

DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Pastor's Corner

Final Fragments of my Sabbatical Journey

One of the major goals for my Sabbatical was learning about other religions and cultures. This learning took place wherever I went; however, my visit in Madurai was particularly suited for this learning due to connections made for me by Don Johnson and the resources of TTS (Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary). Here's my journal again:

Learning About Religions and Culture

3-18 American College: Professor Suriyakumar arranged for me to have dialogue with one of his Master's classes. The young people shared freely about their faith. As I had noticed in other places, the Christians are quite rigid/fundamentalist in their beliefs and the Hindus are quite open to many beliefs and very much see us all as One. Some of the Christians found it very strange that my beliefs were more open and progressive than theirs and asked why. I shared with them my experiences with diversity and the influence of Progressive Christianity where we believe that other paths to God are equally valid.

I had lunch with 3 women faculty: two Hindu and one Muslim. The Muslim woman came from family where her mother was college educated and she was quite accepting of all faiths. Later the Hindu faculty took me to a temple in the rural village of Madapuram where we all participated in offering food to the gods and receiving blessings by the priests.



3-19 My last visit with Chidambaram, an older very devout Hindu who owns tamarind factories and shops. (See photo below.) He took me about 15 miles away to where the Holy Water comes into a temple. Hindus take their babies to immerse in the water as well as themselves. They drink the water and believe it has healing properties. Chidambaram talks a lot about how our souls come from and return to God. He says God is thirsty for us, and we are to make ourselves such that we will be pleasing to God's thirst. The only chance for peace and oneness of all is for an increase in people of all faiths doing deep worship and devotion.



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3-21 Visit with two young Muslim women The young Muslim man, who owns the Internet Café here close to the seminary, arranged for me to talk with two college students age

18 and 20. He took me to one of their homes on the back of his two wheeler. They were very adamant that their faith was "the One—scientifically



proven". They seemed to want me to see their faith and culture as right, without problems. It was hard to know if they believed what they said or not. Said women had equal rights and opportunities. Both are working on business type degrees, wore burkas but didn't cover their face. They told me that Muslim women had confidence and determination to educate themselves for important vocations.



3-23 Visit with Director of Dalit Resources at TTS: I was surprised to hear about the continued prejudice at TTS of upper caste students and faculty against Dalits (the preferred name by those referred to as untouchables). I learned about Dalits' missed opportunities, secondary to their lack of confidence and self esteem, as well as the amazing progress that other Dalits achieve in spite of the history and current prejudice. The laws passed to make discrimination and the "untouchability" illegal has done little good due to the politicians and authorities who are almost all from upper castes. However, Christianity has been a helpful force (many Christians, including priests and now a bishop are from the Dalits). It has focused on the liberation or salvation of the individual Dalit and not the group as a whole.

RENEWAL TRAVEL WITH JASON AND JOSSLYN: My children and I had a most fantastic three weeks visiting in Chennai, Mahalapuram, Pondicherry, Kochi, Pune, and Mumbai. There is much more than I can write, but here are two entries:

4-1 Pondicherry: After spending a couple of busy days in Mamallapuram enjoying beaches, temples, and great sea food, we were driven to the theatre complex, Adshitaki, where we will stay while in Pondicherry. What a great place with beautiful architecture, grounds, meals, and people. We got to see a play that evening. The night before, Peru and Maya, friends of Josslyn's classmate took us on a tour of Sri Aurobindo ashram where they have lived most of their life. Very impressive place. In ways I yearn for this type of intimacy, security, community.

Later we will visit Auroville, founded by the "Mother" from Sri Aurobindo and focusing on world unity.

4-13 Easter Sunday in Mumbai: We are all sitting on roof of Hotel Godwin journaling. What a wonderful time we had with Abraham and Sharini who showed us sights yesterday, including a most amazing temple compound—Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, plus a hospital including a psychiatric unit. Today we went to the church where Abraham is pastor: 5:30 am. Joss and I brought greetings and Jason played guitar and sang a song. Later we went to a church member's home for a wonderful Easter dinner. People continue to be so kind and generous. I'm enjoying being with my beloved children so much. I can't remember a happier Easter for a long time.

