

D⁺eering Community Church

The Newsletter



Pastor's Corner

July - August, 2012



SPEAKING UP

In Germany they came
first for the
Communists
and I didn't speak up
because I wasn't a
Communist.

Then they came for the Jews
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew.

Then they came for the trade unionists
and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade
unionist.

Then they came for the Catholics
and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.

Then they came for me--
and by that time no one was left to speak up.



The above statement by Martin Niemoller, a Lutheran pastor in Germany during the Holocaust, has stayed in my mind and heart for many, many years. One of the most effective ways to speak up in our society is to engage in the political process. Campaigning and voting is one of the ways we can speak up. As individual members of a church you have every right to involve yourself in politics. Even though I am one who gets very turned off to politics because of divisiveness and the lack of civility, still I know it is important to speak up for what I believe in.

As people of faith, engaging in politics is a way for us to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbor and work for justice and fairness for all. As we go into these summer months, the presidential election year politics will continue to

heat up. There is an excellent website called Our Faith Our Vote at <http://www.ucc.org/ourfaithourvote/> that can give us guidance. As a tax exempt institution there are activities that the church itself can not engage in. There is a very helpful guide on the aforementioned website. I will make a copy for the bulletin board in Sherwood Hall. Here are few of the important do's and don'ts. **Churches can** do the following: discuss the position of candidates on public issues, distribute at church nonpartisan candidate surveys and voting records, include news stories in publications.

Churches can engage in nonpartisan voter education, registration, and get-out the vote drives. **Churches cannot** endorse political candidates, make a contribution to a candidate, contribute to PACs or distribute candidates' political statements. **Churches cannot** publish editorials endorsing or opposing a political candidate.

I will continue to provide you information and post material on the bulletin board throughout the election season. Remember if we do not speak up, one day we may need someone to speak up for us, and there will be no one left!



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Peace Corner

Pastor Barbara

Immigration issues of the Indonesians in New Hampshire

As part of a Mission Moment a few months ago, I brought before you the deportation issues of people in one of our UCC churches, Maranatha Indonesian United Church of Christ in Madbury. Many of you signed petitions asking for an extension of a deadline for these people to apply for asylum. Let me update you.

I quote from a letter written by the NH Conference of the UCC's Immigration Committee letter: "There are 1200 Indonesians living in New Hampshire. Some have been here since the mid 1990's when many Indonesians fled religious persecution. They were subject to personal violence and driven from their homes, some of which were burned. Churches were also destroyed.

Many of the refugees came to the United States on tourist visas that were easily obtained at the time. Due to a number of circumstances, including inattention from immigration lawyers, they did not file for asylum within the mandatory one-year deadline, and are now facing deportation back to a country where they are certain to face more

hostility, and perhaps imprisonment. Families are being separated; parents are deported and US born children remain here. The situation is grave. More than 100 Indonesians living in New Hampshire have received deportation notices" including members of the Maranatha church.

The announcement by President Obama on June 15th to give younger immigrants an opportunity to stay in this country and apply for work permits is very much welcomed for those Indonesians that arrived in this country before age 17; however, their parents, grandparents and older youth are still at risk. We are asked to contact our political representatives to ask them to support HR 3590, the Indonesian Family Refugee Protection Act.

We have an opportunity to have a speaker on immigration from a group of NH UCC folks that recently spent a week in Oaxaca, Mexico, learning about the forces which drive people to migrate. They also learned about steps that are being taken in local communities to make it possible for residents to earn a reasonable livelihood at home. Please contact me or the World Service and Outreach Committee if you are interested in such a presentation.

HERETICS AND HALOS

Special Sermon Event July 15th at 10 am

A. Ray Petty III will be preaching a sermon from his grandfather, A. Ray Petty, minister of the Judson Memorial Church in New York City from 1915 to 1926. This sermon has particular historical significance as it was preached at the time the Reverend Harry Emerson Fosdick, the minister at the neighboring First Presbyterian Church and later the first minister of Riverside Church in Manhattan, was dismissed for being too unorthodox. The sermon he preached, Shall the Fundamentalists Win? led to his being deemed a Heretic by the General Assembly of

the Presbyterian Church.

The Reverend Petty, along with Dr. Eleanor Campbell, who founded a medical clinic at Judson, was part of the summer people in the 1920's that did so much to revitalize the Deering Community Church.

Pastor Barbara Currie will be filling in some of the historical background on both Fosdick and the senior Petty to supplement the sermon, which will be part of the regular Sunday worship at Deering Community Church, on July 15th at 10 am. As always, the church welcomes all people. Come and hear a slice of history!



