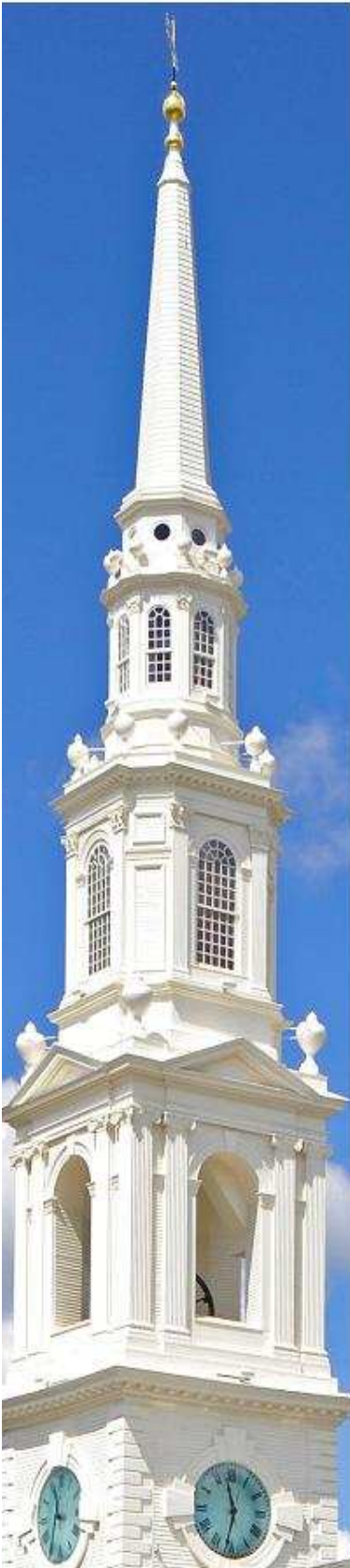


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From the Properties Committee

Sexton's Helpers' Initiative

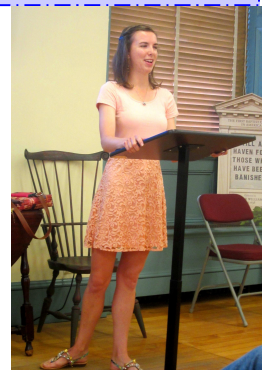
At an Adult Forum talk in early May, Stan Lemons mentioned that the Meeting House is the largest 18th century wooden building left standing in the United States today. With that uniqueness, comes the responsibility to see that this beloved building is kept in the best condition possible. Many of you have noted the Exterior Maintenance that has been going in the past couple of weeks, including power washing the building and replacing rotten wood and the like. Obviously, the inside of the building also needs care and while we have a full-time sexton, who does an admirable job, he cannot be all places at once. So in light of a suggestion made to me by our sexton David Michel and the approval of the Properties and Sexton Committee at its last meeting, we are introducing the "Sexton's Helpers' Initiative." What does that consist of you might ask? Each of us is delegated to be a sexton's helper insofar as if you see anything amiss (cleanliness of the pews, non-functioning plumbing, a broken window pane) bring it to Dave's attention by filling out one of the "Sexton's Helpers' Worksheets" rather than just mentioning it to him. These sheets will be available on a clipboard in the kitchen. Fill one out and leave it for David to address as soon as reasonably possible. Once the task is completed, he will fill out the second half of the form and present it to the P and S Committee. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Church News

▶ Jamie Washam, our newly called pastor, has written "Behold! I Am Doing a New Thing: Rivers in the Wasteland," a chapter in the new book from Judson Press entitled *Church on Purpose: Reinventing Discipleship, Community, & Justice*.

▶ The summer Spires will be published July 15th and then again on August 15th.

At the final meeting of the Adult Forum before summer break, Emma Lepore related her story of her internship in Quito, Ecuador. Emma spent six weeks in Ecuador where she applied her artistic training and skills to helping out in a school for special needs students.



COME CELEBRATE and REMEMBER THE GOOD

WITH THE AMAZING VOICE OF



**MS. JANET DOKES
OF HOUSTON, TX**

WITH THE

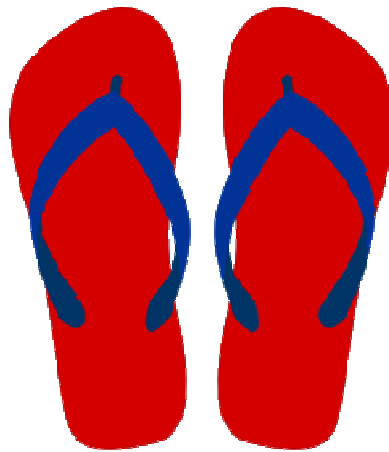
GOSPEL SINGERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA
TIM SMITH AND STEPHEN MARTORELLA, PIANO AND ORGAN

**ONE EVENING ONLY
FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2015 AT 7 PM
LOCATION: CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, RI**

TICKETS \$21.00 at the Door or online at

From Missions and Outreach:

Flip Flop Campaign



Once again, we are raising funds to send children to summer camp at Camp Canonicus. If you would like to contribute, please look for the poster in the Fellowship Hall, with instructions on how to donate. Here is what your money will buy:

- \$5 = snacks for 1 camper for 2 days
- \$10 = snacks for 1 camper for a week
- \$20 = snacks for 2 campers for a week
- \$45 = 1 day of camp
- \$90 = 2 days of camp
- \$135 = 3 days of camp
- \$180 = 4 days of camp
- \$230 = 1 week of camp

You can donate any amount you would like. Checks should be made out to FBCIA with “flip flop” or “camp” on the memo line or you can put cash into one of the church envelopes and write “flip flop” on the outside. Thanks for your help in making camp available for so many young people.

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June Calendar

Sun. June 21— 10:00 AM Worship: Rev. Dr. Thomas McKibbens
Sermon: The Boy and the Bully
Scripture: II Samuel 17:32-39
11:15 AM Tour Guide: Elsa Grieder

Sun. June 28— 10:00 AM Worship: Rev. Dr. Thomas McKibbens
Sermon: How the Mighty Have Fallen!
Scripture: II Samuel 1:1,17-27
11:15 AM Tour Guide: Richard Aubin

Sun. July 5— 10:00 AM Worship: Rev. Dr. Thomas McKibbens
Sermon: Leadership by Shepherding
Scripture: II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
11:15 AM Tour Guide: Elsa Grieder

Sun. July 12— 10:00 AM Worship: Linda Bausserman, Associate Pastor
11:15 AM Tour Guide: Joanne Schneider

Children's Lessons

June 21 - The Helmet of Salvation
God offers us the free gift of salvation.
Jesus Dies for Our Sins;
Ephesians 6:17; Luke 23:26-24:7

June 28 - Breastplate, Belt, and Shield
God gives us his armor to protect us.
God Saves Daniel in the Lions' Den;
Ephesians 6:14, 16; Daniel 6:1-28

July 5 - Good News Shoes
God wants us to spread the good news..
Philip Shares the Good News;
Ephesians 6:15; Acts 8:26-40

July 12 - The Sword of the Spirit
God's Word makes us strong.
Peter and John Speak Boldly;
Ephesians 6:17-18; Acts 3:1-4:22

Mission Calendar

- ▶ Monthly Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall 2nd Saturday of the Month 9:30 AM.
- ▶ PICA Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the Month, Please bring non-perishable food for the food pantry.