LAST DAY IN INDIA

4-16 I awoke early to go to the roof to meditate, journal, and see the sun come up. It was all locked up, so I walked down to the sea. Then and now I feel so many tears in my heart. I know some of the tears come from being touched so deeply by the kindness, warmth and generosity of the Indian people. Some of the tears are missing Jason and Josslyn. Our time together was so precious, so much better than I could have imagined! Some of the tears are because I know I will miss this place and these people, and I may never be here again. And some of the tears are in anticipation or reuniting with my loved ones at home, my husby and cats and my dear congregation. What a journey, close to 100 days!



What was my favorite place? This morning I answered Varanasi and Kochi, Kerala but I'm not sure. My time at the Ashram was so special spiritually. I loved the sights in Delhi, Rikikesh, and of course the Taj Mahal. The great restaurants, clubs, and history in cosmopolitan Mumbai were also great. So I don't know.

Peace Corner

During my journey in India I visited several Gandhi Memorials. In the last newsletter, I described Mani Bhaven in Mumbai. This time I'm featuring Gandhi's Smriti in New Delhi. This national memorial honors the virtues of truth, nonviolence, unity and equality.

Gandhi lived in this house from September 1947 till his assassination in January 30, 1948. Besides these

last 144 days, he had spent time here several times in the past. The place has a wonderful collection of his speeches and writings. I really loved the gardens, the world peace gong, and the path that he last walked on the day he was killed. For additional information go to this link: <http://gandhismriti.nic.in/indexb.asp> Here are pictures of the world peace Gong and the place he last walked.



Path to Prayer



Gandhi's Last Walk



World Peace Gong

Moderator's Musings

Stephen Waters

The roof on our church has been leaking badly, and the damage is seen on the Sanctuary ceiling as well on stained shingles on the exterior. I left for vacation in mid-July concerned about how we were going to handle the \$30,000+ cost of replacement. What a delight to return home and learn that a generous benefactor as well as other significant donations have helped to bring us within \$10,000 of covering that cost. We have been blessed by the support of our friends.

While replacing the leaking roof is an immediate priority, there remain a number of capital needs in our historic church:

1. An energy audit by Public Service of New Hampshire revealed that the main entryway

is a significant source of heat loss in the wintertime. Although the doorway has been worked on, it still is not tight.

2. Those beautiful windows in the Sanctuary are single pane glass, again a source of heat loss, the cost modified only by the one day a week use of that space. As our understanding and consciousness of energy costs as they relate to the difficulties in balancing our budget grows, it becomes increasingly important to attend to these first two items. Could/should our Church take a leadership role in energy savings, thereby preserving God's green earth?

3. The bathroom located in the basement is somewhat unusable and overall is unpleasant. Though no state inspector has taken a look at our bathrooms, it is questionable that they meet current code standards of health and safety.
4. A cursory look at the exterior reveals the need for paint.
5. Two years ago our kitchen was professionally evaluated with an eye to helping it serve our needs more efficiently. Those plans are in need of review.

The Deering Church is not only where we come to worship, but also where we gather to plan and carry out the many and various activities called for in our mission, as well as to simply to enjoy each other's company. It may be asserted that there is an obligation to preserve what has been handed down to us by those who have gone before. With that in mind, it would be a good thing, call it sound practice

if you will, to plan for these and other needs before they become emergencies as the leaking roof has. Funding will need to come from sources outside our regular operations.

Having said all this, it is important to recognize all the great work that has been done and continues to be done for the upkeep of our building. The initiative and support of the Guild has made the upstairs bathroom handicap accessible and more "user friendly". Monthly Saturday work crews have taken steps to maintain the grounds and keep rainwater out of the basement. Insulation over Sherwood Hall and the office area, another recommendation by the PSNH energy survey, has been accomplished. These are among countless other projects that have been completed. It is also important to recognize all the outreach services our congregation performs – from Zimbabwe to right here in Deering. My 'musing' this month is not intended to be a discouragement but rather a thoughtful if not provocative look ahead.

