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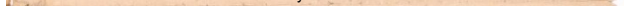
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***“The Annual
Meeting of
members will be
held Sunday,
June 28th
immediately
following the
worship service,
approx. 11:00 am.”***



**SUMMER WORSHIP
begins
Sunday, June 7th
at 9:30 am**

Please note that our **Bible Explorer** program will be off for the Summer so that families can worship together. There will be special Children's Bulletins available for the kids to enjoy.



There is a small flag next to his headstone in Maple Street Cemetery in the center of North Brookfield. I walk by it almost every day and his name caught my attention after seeing it written so many times in the original church records.

Col. Jeduthun Baldwin was an active member of the original Meeting-house in the 1700's and he held prominent positions in the 2nd Precinct of Brookfield before it became the town of North Brookfield. The records say that he was a selectman, assessor, delegate to the Provincial Congress and was a housewright by trade.

He was born in Woburn, MA on January 13, 1732, Shortly after, his family moved to Sudbury but he left there at a young age and somehow settled in North Brookfield where he purchased 224 acres of land.

He married Lucy Parkman, the daughter of Rev. E. Parkman who was the first pastor in Westboro. The couple had four children, one daughter and three sons.

The most amazing thing is that Jeduthan Baldwin was a Patriot of the American Revolution, with the rank of colonel.

He was a captain in the French & Indian War, where he served in Ticonderoga under

General George Washington and Henry Knox.

He also was an engineer in the Continental Army in New York, at West Point, in Boston and Cambridge.



The Siege of Boston

In 1775, Baldwin took part in the Siege of Boston as an engineer and was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill where he helped construct American fortifications.



Battle of Bunker Hill

George Washington personally recommended him in a letter to John Hancock dated April 22, 1776. He was subsequently promoted to lieutenant colonel on April 26 and to colonel on September 3, 1776.

Later, in 1787, Baldwin participated in the suppression of Shay's Rebellion in Western Massachusetts.

Sometime during the French & Indian War, Capt. Baldwin was wounded so severely in the leg that the council of surgeons declared it incurable and advised amputation.

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He protested against the measure but they insisted and were about to bind him and perform the operation when he raised himself in his bunk, seized his bayonet and threatened any one's life who should attempt to bind him, saying that if he went he would go altogether.

Needless to say, the operation was not done and the leg was saved.

In our church records, I found that Jeduthan Baldwin had agreed to provide room and board for Rev. Joseph Appleton for a period of 12½ weeks from March 1776 to May 27th for the amount of £5 -12s - 6p, which would be about \$1,500 today.

In honor of Col. Jeduthan Baldwin's service in the Revolutionary army, the Secretary of War ordered in 1906 that the military reservation at the mouth of the Kennebec River in Maine be named Fort Baldwin.

We may never know what Col. Baldwin looked like; there are no statues or paintings of his likeness. But he kept a detailed journal from 1775 to 1778, recording daily events that was published in 1906 as *The Revolutionary Journal of Col. Jeduthan Baldwin*. It is regarded as one of the most important narratives of the Revolutionary War, particularly for details of the Siege of Boston.

Col. Jeduthan Baldwin died on June 4, 1788, aged 56. At his funeral, Reverend Daniel Foster from New Braintree officiated due to the [North] Brookfield pastor being out of town.

He was buried in North Brookfield at the Maple Street Cemetery where the inscription on his grave reads:

“He was a true patriot, an intrepid soldier, an exemplary Christian, and a friend to all mankind.”

This year, as we celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary, may we



VBS 2026: ROME

Paul and the Underground Church

JULY 20 - 24

Join Paul and the Underground Church!
Monday - Friday | 9:00 am - Noon
Ages 4 - High School

At Rome, everyone gets to explore first-hand the culture of Paul's world. They'll experience the heartbreaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero.

God's Word comes alive as families enjoy traditional Bible-times customs, occupations, food, and even games!

DISCOVER a bustling Roman Marketplace filled with shops where kids will get hands-on experience about life in ancient Rome.

MEET PAUL and hear about his incredible journey. Kids love hearing from this awesome Bible hero.

