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EVENTS
CALENDAR**

**Pan Mass
Challenge**
Sat/Sun August 6/7

**Communion
Sunday**
Sunday, August 7

Everest (for kids)
Sunday, August 14
Sunday, August 21
Sunday, August 28

**S.U.R.E.
Diversity Festival**
Swampscott Town
Hall Lawn
Saturday, August 13

**43 Church Street in
Concert, on the
Terrace, 5 PM**
Sunday, August 28th

**Remembering
Hurricane Katrina**
Monday, August 29

*And what does the
Lord require of you,
but to do justice, and
to love kindness, and
to walk humbly with
your God.*

-Micah 6-8

**PLENTY OF
SUMMER LEFT**

Happy August!



Farewell to Special Friends for now.....

It is hard to say goodbye to friends we have come to know and love, and that is where we find ourselves this month. See below for a special message from Hanna and Gabor and the girls, who left the North Shore this week to return to The Netherlands. They have been a cherished part of our church family, and we keep them in our hearts.

We came to Boston for work in environmental health about 4 years ago. We started in Revere, moved to Lynn shortly after, and it did not took us long to find First Church Swampscott! We felt at home the minute we entered that beautiful church with those stunning ocean views. The sermons, singing, praying, community, the people; we truly felt God's presence and His shining light. Our two little girls, Mirthe and Maud, had a blast, not in the last place because of coffee hour (tons of cookies!!) afterwards. Maud was baptized at First Church. We will always cherish that moment in our hearts. Pastor Ian carried her around afterwards, and she grabbed his hand and did not want to let go!

We are going back to the Netherlands, and are going to live in a small little town not far from Utrecht. Please feel welcome to visit us, and we will show you this beautiful small flat country with more bikes and cheese than any other place.

*We will never forget you, and will miss you already.
Remember, keep biking and be good for your neighbors and the environment!*

Hanna, Gabor, Mirthe and Maud

Kids are Wrapping up a week at Camp Silver Lake



Several of our teens and pre-teens have been in Sharon, CT this week at Camp Silver Lake. Here are Kenny, Reilly, Dylan, and Rhisa, as they headed off to camp last Sunday. Moms Sharon and Linda are also pictured. The DeMelo triplets also attended camp. Can't wait to hear about it!

In AUGUST - Try the Early Morning Service on the Terrace

This summer, the Worship Team has been offering an additional worship opportunity for our early risers, and/or those who want to experience outdoor worship on Sunday mornings. This has been taking place on Sunday mornings at 8:30 on the terrace, during the months of July and August. The worship experience is 30 minutes in length, and involves responsive reading, conversation around a bible passage, and easy singing. And afterwards, there are bagels! Thanks Holly and Sue for organizing.

OPPORTUNITY - WALKING GROUP meets Thursday nights at 7 PM.
The group meets and departs from the front of the church.

PMC 2016 – Natasha Medwedeff's 19th ride!

This is my 19th year riding in the PMC.

Hard to believe. I was in my early 30s when Judy inspired me to participate in the Pan Mass Challenge. It forever changed the course of my life, in many ways. This would have been Judy's 24th year riding.

I continue to have great hope that we can find a cure for cancer.

For those fighting this battle - I am riding for you, especially Brenda as you fight your 4th occurrence.

I am thankful to all of you who have donated to my ride for the past 19 years, and am asking for your help again. Any contribution you can make would be gratefully appreciated.

To donate, you can send a check payable to PMC and mail to me at 72 Humphrey Street, Swampscott, MA 01907

or donate online at:

<http://www.pmc.org/egifts/NM0008>

WHERE in the WORLD?

We have learned that Pastor David Johnson has left St. John's UCC in Mokena, IL after serving as their beloved senior pastor for 8 years. He is now the Minister of Mission and Education at Community Church in Vero Beach, Florida.

You can hear him preach at this website, and from the looks of it, he hasn't aged a bit!

<http://www.ccovb.org/sermons>

For those who have been around The First Church for a decade or so, you will remember Pastor Dave as our hard working and energetic Associate Pastor during the years that Dean Pedersen was Senior Pastor.

Here at HOME...

TEEN BAND
43 Church
Street

Performs on the Terrace on Sunday, August 28th, beginning at 3 PM.

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