming." It was clear to me that Mike's family was most important but sports and being an athlete was right behind.

Mike said his strengths were that he is a very driven person, he does his best at whatever he is doing, and he strongly believes in ethical behavior. Mike's advice on embracing new ideas is that it's important to have new ideas and that it's important to figure out and understand that idea before you embrace it. His approach to life is making the most of every day. He believes this becomes more important as you become older because life seems to pass quicker and quicker then. Mike hoped he had been a mentor to people. I think he wanted to be humble about it by his answer. He continued to say that while coaching soccer he tried to teach kids much more than soccer and he hoped he had helped them thus being a mentor perhaps in several ways.

Mike's favorite movie is one that I watched in school during the eighth grade, To Kill A Mocking Bird. He really liked it and said the characters were just so good. He thought it taught a good life lesson. I agree with him because the characters were great in the book and the movie. Mike's biggest lesson that life has taught him was that "You can't do it all." This is simply all he said and it seems true. It also seems consistent with what he said earlier though, that at what he does do, he does his best. Mike's three lessons to the next generation are:

1. Set reasonable goals for yourself.
 2. Do not be afraid to fail because failure happens a lot during a lifetime so don't let it get to you.
- Always be ethical to other people.

This next question is about Mike's parents getting involved with their church at the time. Mike told me that his mother played a very big part on the church's behalf in England. She worked with the worship committee as Mike does for our church now. Right now Mike does two jobs for the church, one being stewardship. Stewardship is setting the plan each year to get money for the church and find volunteers for jobs at the church. He said unfortunately this is hard. His second job at the church is Worship, where he decides what to do during the church service, planning the whole year for each service. Mike is very involved just like his mother. He contributes much and works hard for Clifton Lutheran Church.

On a bad day what keeps Mike going is remembering the phrase "This too shall pass". His hopefulness for good change is what keeps him going. The next question is kind of rhetorical, wondering if he ever gets angry and what does he do about it. Obviously everybody gets angry so that's a definite yes but Mike said that he tries to address the situation while trying to keep the anger inside, which is a very hard thing to do if you think about it. Common sense in Mike's mind means keeping things simple and not overcomplicating things, just plain and basic. I asked Mike what he personally takes pride in and he said that he takes pride in fulfilling all his obligations whether being for church, his family, his job and other things too.

My 22nd question asked Mike if he had any certain beliefs that he has changed his mind about? His reply was: "Mostly around specifics of ethics", because he feels very strongly about the value of ethics and that's one thing he'll never change his mind about. He did say that he has changed his mind about his life, about our culture and country and its superiority to everything else. This change developed as he traveled all over the world.

My next question is similar to one earlier but I asked if he had a mission or purpose that drives him. His answer was "Try to do your best everyday, even if its pulling weeds, just try to do your best". My last question was what are your hopes and dreams for our church? Mike told me that he "just hopes and wants to see our church grow because it has so many great people. Because we are on the outskirts of Marblehead it's tough, but I'd like to see us grow a little bit because of the many qualities we have to offer".

These were Mike Wade's comments on life and the church. I thought they were great!



Christian recording artist Matthew Smith will perform at the Clifton Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 29, at 7 PM. Matthew is a lead singer and guitarist for Indelible Grace Music, a group from Belmont University that focuses on reviving hymns thought to be long forgotten by adding contemporary music to the wonderful words of yesterday. Tickets are \$8 when purchased in advance, \$10 at the door, and can be purchased on Sundays at coffee hour or by calling Chris Prouty at (978) 988-4334 in the evenings. To get a better understanding of Matthew's music, please visit www.igracemusic.com. The following is a recent interview with Matthew.

"If there is a secret to the Christian life, this is it."

Matthew Smith doesn't like to mince words. The 28-year-old singer-songwriter and East Nashville resident likes to get to the point of whatever topic is at hand, whether it be God, politics, or the relative merits of the latest U2 record. And at this moment, he's leaning forward, his dark brown eyes gleaming with intensity, drawing a line in the sand on a point of what some would call "practical theology."

"If Jesus didn't pay for everything, and I mean everything that I owe God, then I'm in trouble. We're all in trouble."