Deacon's Report

Jim Carpenter

I am happy to report that because of the generosity of many church members and the Guild, the Ruth Palmer Endowment Fund contributions now total over \$1000. An endowment tree leaf will soon be dedicated to Ruth Palmer, and located just above our guest book in the vestibule. If you did not get a chance to donate to the Church in Ruth's name and wish to, you may still do so. You will need to mark the check "Ruth Palmer Memorial Fund".

Deering Guild & Church Fair Results

Barbara Glauner & Jim Carpenter

The annual Deering Guild & Church Fair was held on Saturday, August 8th. What a fun day with glorious weather! Many happy folks were taking our attic treasures out to their cars or buying outdoor perennial plants for their gardens. The quilt and crafts table, along with its jewelry area, and an added new feature of raffled off themed goodie baskets were a hit. People were stocking up on delicious homemade jellies and jams; picking up blocks of aged cheddar cheese; buying homemade baked goods and pies; and enjoying hot dogs, sodas, chips, and the newly added ice cream sundaes made by the Sunday School children. It was great to see people sitting down at inside tables with a sweet or lunch and cup of coffee, visiting with their friends

and neighbors, or relaxing outside to chat with each other on such a glorious summer day. An added treat was seeing the visiting Alpacas from Clark Summit in Deering, which drew many interested people to them, their products, and information about Alpacas. The Fair netted approximately \$3548 overall with final figures due in shortly. Many thanks to the Fair chairmen, Hazel Vogelien and Stuart Huggard, and everyone's hard work and cheerful cooperation for set up, clean up, and the fair day work itself. In these difficult economic times, we should be very proud of our financial accomplishment. Here are some pictures taken at the fair by Christine Marcroft and Barbara Glauner:



Quilts, Crafts & Jewelry

Quilt winner M. Harvey
with creator Kay Daniels

Themed Basket raffle

Bake Sale, Margaret Colburn
& Marjorie WeedenJams & Jellies, Beverly Yeaple &
Bryn JacobsCheese Table, Al Glauner & Larry
Palmer

Attic Treasures



Face Painting

Mackenzie, Hailey & Ruth selling
ice cream & sundaes

Alpacas

Financial Bits and Pieces

Suzanne Huggard, Financial Secretary

At 7/31/09

- 1) We have received \$1,765 of the 'to be raised' amount of \$2,235 in the 2009 budget.
- 2) At 7/31/09, a bit more than the halfway point in the year, we *expect* to have received pledged amounts of \$35,756. We have *actually* received \$31,800, which means we are beginning to slip behind. Please try to keep your pledges up to date, as this helps with the cash flow and allows our bills to be paid on time.

- 3) The Ruth Palmer Memorial Endowment Fund has received donations of \$1,000, so you will soon see a leaf with her name on the 'Endowment Tree'. You may still contribute to this fund that honors Ruth, if you have not yet done so.

- 4) The roof replacement project is estimated at approx. \$32,000, and will begin soon. To date, the roof fund stands at approx. \$21,000, as a result of a number of very generous donations. You can do the math- donations to make up the difference are still very much needed and appreciated.

Some facts & figures about that scary word “pledging”. (Coming up soon!)

While many people support this church in many ways, did you know that the ONLY income from individuals that can be counted on in budget planning is income that is pledged? This figure makes up the largest amount of anticipated income and is added to endowment income, Guild donation, fund raising, and other small amounts to determine how much will be available to meet our needs for the coming year.

Did you know that the Deering Community Church has about 70 names on the active membership rolls? Of these members, a little more than half support the church with a pledge. Also, there are two non-members who pledge, and four who support the church with an annual gift. Many of the people in

all of these categories are retired people living on fixed and/or limited incomes.

Of course, we know that some who do not pledge give generously when needs arise, and everyone who is able, contributes to the life and support of this church in many ways other than with monetary donations- by serving on a board, singing in the choir, showing up on work day, reaching out to those in need, helping with the fair, etc. The importance of this participation cannot be denied, but just think of what we might be able to accomplish if every one of our members would fill out a pledge card, no matter how large or small, which is really a promise saying, “Yes, you can count on me for this amount of help in meeting the expected needs of MY church in the coming year.” Wow- would that ever make the budgeting process easier!