Moderator's Desk

Steve Waters

For the past few months, your Council has had a focus on the problems in our church stemming from wear and tear and neglected maintenance. The windows in the Sanctuary have become our primary concern. They simply do not function, either to keep out the winter frost or to allow summer's breezes in. Some glass is ready to fall from its frame; some, cracked and broken, is mended with Scotch tape. In January of this year, a joint meeting of the Council and Trustees came to a unanimous agreement these windows should be replaced with windows that will go up and down and are weather-tight. Maintaining architectural consistency is also a priority.

At its June 12 meeting, the Council agreed on a three-part plan to meet the physical needs of our church to get our church home in shape.

Part 1 will focus on replacement of the Sanctuary windows. I am pleased to report that nearly three quarters of the estimated \$25,000 cost has been raised, an amount sufficient for us to announce and publicize our capital campaign.

Part 2 includes fixing the side entryway for easier access and weatherproofing, repair or rebuilding the concrete sidewalk, replacing the rotting foundation

beam, and installing a culvert for proper drainage around the pavilion.

Part 3 will entail reconfiguring the bathroom to fully meet Federal handicap regulations and refurbishing the kitchen in accord with plans already in place.

The estimated costs for all our needs are \$50,000. We will seek foundation support as a part of the Campaign for Deering Community Church. A "Listening Session" will be held after church on July 15, so everyone will have a chance to ask questions and voice opinions. Of course, you can speak with me or any Council members in the meantime.

We encourage everyone to help with whatever you can give for these efforts. Pledge cards have been made available at church, but in case you did not receive one, a pledge card for this fund raising campaign is included below. It will be very helpful in our efforts to solicit donations from outside sources, if we have a high percentage of givers from the congregation. We ask simply that you donate what you can, and we thank you all. Any checks should have "Capital Campaign for DCC" in the memo line.

Deering Community Church, UCC

GETTING OUR CHURCH HOUSE IN ORDER

I (we) support the goal of bringing our church home into good order,



starting with replacing the windows in the Sanctuary.

To help accomplish this goal,

I (we) pledge \$_____ to be paid:

_____ Monthly by 12/31/12

_____ Weekly by 12/31/12

_____ Single payment by 12/31/12

Signed _____ Date _____

WS & O - Summer Forums

**The World Service & Outreach Committee
will sponsor two more forums this summer.**

The first forum is scheduled for July 22nd, at 11:30 in Sherwood Hall.

By: Don Johnson

This program, offered by Larry Douglas, is, **“Down and Out in America: the Great Depression America**. He will discuss the causes of the catastrophe and the steps taken to deal with it. He will also discuss the clash of old and new social and political philosophies that developed by this turning point in American history and how these new ideologies have changed America. This forum is sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The second forum is scheduled for August 19th at 11:15 in Sherwood Hall.

By: Jeanne Bartlett

It will feature Marian Baker. Marian Baker, Recorded minister of the Henniker Friends Meeting, has just returned from Kenya and Uganda where she spent five months living and working among the people there. She became especially acquainted with women and in so doing learned of the many challenges facing widows in these areas.

Marian has stories to tell about her mode of travel throughout the countryside as a passenger on trucks, wagons, and even on a motorcycle. Come and see her photos, village textiles and art. Marian is fluent in Swahili and other dialects thus deepening her understanding of the cultures and customs in these countries.

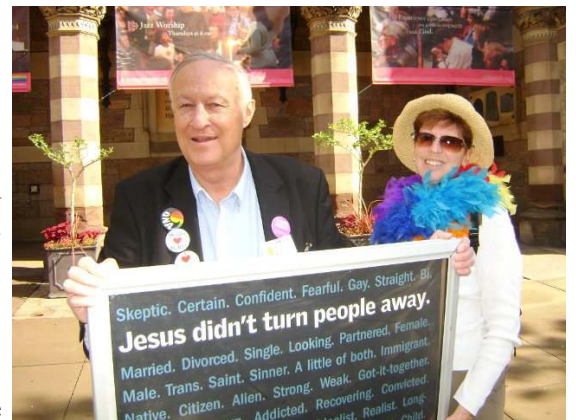
WS & O - Boston Gay Pride Parade

Christine & Lee Marcroft

On June 9th, Lee and Christine Marcroft attended the Interfaith Service at Old South Church in Boston prior to the Pride Parade. The service was wonderful and uplifting, featuring readings of all types of faith and beginning with the joyous sounds of the ram's horns, used in the Jewish faith, and ending with an



inspiring sermon and an awards ceremony. It was such a treat to hear the huge organ during the hymn singing! People from all walks of life crowded the big sanctuary.