It might be helpful to back up for a moment and tell you how we got here. In Christian music, or in any kind of music, Smith is kind of an anomaly. He's a man whose personal passion bleeds through every line of his music, yet he rarely writes his own lyrics. He is an artist who plays music that is used for worship, but he's not a "worship artist." He's a songwriter who gushes over the talent of his collaborators, though he's never even met them. His music is most likely to be tagged as "contemporary," but he seems strangely traditional at times.

Matthew Smith writes brand new music to old hymn lyrics. Not grandma-used-to-sing-these-to-me-at-the-rickety-old-piano hymns, but very old hymns that were written well before grandma or even her grandma were born, many of them over three hundred years ago. And unlike other hymn revivals, there is nothing nostalgic about Smith's treatment.

"I didn't grow up singing hymns. We mainly sang praise and worship songs, and gospel songs like 'Softly And Tenderly,' but very few old hymns." Smith stumbled into hymns in college at Nashville's Belmont University, where he attended a weekly Bible study called RUF (Reformed University Fellowship), whose leader is both an ordained minister and a graduate of the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. "There was something I had never experienced before at these Bible studies, and the hymns we sang somehow electrified me. God used them to wake me up to my sin and His grace," Smith admits.

To those who associate hymns with uncomfortable neckties and blaring organ music, the idea of a college student being turned upside down by them sounds like quite a stretch. But what Smith learned in these Bible studies was that he could relate as much or more to these hymnwriters who lived hundreds of years ago as he did to his peers. "The brutal honesty of writers like Anne Steele and Charles Wesley blew me away," says Smith. "They were able to confess their sin in a way that wasn't just 'I'm a terrible person,' but actually used confession in order to see Jesus as a great Savior."

His Bible study leader, Kevin Twit, had been collecting tattered old hymnals for years and writing new music to the words he found there to go along with his sermons, and encouraged Smith to do the same. "I had been writing my own songs for a few years, but when I wrote music to a hymn for the first time, something clicked," he recalls. Twit soon decided to record an album of hymns that he and the students had redone in order for others to hear, hoping that it would sell enough to recoup the recording costs. The album, *Indelible Grace*, which included Smith's "Come Ye Sinners," not only recouped, but became a veritable indie phenomenon, selling tens of thousands of copies.

"We hit a nerve," says Smith. "There was a hunger for the raw and real in an age of overly processed, manufactured spirituality, and these hymns impacted others in the way they had with us." Smith's "Come Ye Sinners," the opening track, is now a standard used in worship at churches nationwide.

Smith continued to write and record for what became a series of *Indelible Grace* albums, and began touring, playing concerts of hymns. He started to see that, in a small way, he could be a catalyst for others to experience what he had in the Bible study. "To hear people tell me that God has used this music to change their lives is amazing to hear, but I don't take it as a personal compliment. He's done the same in my life," Smith contends.

In addition to continuing his work with the *Indelible Grace* series, Matthew released his first solo EP, *Even When My Heart Is Breaking*, in 2004. The hymns on his new full-length album, *All I Owe*, explore the themes of grace, sin, and human identity in ways that are rarely addressed by modern writers.

Charles Wesley's "Thy Blood Was Shed For Me" is a rawly emotional rock song, crying out to find hope in Christ's blood when circumstances dictate despair. "Wesley is one of the great songwriters. He loved to contrast the depth of our need with the overflow of Christ's provision, and did so in the most seamless, poetic way imaginable."

Other tracks continue the thematic thread of dependence on Jesus; the upbeat "None Among" asserts that seeing Jesus for who He is will be the only way to defeat the idolatry in a Christian's heart. The little-known hymn "The Lord Will Provide," (by "Amazing Grace" writer John Newton) calls men and women to lives based not on what they can do, but on what Jesus provides. The title track is an anthem of thankfulness for Jesus paying for all that we owe—which brings us back to our conversation.

"What I want to communicate with my music is that Jesus sets us free from our obsession with ourselves," Smith says. "If Jesus hadn't paid for everything we owe and fulfilled God's law, then we would be trapped in an endless cycle of failure to measure up to His standards or ours. But because of Jesus, we are now set free to love God, our neighbors, and even our enemies, because there is nothing to lose."