World Service And Outreach

This committee has been quite busy over the past months:

On April 15, some of our Open and Affirming subcommittee members went to the court hearing and vote for equal rights to marry, and were witnesses to the overwhelming positive vote for the bill. It was an extremely emotional time with tears, laughter and great sense of relief after a long, long time of struggle. In May, Lee Marcroft visited the UCC Church in Wakefield, NH, following an invitation to speak about PFLAG (Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians, Gay and Transgendered Persons), and to celebrate their anniversary of becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. In June, as members of both subcommittees, Lee and Christine Marcroft attended a service in the Wakefield Church where Lee was part of a very interesting Panel discussion concerning all LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) concerns with great participation of the congregation after the service.



On June 5, one of the volunteers for the Bhutanese refugee families invited all of the refugees in this area, including our family, the Timsina's to a

Christine Marcroft, Don Johnson, Jeanne Bartlett

wonderful picnic. The Timsina family has grown to 12 members since the others have arrived from the refugee camp in Nepal. There was plenty of ethnic food, Nepali music and dancing. Our new friends were so happy visiting with their relatives and friends from the refugee camp in Nepal. The



day was beautiful and sunny, and the setting was in a huge sprawling yard with lots of room for the kids to run and play. It was so good to watch our new friends laugh and talk and sing in their own language and dance their beautiful dances. In the meantime, some volunteers continue to take the Timsina family members and others to appointments, visit with them, and get to know them better. Most still need a lot of guiding and training in the English language.

Our congregation also had the great privilege to host two of our Zimbabwe delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Gladys and Mike Kashangura, at the Deering Church on Sunday,



May 31st. This gave our members the opportunity to meet and listen to them as they answered questions pertaining to

They also attended the New Hampshire Conference and were a big part of the festivities. Some of our church members were able to attend several of the gatherings with our friends from Zimbabwe where we were presented with their lovely and unique way of singing and drumming. The farewell service at First Church in Concord, UCC, was moving and joyful at the same time. Our prayers will be with them always.

We now have the opportunity to gather supplies for our friends in Zimbabwe for a shipment in October, made possible by two wonderful nurses in the area who have traveled many times to Zimbabwe.

Here is the list of items needed:

Medical supplies are needed, like Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Vitamins, Infant Formula (powdered), Gauze Bandages, Antibiotic Ointment, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, and Soap. School Supplies are needed like Art Supplies, Musical Instruments, Games, Office Supplies and Books for Cooking and Sewing. Sewing Supplies are needed including Zippers, Buttons, Material, etc. Paper is a huge need for all institutions as well as Ledger and Receipt Books, and Library Books. Clothing is needed, all in good shape and gently used, including Rain coats, ponchos, windbreakers, and fleece or other medium weight jackets. Other items include Clerical gowns & shirts, Bicycles for pastors, and Eyeglasses. Electronics are needed such as printers and computers.

Let us gather these items during August and September, bring them to the church and they will be taken care of by our committee. Thank you all for caring!

Women's Prison

Another Outreach Project is attending the church services at the Women's Prison in Goffstown. A number of our members have taken the required and very educational orientation for citizen involvement, so that we can attend more regularly. It is a very moving experience to meet and worship with the women, listen to them, and thus give them support. The chaplain, Beth Richeson, is a great inspiration to all of us, as you who have heard her speak at our church recently will know. That day, Beth presented us with a wall hanging made



their situation and work in Zimbabwe. It was a very informative time and we all enjoyed talking and sharing with them. Our Zimbabwean friends are so strong in their faith, which was evident in all their conversations



and testimonies. We can definitely learn from them! Mr. and Mrs. Kashangura were two of the 12 delegates who spent two weeks in New Hampshire visiting their partner churches and traveling to points of interest.

by the women as a gift from them to us, which was a lovely gesture.