EXPERIENCE BIBLE TIMES and what life was like in Ancient Rome. Kids will transform their view of the Bible from a storybook to real life events!

Next VBS STAFF meeting is Sunday, June 14th after the church service. Approx. 10:45



Inscription: Be it remembered that here lies the body of Jeduthun Baldwin, Esq., Col and Engineer in the late American war, who died Jun the 4th, 1788, Age 56. He was a true patriot, an (intrepid) soldier, an exemplary Christian, and a friend to all mankind. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

remember this brave young man, from our church in North Brookfield who played an important part in the American Revolution.

His grave is located near the corner of North Main and Maple Street as shown in the photo on the right.

Jeduthan Baldwin





A few snapshots from our annual **Memorial Day Chicken BBQ.**

It was an afternoon filled with fellowship, remembrance, gratitude and community. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to organize this event and make it possible.

🎵 Music by Stephen Bell Trio

Photos by Alycia Martin & Annie Shea

GRIEF SHARE

Mourning the loss of a loved one?

Let Grief Share help you heal!

Begins Monday, June 1st - 6:00 pm

Contact Bridget Reynolds at
774-633-0326 or
99.Bridget@gmail.com

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, that meets weekly in the church office building, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.



We had a **PARTY** to celebrate the last Sunday of **Bible Explorers** on May 31st. There were lots of games, a video, sun catcher craft, learning John 3:16 and of course, ice cream cake!

STARTING JUNE 7th, church will start at 9:30 am for the summer.

Kid's bulletins and **colored pencils** will be handed out to children coming into the worship service.

We look forward to **VBS in July** and **Bible Explorers** again in **September!**



Julia Hickey's class had a tent snack because "God is our refuge."



Graduates from Our Church

Ashley Ottman - MBA Degree—Nichols College

Kameron Barnett - Tantasqua Regional HS

Alexis Caouette - North Brookfield HS

Sophie Dufresne - North Brookfield HS

Sophia Giangrande - North Brookfield HS

Nick Hazelton - Homeschool

Sam Kittredge - Bay Path Vocational HS

Please let us know if there is a graduate we may have missed.



For those 65+

Deb Arnold

June 7

Joan Hume

June 10

Bill Abusamra

June 14

Let us know your birth date!



Gregg & Cindy Jorritsma
June 4

Chris & Patti Barney
June 25

Richard Thorlakson & Sujoy Spencer
June 28



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You've got a Q?
We've got an A!

What do you do?
Send us a "Hey!"

JUNE Dates

GRIEFSHARE - Starts Monday, June 1st at 6:00 pm

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE - Friday, June 5th

SUMMER WORSHIP STARTS - Sun., June 7th at 9:30 am

DIACONATE MEETING - Monday, June 8th at 6:30 pm

CABINET MEETING - Thursday, June 11th at 6:30 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, June 13th at 8:30 am

VBS VOLUNTEERS MTG - Sun., June 14th at 10:45 am

ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday, June 28th at 10:45 am

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:00 GriefShare	2 6:15 Men's Bible Study	3	4 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Prayer Meeting	5 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	6 9:30 Bible Journaling
7 9:30 Summer Worship 3:30 Ignite & Spark	8 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:00 GriefShare 6:30 Diaconate 6:30 Prayer Shawl	9 6:15 Men's Bible Study	10	11 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Cabinet	12 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	13 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:30 Bible Journaling
14 9:30 Summer Worship 10:45 VBS Leaders Mtg. 3:30 Ignite & Spark	15 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:00 GriefShare	16 6:15 Men's Bible Study		18 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Prayer Meeting	19 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	20 9:30 Bible Journaling
21 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 Summer Worship	22 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:00 GriefShare 6:30 Prayer Shawl	23 6:15 Men's Bible Study	24	25 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Prayer Meeting	26 10:15 –12:00 Prayer Group	27 9:30 Bible Journaling 7:00 VBS Decoration Work Group
28 9:30 Summer Worship 10:30 ANNUAL MEETING	29 9:45 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Grace Bible Study 6:00 GriefShare	30 6:15 Men's Bible Study				

Please notify Deb at the church office for any calendar changes.
Articles, photos, and news items may be sent to deb@firstchurchnb.org
OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Wed, Thur, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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