

DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Pastor's Corner

A SPIRITUAL VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to you all. I hope Christmas and the end of 2009 were a time of joy and love for all of you. The world is in so much darkness: wars and violence; homelessness and hunger; high unemployment and high foreclosures; physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse; physical illness with many uninsured; addictions and mental illness, and on and on. As Christians, we are in the world but not of the world. Jesus asks, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world if he loses his soul?" Mt. 26:16a

How do we keep from losing our souls? Jesus was clear that there are two sides: those that emphasize material possessions, status and privilege and those that focus on the spiritual life. Most people can not give up the material side to follow Jesus, now or in Jesus' time. Jesus says that he came to lift up the fallen, the sick, the lost sheep and the prodigal sons. Yet his teachings were not exclusive, and I do not believe he would exclude you and me just because we enjoy material possessions and have money in the bank. The world is skilled in marketing and easily puts forth pressure to conform to its values—just think of all the commercials you see in one evening of watching television! Most Christians only get an hour or two a week, if any pressure, about conforming to or being transformed by the Spirit.

In an excellent book by Depak Chopra, *The Third Jesus*, he suggests an exercise to help us to formulate a Spiritual Vision about what we want to achieve spiritually in the coming months (or years). I invite you to join with me in doing this exercise that I have already started. Take some quiet time and think about what are the spiritual things in your life that you are concerned about right now. Write down the most important ones; don't choose too many. Include some things that you are already making progress on. Choose those things that are in the forefront right now; for example, maybe you would

like to see Christ in everyone, but the thing that is really on the front burner at the moment is forgiving your spouse for a betrayal. The immediate thing you are dealing with at the moment needs to be put at the top of your list.

Remember don't make your list long: two, three or four are plenty. Some possibilities: feeling more compassion; spending time listening for God's will for your life; doing some volunteer work at the Food Pantry. Once you are satisfied with your list, put it away for a few days. Then return to the list to see if it still satisfies you. If not, revise it. If you are satisfied, put the list somewhere where you will see it every day. Whenever the world with all its material values seems to be crowding in, look at your list to help you get attuned to your spiritual side. You can continue to work on embodying your vision, converging the spiritual with the rest of your life, yielding a unity of body, mind, and spirit.

May God bless you as you formulate and put into practice your Vision.



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Peace Corner

Pastor Barbara

RATIFICATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT)

In 1996, the UN General Assembly adopted the CTBT which specifies that each State Party will agree not to carry out any nuclear weapon test explosion for military or civilian purposes. In 1997 President Clinton sent the CTBT to the United States Senate. In 1999 the Senate rejected ratification of the treaty: 48 for, 51 against, 1 present. It is again on the calendar of the Foreign Relations Committee. As of November 2009 there have been 180 states that have signed and 151 states that have ratified this Treaty. Out of the 44 Annex II states, those that had nuclear power reactors or research reactors at the time of negotiations, only nine had not ratified the treaty. Of these nine states, as of April 2009 the treaty will enter into force 180 days after the 44 states listed in Annex 2 of the treaty have ratified it. These "Annex 2 states" are states that participated in the CTBT's negotiations between 1994 and 1996 and possessed nuclear power reactors or research reactors at that time. As of April 2009, nine Annex 2 states have not ratified the treaty; China, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Israel and the United States have already signed the Treaty, whereas India, North Korea and Pakistan have not yet signed or ratified it.

The NH Conference of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution at its annual meeting in 2009 to call upon the US Senate to ratify the CTBT treaty. Currently the Peace with Justice Task Force of the

NH Conference is continuing work with NH's senators to vote for ratification. Jeanne Shaheen appears to be a Yes vote so we are focusing on a letter to Senator Gregg, signed by clergy and others to ask him to vote for ratification. In response to the letter written to him by Rev. Gary Schulte after our annual meeting, Gregg stated his reluctance to support ratification of the CTBT as he believes that nuclear weapons are "an important guarantor of American security." He also stated that "there is no evidence that an absence of U.S. nuclear testing advances non-proliferation." Rev. Gordon Crouch in preparing the current letter says, "certainly the United States' capability to detect and deter possible clandestine nuclear testing by other states will be significantly greater with the CTBT in force than without it. CTBT ratification is essential to making short-notice, onsite inspections possible and to maintaining long-term support for the operation of global monitoring."