Below is a summary of a letter that has been written and addressed to the Hon. Judith Johnson, Chair of the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee expressing concern over the current system of incarceration and the increasing number of prisoners in New Hampshire prisons.

Stephen Norton, executive director of the N.H. Center for Public Policy, recently warned that, “New Hampshire is at a junction about where it wants to go—build more prisons or find alternative sentencing methods for the growing numbers of nonviolent drug and mental health-based offenses.”

Our experience (World Service and Outreach members) with the Goffstown Women’s Prison supports the national findings that addiction, mental health problems, and domestic violence are the major reasons for the growing number of prison inmates. Senator James Webb of Virginia correctly argues that these offenders take up cells that would be better used for violent criminals.

Rather than just turning prisoners out on the street, we urge you to consider the following questions.

In our present public safety policy, why do we rely on prisons to deal with treatable problems of substance abuse, mental health issues, and family discord?

Why not provide better drug and alcohol treatment for the current prisoners?

What can be done to allow prisoners to engage in more productive and meaningful work?

What can be done about women inmates with young children? This is a double expense to the state as children enter state foster care.

The World Service and Outreach committee is asking for signatures to attach to this letter as a way to further emphasize the importance of this issue.

The full text of this letter can be read in Sherwood Hall or at the church office. You may request a copy to be sent to you via email, also.

The Church BBQ at the Fish and Game location in East Deering is coming up on **August 29th** and we look forward to this great outreach occasion. We will report about it in the next newsletter.

The World Service Committee is also sponsoring three forums this Summer and Fall, to be held at 11:30 A.M. after the church service. The first one featuring Vicki McLain Syvertsen, discussing her experience in Malawi, Africa, was held on August 16.

On **September 13th**, Barbara White will discuss “Our Nig” written by Harriet Wilson, one of the first novels written by an African American woman, who was a young slave in a New Hampshire house in 1859. The manuscript was discovered in 1982, and there is a statue of Ms. Wilson in Milford, NH. The New Hampshire Humanities Council is funding this program.

On **October 18th**, a special New Hampshire Humanities Council program about “Susan B. Anthony” will be presented in an authentic and compelling manner, featuring Sally Matson, portraying M. Anthony.

Please come and invite your friends and neighbors to these interesting programs at the Deering Church.

The Deering Church Newsletters can be viewed on the church website at

Deeringcommunitychurch.org

A big thank you to Alben Roland, our webmaster!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to David Glauner for his help with this newsletter, compressing the picture files for quicker download, and continuing to teach his poor old mother to master “Publisher”!

A big thank you to Debbie Matthews for her extra set of eyes and e-mailing it all out.

Sunday School News Chris Nase

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 13, 2009. **We are again looking for people interested in helping to teach the children.** The children are more engaged when they learn from someone other than their mother and appreciate the variety of styles and information other people have presented. You may present a topic that is of particular interest to you or may use the curriculum that we follow. You may help out or lead the lesson, whatever is more comfortable for you.

We will be using the Gather Round curriculum. Here is a tentative list of some of the themes we will be studying and time of year. A more finalized schedule will be available shortly.

September/October/November – Exile and Restoration.

Studying Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Job and Ezra

December – Preparation for Jesus' Birth. Pageant Preparation. Studying Malachi, John, Luke

January/February– Jesus' Ministry. Studying John

February/March – Living the good news together

Studying John

April/May – Jesus' message, Children's Sunday preparation. Studying John

May/June – God's message of love.

Studying 1 John, Revelation

Please contact Chris Nase, Lauren Warner or Pastor Barbara and let us know when you are able to help out.

Book Suggestion - After learning about Hinduism and Buddhism, I read a book that furthered my understanding of different religions. *The Faith Club* documents the journey of three women, a Christian, Muslim and Jew, as they examine their own faith, beliefs and practices and question each other's faith tradition. It was very interesting to read about their struggle to articulate their beliefs, versus what they had been taught, juxtaposed with the traditional world view of their religion.