Smith concludes, "The truth is, I cling to these hymns for dear life. In the darkest times, they are the only way I can see past the lies and fears and find Jesus. And I'm finding that more and more people have the same experience. This record is for them, and for me."

Open House at Clifton Lutheran Church, Marblehead Renovations and Handicapped Accessibility Complete By Sandy Maio

Clifton Lutheran Church, at 150 Humphrey St. here in Marblehead, is hosting their long awaited Open House on the weekend of June 6th-8th, after completing renovations and handicapped accessibility over the last year. The half million dollar project was given the title, "Building with Faith", when the scope of the project was realized by the small, yet energetic congregation. Many volunteers made this dream happen and the church's revitalization has brought it up to standard so that all worshippers and community members can now enjoy what the church has to offer.

The renovation and updating included adding an exterior ramp at the front entrance to the church; adding a ramp inside the church to access Kretzman Hall, the church's social hall; installing an elevator; adding a kitchenette and unisex bathroom on the main floor; new fire detection system; church and Pastor's office. Other existing bathrooms were also revamped and brought to ADA standards.

Past church president, Joyce Lofmark of Marblehead, was proud to get the ball rolling on this large project. The members voted unanimously to move forward in 2005 and are currently making pledges toward their goal. Lofmark handed her torch over to current congregation president, Karin Ernst, also of Marblehead. Ernst, who is a ball of energy in her post, keeps pointing to the future, reminding everyone working on the project how many more people can now enjoy the opportunities the church has to offer.

Renovations were headed by Architect Bill Hall, of William Hall Architects in Swampscott. Hall, who attends Clifton Lutheran, had worked on the plans on and off for several years before the church decided to move forward with the project. Steve Maio, of Marblehead, was serving as the Property Chair on church council when this project came into being and fell into the Building Committee Chair seat. It was a good fit. Hall and Maio have donated hundreds of hours of their personal time during the planning and construction phases over the past 3 years to bring the plans to fruition. Both Hall and Maio would stop by the church almost daily before heading to work to check on the progress as well as meet biweekly with the general contractor from Pergola Construction.

Stefanie Julien, a member and an interior designer, also donated countless hours bringing the interior together to create a warm, welcoming feel. Julien, along with help from Sandy Maio and Sande Vesley, were responsible for selecting much of the interior hardware, colors, and flooring. Julien had more in mind than just helping out with the project; her dedication is closer to home. Her husband has both Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis and now uses a wheel chair to get around. She brought personal experience in helping choose interiors that work well for people who otherwise could not attend church due to the multi-level design of the building.

The church pulls membership from not only Marblehead, but Swampscott, Beverly, Salem, Lynn, Danvers, Topsfield, all over the North Shore. There is a strong link to the local community as many groups use the facilities including the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and AA. The church has a lot of children's activities including Youth Group, Children's Hand bell Choir, and Monday Music for kids. Another popular local activity hosted by Clifton Lutheran is the Christian Coffee house "open mike" style gathering which draws many teenagers and families together for music by local bands and fellowship. The renovation project will allow these groups to expand their membership to others who may have been left out in the past due to the inaccessibility once found at the church.

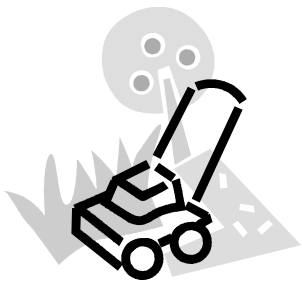
Open house activities include a performance by the Back Bay Ringers hand bell choir followed by a strawberry shortcake reception Friday June 6th at 7:30pm. On Saturday the 7th from 8-11am the church will continue their book drive at the drop box in the parking lot and host tours of the new facilities. Sunday, June 8th will close the open house weekend with service at 10am followed by a coffee and light hors d'oeuvres reception hour.

The congregation at Clifton Lutheran Church hopes to see their community friends and neighbors at the open house. All are welcome.