I agree with Rev. Crouch and will be signing the current letter to Senator Gregg. Peace Action is our partner in this task; they have hired Arnie Alpert to specifically work on the CTBT. See more information on their website: <http://www.nhpeaceaction.org/>. If any of you would like to see the letter or are interested in getting more involved in this issue please let me know. May peace be our process and our goal.

Blessings, Pastor Barbara

My "Sabbatical" Working with Homeless

Neill Currie

Well, it's not just OBP (our Beloved Pastor) who gets a sabbatical: 2010 will be the year that OBPBH (Our Beloved Pastor's Better Half) gets one. Starting January, I will be living and working at Open Door Community, in Atlanta, Georgia, for three months. You can read about it here, <http://opendoorcommunity.org/>. As you may well know, OBP and OBPBH met originally at S.O.M.E. in DC, <http://www.some.org/>, which has a similar focus. S.O.M.E. is a much larger, and far better funded organization, though both do important work.

As well as providing me with the opportunity to do something meaningful, being at Open Door will also allow me to experience life in an intentional community again.....which is something I find quite fascinating. For those of you interested in reading excellent books about slightly quirky subjects, try any of the books written by Kat Kinkade. About a decade ago I had the pleasure of visiting Twin Oaks in VA, where Kat has lived for years.

Wish me luck, Neill

Moderator's Musings

Steve Waters

On Sunday, October 25, the Deering Community Church hosted a gala reception at 4 pm for the residents of our town who had so generously supported our appeal for funding to replace our leaking roof and related repairs. Seventeen of those contributors were able to come. Two dozen parishioners brought a cornucopia of mouth-watering foods, spread over a truly groaning board in Sherwood Hall. The Cheshiremen Quartet



food and more food

entertained everyone with close harmony and good humor. Pastor Barbara and I took the opportunity to express thanks and appreciation to our Deering friends for responding to our town-wide funding appeal, and Stuart Huggard, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke about the work, detailing all the repairs needed and the final cost to a new watertight roof. Pastor Barbara conducted a tour of the sanctuary, pointing out the areas where work was done inside, and we were treated to the Cheshiremen singing from the choir loft. As you can see from the



Cheshiremen Quartet

photos, it was a wonderful event for everyone, giving us a chance to visit, chat with neighbors, and for everyone to see what their generosity had accomplished. The Deering Community Church was first established in 1789, and the current church structure was built in 1829. The new roof project eventually exceeded \$38,000 in cost. Thanks to the generosity of friends in town and away, and church members, we have been able to cover essentially all of that cost.



Stuart speaking about the repairs



The gathering of friends



Pastor Barbara thanking the community

Presenting The Red Star Quilt

Kay Daniels

The Red Star is the quilt design selected for the 2010 Deering Church and Guild Fair Raffle made by Kay Daniels. The colors of brick red, gold and pine green with black and brown accents and borders are from the autumn palette. The Red Star is surrounded by twelve blocks. Each block is of a different design and is finished in one month, thus the block of the month quilt for 2007 at The Quilted Threads Shop of Henniker. Once the quilt was crafted and finished by Kay, the multiple layers were machine quilted by M-D Stitching Studios of Weare, NH. This lovely quilt took a year and a half to complete and was a pleasure to make.



Thanksgiving Ministerium Service

Steve Waters, Barbara Glauner

The Deering Community Church hosted the annual Thanksgiving Service this year on Sunday November 22 at 7 pm with four churches participating; Deering Community Church, Smith Memorial Church, Hillsboro United Methodist Church and St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by a reception in our parish hall. Our church was nearly packed with congregants from all churches for this Ministerium, an annual event when churches come together to give thanks on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This service



Dave and Norma Hubbard

honored Dave and Norma Hubbard, The Food Pantry, the Clothing Closet and Garden Volunteers, along with the volunteer construction workers who built the new food pantry structure in Hillsboro, which services many families in the area. The order of service was shared by each of the pastor's and Coordinator in turn, and enhanced with musical offerings from each of the churches along with the congregant's voices raised in hymn singing. Afterward, everyone retired to the parish hall for good food and drink, and a time to relax,

meet one another and reflect on the service. It was a wonderful experience and there was an expressed feeling that we might all come together again. In fact, two of the music directors felt this was so successful that we should plan for a hymn sing in January and more singing together in the future.