Adult Christian Education

Pastor Barbara would like to begin a new adult education class **starting September 20th**. The plan is to meet twice a month after coffee hour on Sundays, probably the 2nd and 4th Sundays. People in the community are welcome to attend the class, which will start between 11:15 and 11:30. The first meeting will be to decide on the book or topic. Some possible suggestions might be: *Bonhoeffer and King: Speaking Truth to Power*, by Delotis, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor (nontraditional spiritual practices), *The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus*, by Peter Gomes, *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon* by Marcus Borg or the topic of Prayer, using Jane Vennard's book, *A Praying Congregation*. The only listed books that Pastor Barbara has read at the time of this writing are the one on Prayer and the one by Barbara Brown Taylor. She plans to review the others before the first meeting. She encourages those interested to go online to amazon.com to review these books. If you would like to suggest a book or topic, please contact Pastor Barbara.

Musical Notes

Jane Waters

With a summer break from the regular choir rehearsals and singing, music has continued to add to the worship services with several singers putting together duets, trios and quartets. Special appreciation goes to Sam Kelly, Stuart Huggard, Peter Cram, Alben Roland, Bryan Terry, Jean Bartlett, and Betty Dishong. It was a treat to have Tom Inui join in singing with our talented men. We have been most fortunate to have Charlotte Price, Warren Geissinger, and Charles Woodbury play the organ. As the fall season approaches, the choir will begin rehearsing for what promises to be a rewarding experience with some new and some familiar music. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 3 at 7 PM. New members are always most welcome. After a refreshing summer vacation, featuring a trip to Alaska, I look forward to making music together once more. Let us make a joyful noise...

The 27th General Synod of The United Church of Christ

Pastor Barbara

Every two years our denomination meets with delegates and visitors from across the United States of America and other locations to do business and to get inspired through worship and presentations. If you are interested in more details, to go to ucc.org/synod/ and click on your areas of interest.

This year we elected a new president and general minister, the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Black, the Conference Minister of the state of New York for most of the last decade. He replaces the Rev. Dr. John Thomas who had served in this role for the last ten years, the maximum allowable time.

Eighteen resolutions were passed, all listed and fully explained on the website. These are a few that interest me:

A Call to Awareness and Action to End the Practice of Trafficking in Persons. Resolution on the Roles of Church and Government in Addressing the Global Food Crisis. Affirming the Accra Confession: Covenanting for Justice in the Economy and the Earth. An Urgent Call For Advocacy in Support of Healthcare For All, as in H.R. 676 –

An Economic Justice Covenant. Solidarity and Friendship With Iran. The Situation of Iraqi Refugees and the Internally Displaced.

Our national office and the general synod can only make recommendations but cannot enforce any of these resolutions in local churches. As many of you know, our local churches have autonomy about whom they choose as their pastor and what beliefs and practices they choose to follow. This is different than other churches such as Episcopal, Methodist, and Roman Catholic, who have Bishops and other officers of authority.

The Sacred Conversations on Race that started in the fall of 2008 have been extended with new resources to be provided by the Justice and Witness ministries. Speaking of Ministries, our national body has the following four covenanted ministries: General Ministries (administration), Local Church, Wider Church, and the Justice and Witness.

Treasurer's Report

Peter Cram

The various boards and committees of the church have been very good about holding down expenses this year, and the months of June and July were no exception. While it's true that this is typically a slow period of the year financially, in all areas of the budget we are clearly below budgeted spending. That has helped us tremendously, as we had collective concern over the roof project and the various options we had for paying for it. As faith would have it, the church community at large came together and the outpouring of financial contributions to help fund the roof project has been incredible. Coupled with an increase in the annual contribution made to the church from the Deering Foundation and other sources, we now find ourselves in great shape.

The latest Treasurer's report for July is posted in Sherwood Hall, and shows moderate spending in July with little to comment on. A directed

contribution toward maintaining the outdoor lights that shine on the church was utilized toward the expenditure of \$119.24 in that area. A minimal unbudgeted maintenance figure of \$59.99 reflects some cash spent on the newly updated bathroom, coming from the Ruth Palmer fund.