Dedication Weekend - Save June 6th, 7th and 8th
Join us June 6th for a performance from the Back Bay Ringers with a Strawberry Shortcake Reception to follow. June 7th from 8am to 11am, Clifton will host a Book Drive in the parking lot and an opportunity to tour the church, eat munchkins and drink coffee. Finally, we will round off the weekend at our regular church service on Sunday the 8th starting at 10am.

Signs ... Signs ... everywhere there's signs ... including at Clifton Lutheran Church

Thanks to Steve Maio and his crew of many, we have a temporary sign in front of the church. We hope to get the permanent sign soon.



Spring Cleanup

We had many volunteers during the spring cleanup. It started with the Scouts putting in some time cleaning out the window wells, stair wells and collecting 15 bags of leaves

and debris. Then the next wave came when Teresa Collins spent a good deal of time digging up the lawn and prepping it for seed. Finally on May 10th, Steve Maio and a crew of Mike Wade, Bill Finch, Vic, Pastor, Jim Nye,



Jim Koehn and others leveled the lawn, planted seeds and shrubs. And if you are wondering how the grass is growing? Drive by the church at around 5:30 in the morning and you will find Jim Nye fighting with the sprinklers. A sight to see I am sure. The ladies spent time inside cleaning up the communion room and putting a dent in the stuff piled on the stage. Thanks to Mary Hall, Louise Wade, Teddy Haughton and Linda Koehn. You may also notice that the stage curtain has been repaired. Linda Koehn is a wiz with the sewing machine.



First Communion:



Congratulations to Katherine Pollard, Ashley Nye, Jordan Coan and Madilyn Ernst, as they received their First Communion on May 25th.



Salem Mission

Clifton Lutheran Church is hosting dinner at Salem Missions on May 29th starting at 5pm. Serving dinner is a long time tradition of Clifton Lutheran Church and anyone can help. During past dinners while the adults cooked the hot food the kids separate plates, wash fruit and set up dessert. It is truly a family experience so please help if you can. The location is Seeds of Hope Campus on 56 Margin Street in Salem Mass. Hope to see you there!!

Camp Calumet Walkathon



This year's Walkathon was a great success! 175 participants from churches all over New England walked to raise more than \$10,000 for the Calumet Campership Fund. This event will help send many more kids to Calumet who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

God blessed us with a beautiful day. It was a wonderful event filled with family fun and excitement for everyone. This year Tom Schauer's own personal dream came true when we had one hardy walker from Ascension Lutheran Church in South Burlington, VT and her 14-year-old son join us for the walk. That meant that every New England state was represented. A Walkathon first!

After participants walked the scenic five miles, they were treated to a great Calumet barbecue and T-shirts and prizes were awarded. Nancy Eldridge Hess, Executive Director of Calumet Lutheran Ministries, awarded medals to this year's top sponsors. There were two gold medals, five silver medals, and seven bronze medals awarded.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has graciously offered to supplement the funds raised, increasing the days total by several thousand dollars. In addition, donations are still arriving daily from supporters. Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church in Lynnfield, MA for sponsoring the event and to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Gloucester, MA for hosting the event. A special thank you goes to all the volunteers who helped out the day of the walk who make this event a reality.

Did You Know?????

In addition to providing camperships to families in need and enabling necessary camp improvements, gifts to Calumet's Annual Fund help keep the cost of coming to camp as low as possible. For the summer of 2008, the weekly tuition at Calumet is \$495. But the true cost of a week at camp is estimated at \$555. Supporting any fundraiser for Calumet supports every child.

Another reason for Got Books? The Books for Troops program!

The mission of this program is to provide local servicemen and women with engaging and high-quality books to read while stationed overseas. They hand-pick the books right there at Got Books, ensuring that every one will be appropriate and enjoyable to its recipient. The books will typically be small paperbacks which are lighter and easier to carry. Packages of about 100 books will be sent to each participating service member, which means there will be plenty of books to share with friends in their unit. Got Books will enclose emails and hand written letters in each package wishing recipients luck during their service and thanking the troops for all that they do for us. For more information on the Got Books program, please visit www.gotbooks.com. To date this year, the Got Books Bin has raised over \$1400.00 for Clifton Lutheran Church. Thanks to all who donated books.