Deering Community Church Choir



Smith Church Choir



The Smith Church Hand Bell Choir



St. Mary's Catholic Church group



Hillsboro United Methodist Church



The gathering afterwards at the reception



His Kids choir from Smith Church

Deering Pewter - Home Again

Stuart Huggard

Many long-time members and friends of the Deering Community Church know that the pewter communion set, owned by the church, has been on loan at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord. It was lent to the NHHS in 1941 and last brought back to Deering in 1978 for a bicentennial celebration. The NHHS has changed its policy regarding taking items on loan, and we discovered that if the church wanted its communion set in Deering once again, the society would not take it back on loan, only as a gift. So, the Church Council decided that we wanted this part of our history back where the congregation could enjoy it.

Oddly, one flagon has been at the church all this time, most recently used as a depository for coffee money. This flagon has the mark of Isreal Trask, a famed pewterer, who worked in Beverly, MA. He lived from 1786 to 1867. After an evaluation by Jon Gibson, our own famed Hillsborough pewterer, we are no longer using this flagon to collect coffee money.

The set retrieved from the NHHS is made up of a flagon which has the mark of an English pewterer on the bottom of the inside, an unmarked baptismal basin, two unmarked communion chalices, and six small communion beakers which are unmarked but could possibly be by Isreal Trask. All are thought to date from between 1775 and 1850.

For the past few years Beverly Yeaple has been working with Priscilla Beaudreault on the church archives. The paperwork regarding the pewter at the NHHS came to the surface, and Bev became

concerned that this part of our history was being forgotten. She didn't live to see its return to Deering, but I would like to suggest that it would be a fitting memorial to Bev to have the Deering pewter cleaned, restored, and put on display in a suitable cabinet in the sanctuary for all to enjoy.

The cleaning and minor restoration of the pewter would cost around \$500. The cost of a cabinet remains to be determined, but would also probably cost about \$500. There is already some money that has been donated in memory of Bev, but more would be needed if we move forward with this project. It would be wonderful to have this permanently installed in the church for our enjoyment and that of future generations. If you would like to send a donation for this memorial to Bev, please send a check clearly marked for this purpose to our financial secretary, Suzanne Huggard, 9 Reservoir Road, Deering NH, 03244.



2010 Budget Matters

Stuart Huggard

The Trustees, with the help of all Boards and Committees, have put together the budget for 2010. It is basically the same as the budget for 2009, but the "to be raised" portion of the proposed income is a little bit larger than it was for 2009. The good news is that there might be a small carry-over from 2009 that might offset a portion of this amount. We won't know exactly what that will be until the end of the year. The Trustees and Peter Cram, our treasurer, believe that the proposed budget is reasonable and doable for 2010.

World Service & Outreach

Jeanne Bartlett

Snow falling on a Sunday afternoon, football on TV in another room and I am by the woodstove writing at the kitchen table. The Christmas cards, ready for the women's prison in Goffstown, grow into a satisfying pile. Faces of the women met briefly during the worship service on the occasional Wednesday begin to take shape as I sign these greeting cards: a friend from Deering Church or Jeanne, *wishing you peace*. We are given no names to address the cards with but a Christmas spirit seems to be present here in this room. I think of my fellow committee members also signing cards, so willing to take the time during this busy season to reach out. To all of the church family who are responding to this task (a request which came from Rev. Beth Richeson, the chaplain at the prison), I give thanks.

Welcome baskets, to be delivered to some of the thirteen newcomers to our community of whom we have become aware, are being filled, be-ribboned and are being readied for delivery. Who would like to accompany us on this adventure?