What may be of interest in the Treasurer's report is the accounting in the 'Special Funds' area. There you'll see the new line item reflecting the contributions made toward the roof, as well as \$1000. for the Ruth Palmer Fund. Beyond that, you can clearly see the generosity of the congregation as we continue to have steady increases in donations toward the Deacon's fund and the Food Pantry.

Next month, I plan on focusing on paying some of the yearly church obligatory contributions to the Conference, and other Outreach line items.

For Your Information

FLU CLINIC

OCTOBER 25TH, 11:15 am

Deering Church Parish Hall
with the Concord VNA

SAVE THE DATE !



SEPTEMBER

Jean Johnson, Sept. 20th

Priscilla Beaudrault, Sept. 20th

Henry Weeden, Sept. 22nd

Lauren Warner, Sept. 23rd

Pasca Ferwerda, Sept. 29th

OCTOBER

Dorothy Wood, Oct. 7th

James Carpenter, Oct. 16th

Tom Copadis, Oct. 19th

Mackenzie Nase, Oct. 20th

David Bell, Oct. 20th

Anne Foraker, Oct. 22

Madison Wood, Oct. 25th

Jake Terry, Oct. 26th

Mallory Griest, Oct. 31st



*Happy
Anniversary*

OCTOBER

Christa & Bruce Couturier

October 6th

Bryan & Bert Terry

October 7th

Cynthia & Gordon Sherman

October 10th

Barbara & Alfred Glauner

October 22

Thank You

Thank you everyone for all the lovely cards for our 50th wedding anniversary. It was such a very nice addition to this special occasion for us.

Blessings,

Joyce and Leonard Peace

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries.

Hillsboro: There is need for small cans of meat for **September**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and personal care products for **October**, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, but each week you're welcome to bring whatever food or personal-care items you have. The Food Pantry is still in need of large brown paper bags.

Weare: Donations of all types of food and personal care products are sorely needed.

Cash donations are always welcome. Please make checks payable to Deering Community Church and note "Food Pantry" on the memo line. Periodically, accumulated cash donations are divided and half is sent to each of the above food pantries.

Food Pantry donations are part of our outreach program to help others less fortunate. Please help if you can. **THANK YOU !**

Suzanne Huggard,
Financial Secretary

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Yoga 9 am	2 Guild 12 noon	3	4	5
		Council 7 pm	Deacons 7 pm	Choir 7 pm		
6 9 am Choir 10 am worship, communion, Deacon's Fund offering.	7 Labor Day	8 Yoga, 9 am	9 World Service and Outreach 7 pm	10 Choir 7 pm	11	12
13 9 am Choir 10 am Worship, Food Pantry offering, C.E.resumes, Harriet Wilson Forum, 11:30	14	15 Yoga, 9 am	16 Trustees 7 pm	17 Choir, 7 pm	18	19 Rosh Hashanah
20 9 am— Choir 10 am Worship, Food Pantry, Christian Ed. Adult Ed. 11:15 PFLAG,Concord	21	22 Yoga, 9 am Fall Begins 	23	24 Choir, 7 pm	25	26
27 9 am, choir, 10 am Worship & food pantry offering Christian Ed.	28 Yom Kippur	29 Yoga, 9 am	30			

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir, 7 pm	2	3 Breakfast & Work Day 7 am
4 World Communion 9 am Choir, 10 am Worship, communion Christian ed Deacon's Fund	5	6 Yoga, 9 am	7 Guild 12 noon Deacon's, 7 pm	8 Choir, 7 pm	9 Newsletter Submission Deadline!	10
11 9 am Choir, 10 am Worship, Food Pantry, Christian ed.	12 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day	13 Yoga, 9 am Council, 7 pm	14 World Service & Outreach 7 pm	15 Choir, 7 pm	16	17
18 Children's Sunday 9 am Choir 10 am Worship, food pantry & Christian Ed. Forum, 11:30	19	20 Yoga, 9 am	21 Trustees 7 pm	22 Choir, 7 pm	23	24 United Nations Day
25 9 am Choir 10 am Worship, Food Pantry Offering, & Christian Ed. Flu Clinic 11:15	26	27 Yoga, 9 am	28	29 Choir, 7 pm	30	31 Halloween



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