Annual Clifton Yard Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered and hauled away the remains of our annual yard sale. With the help of all ... Clifton raised \$755.00 to help out in our missions. AND with the help of Dave Wurth, Thrivent will be able to support our efforts with an additional \$500. Thanks



Katherine Slattery

Katherine Slattery has played freshman and JV basketball, varsity soccer, and varsity indoor and outdoor track throughout her four years at Marblehead High School. Most of Katherine's success has been in track. She has been a state finalist throughout her running career, qualifying in the 300 hurdles, triple jump, 55-meter hurdles, 4X400 relay team and 4X200 relay team. She has also qualified for all states in the 55-meter hurdles and the 300 hurdles. Katherine was named Northeastern Conference MVP in 2007 for outdoor track. She was also NEC All-Star in indoor and outdoor track. Katherine has been a three season captian. Over the past four years Katherine has been on honor roll and has been the class secretary, just this past year she joined the Art Honor Society. Next year Katherine will be attending Quinnipiac University where she will be studying physical therapy in a six and a half year doctoral program.

Happy Birthday to these Clifton Members



June

Tim Koehn,	June	1
Jessica Hall	June	4
Mary Hall	June	4
Christopher Prouty	June	10
Ellie Payson	June	11
Taylor Coan	June	19
Peter Ernst,	June	20
Molly Belanger	June	23
Patricia French	June	24
Jonathan Belanger	June	27
Igor Babushkin	June	29
Jack Pickell	June	30



Wedding Anniversaries

Matt & Pam Dovidio	June 1
David & Ruthi Wurth	June 5
Jim & Suzanne Nye	June 9
Pr. David & Lynda Franks	June 13
David & Jane Slepian	June 18
Rajko & Colleen Ilincic	June 23
James & Linda Koehn	June 25

Seen and Heard Around Clifton

The ladies will be postponing the breakfast bible study at Panera until September. With summer schedule's as they are, it seemed like the right decision. Below is for the newsletter:
- Thanks, Karin

Have a great summer!!!
Next Bible Study is on Sep. 20th 08.
We are looking for volunteers to lead one session and idea's for bible study topics.

Highlights from April financials
2008 Average Monthly
Pledge - \$8398

April Offering - \$7716
April Other Income - \$4026
Total March Income - \$11742
Total March Expenses - \$13253

Remember in you prayers...

Audrey Bannan	friend of Barbara Janavaris - eye surgery from which eye is not healing well
Jim Brown	Stan Vesely's brother in law, fighting cancer
Eileen Conlon	mother of Tonya Nye's friend (Angela) Eileen is battling cancer
Eleanor Dal Pozzal	Vic's mother in Rosewood Rehab – heart problem
Cullen Elliott	Sarah Elliott's nephew, diagnosed with lymphoma
Josephine Gosselin	Christine Gally's grandmother in nursing home, health issues
Bettie Hamilton	member – severe case of shingles
Jack Hamilton	at Lafayette Nursing Home in Marblehead
Audrey Hufnagel	eye surgery
Ray Julien	member, MS and Parkinsons - in Salem Hospital
Jim Lally	husband of Sande Vesely's friend losing sight due to genetic disorder
Virginia Lathrop	Barbara Janavaris's Aunt - in hospital with anemia and stomach problems
Karen Malloy	Robert Palermo's sister, lung cancer
Trent McKinnon-Tucker	family friends of Jim & Tonya Nye, 2 yr old fighting brain cancer
Bernice Michael	age 91 - broken shoulder
Brad Morse	friend of Steve Maio fighting cancer
Laudis Pena	Edwin's grandmother - fighting breast cancer
Doris Slattery	member suffering from sciatica
Cristina Smirne	friend of Carol Lloyd, fighting breast cancer
Garry Watzke	member recovering from hip surgery
Heidi Welti	friend of Stefanie Julien, fighting breast cancer
Jean Wood	member at home
Cheryl Williams	friend of Jean Wood, medical problems

Remember in your prayers...Serving in the military

William Figuera	Chrissy Palermo's nephew
Ted Korontjis	friend of Robert Palermo
Russell Stewart	

Thank you to Nora Gergely for keeping this list up to date. Please contact her (781-581-1699) to add or remove names from the list, and if you have any additional information.