A potluck supper is planned for Saturday, February 13 at 6 pm with a snow date of Sunday, February 14th at 6 pm. We are calling it talent night. Do you have a poem, a story to tell, a song to sing or play, a skit to present? Bring it on and your favorite dish to share, too. It will be Valentine season if you feel inspired to speak of love; perhaps "cabin fever" would be an appropriate subject, too, since it is February. Please bring your friends and neighbors.

Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

After the summer church fair, the Guild continued its activities. We have enjoyed our meetings each month and have added one new member and another potential member to our little band of friends. An important part of our organization is to help in our communities where there is need. Over the year, the Guild has been generous in donating to a variety of charities, including the Deering Church, the Deering Church roof repair fund, the emergency services for Hillsboro, Deering and Weare, the handicap upgrading of the first floor church bathroom as part of a Ruth Palmer Memorial Fund, a contribution toward the repairs of the Edith Daniels upright piano in Sherwood Hall, a contribution toward the Beverly Yeaple memorial, and a college scholarship. We arranged the reception for Bev Yeaple's funeral, organized and

participated in the Thank You Reception for donors to the church roof repairs, and participated in the reception following the Vesper Service on December 20th. But December is a special time for giving to those in need, and the Guild generously donated to the Hillsborough and Weare Food Pantries, the H-D Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Baskets, and Operation Christmas, and the Weare Operation Christmas. We capped off the year with an enjoyable luncheon gathering in December at The Country Spirit. It has been a very busy year for the Guild, and we are looking forward to an enjoyable time together in 2010. We welcome others who might be interested to join our little group of friends the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the church hall. So, bring a bag lunch, drop in and see what you are missing!

CRAFTERS WANTED

Stuart Huggard

Wanted, all able bodied or not so able bodied persons who are willing to contribute their talents to creating "things" to be sold at the church fair in August. We will be meeting on the first Monday of every month, starting in January, at 7:00 pm to work on a variety of projects. One major project is to complete the doll house that has been donated. This can be used as an additional raffle item. We have some cross stitch ideas and some wood-working plans. There should be something for everyone to do. Many items will be able to be completed at home. Please come join us. It should be fun, and I am sure there will be some snacks available. **Remember, the fair has become our only fundraiser.**

Notes from the Diaconate

Jim Carpenter

This fall Debbie and I went on a bus tour of six of our national parks out west. This was a twelve day trip in which we saw many beautiful views of places and animals. Among the attractions were Mesa Verde, Grand Canyon, Zion and Bryce National Parks. The animals varied from antelope to bison and elk. This trip was at the beginning of October and I was concerned that we would not get home in time to enjoy the peak foliage in New Hampshire. It all turned out well for there were still plenty of colorful leaves on the trees when we returned to Deering.

Seeing all those marvelous sights out west made me even more grateful for the beauty that surrounds us here in New England. There is so much variety in

this country and we saw many varied landscapes, but it is always good to get home. It is the same when I visit church services outside of Deering, I am always happy to come home to the friends at Deering Community Church for there is so much beauty in the hope and joy of the people here.

As we start a new year at DCC I look forward to the adventures and challenges ahead of us. It will not all be smooth sailing. For 220 years people of faith here in this church have followed the teachings of Jesus Christ and worked to keep the church relevant and active in our community. As others have said, let us not get caught up in small details, but enjoy our shared journey together.

Musical Notes

Jane Waters

Our annual Christmas Vespers service was held at a new time, 5:00 PM, on December 20, 2009. It featured as prelude a Celtic Christmas medley of carols played by Sharon Dowling on her Celtic harp and music sung by our choir with some additional voices from the Hillsboro—Deering Community Chorus. Musical selections included a wide variety of styles from an old Basque carol, an alto solo from Saint-Saens “Christmas Oratorio” sung by Sissi Shattuck, songs by English composer, John Rutter, and a rhythmic piece by Dave Brubeck. Charlotte Price accompanied the group on organ and piano. Following the service a lovely reception, orchestrated by Suzanne and Stuart Huggard, took place in Sherwood Hall. To bring you up to date on repairs to the piano in Sherwood Hall, the work is now underway and should be completed within the month. With this piano restored, choir rehearsals take place in Sherwood Hall during the heating season, thereby saving the fuel required to heat the large sanctuary. Thanks go to the Guild for their generous donation as well as to several individuals who are making the renovation possible.

Sunday School News

Chris Nase

On December 13, the Sunday School children presented “The Shoemaker’s Christmas” based on the story “*Where Love Is, God Is*” by Leo Tolstoy. Mackenzie was the compassionate shoemaker, with Ben, Ruthie, Eva and Hailey adeptly playing the parts of helper, angel, and visitors. Lauren Warner was the director, set creator, costume designer and bread maker extraordinaire. Jesus’ timeless message, that helping others in need is as if Jesus himself had been given care, was vividly displayed in the message of this pageant. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!



Summer and Fall Forums

Barbara Glauner

We thank Don and Jean Johnson for arranging three very interesting Sunday forums for our enlightenment, which were well attended by church members and others from town.

The first forum on August 16th featured Viki McLain Syvertson, discussing her experience and time spent in Malawi, Africa. She is the granddaughter of our own Esther McLain and was happy to return to a church that she and husband Martin had attended regularly when they and their four children lived in Deering. Vicki was beautifully dressed in a colorful headdress and skirt of the pattern and style worn by the villagers where she was a visitor. Her impressive and interesting power point presentation was about her visit to Malawi in 2008 with 7 other women as part of a “women to women” mission to find out about the plight of widows there and how they might help them. She filled a table with colorful fabrics from her trip. (above written by Jeanne Bartlett).



The next two forums were programs available through the NH Humanities Council. On September 13th, NH resident Barbara White gave an interesting talk about slavery in the North, called indentured service. In NH, slavery was not legal, but it was tolerated and regulated by law, with towns taxing slaves as owner’s property through 1789. Barbara White and others banded together to research the topic, and discovered that a manuscript had been written by Harriet Wilson called “Our Nig” or “Sketches from the Life of a Free Black” in which she wrote of her life as a young interracial slave for the Hayward family in a NH home in 1859. Once she was free of her servitude, she remained in the NH and Boston areas, becoming quite an entrepreneur, selling “Mrs. Wilson’s Hair Regenerator” all over the Northeast, lecturing, and selling her book on her life as a slave. This manuscript, thought to be the earliest novel written by a black woman, was re-discovered in 1982. The Harriet Wilson Project is part of the Black Heritage Tour and a statue of her can be seen in Milford NH. A more detailed history can be found on the boston.com website, “Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Mogul?” This was taken from an article they ran 2/15/2009, copyright The New York Times.

On October 18th, we had our last NH Humanities forum of the year, featuring character actress Sally Matson portraying the invincible Susan B. Anthony. Using Ms Anthony’s own words as recorded in her diaries, Ms Matson recounted the life story of Ms Anthony, her trials and tribulations from her observations in youth through her lifelong struggle for the rights of women. She joined the women’s suffrage movement to get the right to vote nationally. She advocated the right to equal pay with men for the same jobs and freedom to dress in clothes that suited the job, disliking the long encumbering skirts that women wore at the time. She traversed the country tirelessly, lecturing for women’s rights throughout her life. Actress Sally Matson did a fabulous job bringing to life Ms Anthony, her causes, the hardships of travel and her life in the 1800’s and early 1900’s, including the obstacles of rallying others to her points of view. It was a riveting, interesting and enlightening portrayal of a time in our country’s evolution. We thank the Johnson’s for their wonderful antique set design of table, chair, rug and oil lamp.



For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable items. January 3rd will start with Weare; February 7th will start with Hillsboro.

Hillsboro: Although there has been a request for **personal care items for January** such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, **and small cans of meat for February** such as ham, tuna, chicken etc., you are encouraged to bring whatever food or personal care items you have. Money is also welcome as well. The Food Pantry continues to need 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, unless you have specified a pantry on your check.

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



JANUARY

Benjamin Robinson, Jan 2
Greg Dumais, Jan 7
Alben Roland, Jan 8
Bobby Lee Trujillo, Jan 8
Jeff Carpenter, Jan 15
Kimbrley Trujillo, Jan 19
Deborah Carpenter, Jan 22

Hallie Terry, Jan 28
Charlotte Price, Jan 31

FEBRUARY

Ray Petty III, Feb 2
Jimmie Sanford, Feb 5
Stuart Huggard, Feb 8
Glenn Price, Feb 9
Samuel Kelly, Feb 13

As new Editor of the Newsletter, I wish to thank my son David for all his encouragement and help; all the contributors of articles; Christine Marcroft and others for photos that enliven and illustrate the printed words; Debbie Matthews for her critical eyes, information and printed copies; and for our leap to internet distribution, allowing an upgrade to a color experience for readers.

Happy Anniversary

JANUARY 26

Pasca & Timothy Ferwerda

FEBRUARY 14

Kay & Ray Daniels

**MICHAEL LIANOS ORGAN
CONCERT, JAN 22, DEERING
COMMUNITY CHURCH 7 PM**

**The Jason Luckett Concert at
the Deering Community
Church**

Saturday January 9

**7 pm (snow date Sunday
January 10th, 7 pm)**

**See the back cover for further
details.**



January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 9 Choir 10 Worship & Communion Deacon's Fund offering & CE	4 7 pm Craft Night	5 9 am Yoga	6 Epiphany 12 noon Guild 7 pm Deacons	7 7 pm Choir	8	9 7 pm Jason Luckett performs in Sherwood Hall
10 The Baptism of Christ 9 Choir 10 Worship & food pantry gifts & CE. snow date Jason Luckett 7	11	12 9 am Yoga 7 pm Council	13 7 pm World Service & Outreach	14 7 pm Choir	15	16
17 9 Choir 10 Worship & food pantry gifts 3 pm Pflag in Concord	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 9 am Yoga	20 7 pm Trustees	21 7 pm Choir	22 7 pm Organ Concert performed by Michael Lianos in Deering Church	23
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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9 am Yoga	3 12 noon Guild 7 pm Deacons	4 7 pm Choir	5	6 7 am Breakfast & workday
7 UCC Women's Week 7-14 9 Choir 10 Worship & communion, Deacon's Fund offering & CE	8 7 pm Craft night	9 9 am Yoga 7 pm Council	10 7 pm World Service & Outreach	11 7 pm Choir	12	13 World Service & Outreach Potluck 6 pm
14 Valentine's Day 9 Choir 10 Worship & Food Pantry gifts & CE 6 pm snow date for WSO potluck	15 President's Day FINAL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 9 am Yoga	17 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Trustees	18 7 pm Choir	19	20
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The Jason Lockett Concert at Deering Community Church, 7 pm, Jan. 9th.

Jason is a performing singer-songwriter and essayist based in Los Angeles. **Come enjoy a wonderful evening of his songs, guitar playing and stories sponsored by the Music Committee of Deering Community Church. Bring the whole family as all ages enjoy his songs.** His sound combines peace and passion, a bit of rock and folk, mixed with jazz and bossa nova. Imagine Curtis Mayfield crossed with Billy Bragg singing songs inspired by The Beatles, Joao Gilberto and Nina Simone. His latest album is *mMix*, a powerful and playful look at the state of affairs in this mixed (up) millennium. He'll be promoting this release on his winter tour of New England. Jason is the Hawaiian-born, California-raised son of two psychotherapists who met in Maine in 1960. The boldness of these interracial lovers from Mississippi and Maine has transferred nicely into the spirit of Jason's art. His mother, Barbara Lockett Currie, is now the pastor at Deering Community Church. Jason has had a very busy year. Besides bringing out his sixth full length CD, he headlined at the Mixed Roots Film & Literary Festival in Los Angeles; toured the US west on the *Sing Out For Single Payer Road Show* to promote healthcare reform with Labor Singer Anne Feeney, performing 35 concerts in 25 days; *and* had a new essay included in the groundbreaking anthology, *The Black Body*, edited by Meri Nana-Ama Danquah. To sample (or buy) his music and find out more about him, go to his website at www.jasonlockett.com.

Be sure to join us on January 9th (snow date January 10th) for a fun evening of great music!

MICHAEL LIANOS ORGAN CONCERT AT DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH, 7 PM, JAN 22
sponsored by the Deering Church Music Committee. Come and enjoy an evening of glorious organ music performed by Michael Lianos . Everyone is welcome; bring your friends and neighbors.