Lee and Christine viewed the colorful and joyous parade from right in front of the church, enjoying the energy of the different

Boston Gay Pride Parade - Con't

Christine & Lee Marcroft



organizations and the warm sunshine. The PFLAG (Parent, Families, and Friends of Gay and Lesbian and Transgender people) chapter was received by a big round of applause, as always. Later, at the Government Center, the festivities continued with meeting up with old and new friends and visiting various booths for information. All in all, a very enjoyable day with fabulous weather and being among so many open and tolerant people!

WS & O - Woman's Prison

Jean Johnson

Members of the World Service and Outreach committee who want to volunteer at the Women's Prison in Goffstown must attend an orientation session at the Department of Corrections once every three years. In May, Pastor Barbara, Jeanne Bartlett and Don and Jean Johnson attended an orientation. We viewed a slide presentation that explained prison rules and, among other information, gave us insights about some of the many reasons why women are in prison.

Abuse when they are young can lead a young woman to mental illness and to substance abuse which then often results in illegal activities. Women's addictions include alcohol, drugs, gambling, sex, eating

disorders and compulsive shopping. Ninety per cent of the incarcerated women suffer from some type of substance abuse. Economic and social marginality, homelessness as well as unhealthy relationships are also important risk factors.

Up to 20 women share a room while in the prison. They are expected to work while in prison, for which they are paid one dollar a day. Once they have been in prisons six months, the women can earn \$2 an hour. We were encouraged to find out that educational activities are considered work. We also learned that the first ninety days after release is the crucial time of rehabilitation

Jami Boyle Graduates from Andover Newton



On May 19th, 2012, Jami, our "member in discernment" (the new term for "In Care" student) graduated from Andover Newton Theological School, receiving her Master's of Divinity. She is now finishing her ordination paper to be reviewed by the Hillsborough Association.

Once she is approved by the Association she can start looking for a specific call to ministry, such as a minister at a church or a chaplain. She is very grateful for finishing her seminary education without owing money due to scholarships she received. She will be back amongst us as a member come July. She is very grateful for all the prayers that have sustained her in these past three years. It will be wonderful to have her worshipping with us again.

By: Pastor Barbara

Musical Notes

Sam Kelly

Sunday Service Update:

Jane will be playing the piano for the services of June 17th, 24th, and July 1st. The choir will be singing all those Sundays and then taking a break for the summer. On July 1st, Sissi will be doing a solo of the song "Deep River" during the offering. Here is the list of organists/pianists for the Sunday services:

7/8--Charlotte, 7/15--Missy, 7/22--Jane (P.S. Barbara Zdravesky, a cellist, is scheduled to play a solo on this Sunday), 7/29--Charlotte, 8/5 and 8/12 and 8/19--Missy, 8/26--Charlotte. The Men's Summer Choir hasn't planned anything yet, but will probably get something together.



Musical Events Update:

Hello to all you enjoyers of music from the makers of music here at the church. Jane, and others, have lined up some special musical doings for the summer. On May 25th, we were fortunate to have Jason Luckett perform for us in Sherwood Hall. He did some of his old standards ("Miracle", "Shake It Up") and some new material (a tribute to Gil Scott-Heron) just to mention a few.



The Audience at Jason Luckett's performance

He likes coming to our church and really enjoys playing for us. The feeling is mutual.



And here are some things to look forward to this summer :

1. On July 8th, Lilly Haley, Clarinetist, will perform at 3:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from UNH, class of 2012, and is headed for Indiana University to pursue an M.A. Free admission---donations accepted.
2. On July 11th, Monadnock Music will present Irina Muresanu, Violinist, and Rob Auler, Pianist, in the sanctuary at 7:30 P.M. Voluntary admission.
3. On July 22nd, Barbara Zdravesky, Cellist, will perform during the Sunday morning service.
4. On July 29th, Shizue Sano, Pianist, will perform at 3:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. The way she attacks our piano, it's amazing that it's still standing and hasn't caught fire. Free admission---donations accepted.
5. On August 26th, Will Ogmundson, Pianist, will perform at 3:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Will brings a lot of humor and more popular music to his performances, not to mention compositions of his own. Free admission---donations accepted.

So, please come and enjoy the music.

So, that's it. Have a nice day and see you Sunday.

Monadnock Music Series

Ray Petty

As it has for nearly half a century, Monadnock Music will continue to present its free Village Concert series of chamber music in the historic meeting houses of the Monadnock region throughout the summer.

Wednesday, July 11 – Deering Community Church

Guest Artists: Irina Muresanu (violin), Rob Auler (piano)

- Johannes Brahms - Scherzo
- Virgil Thomson - Waltz
- Virgil Thomson - Five Ladies
- Ludwig van Beethoven - "Kreutzer" Sonata
- Franz Liszt - Mephisto-Waltz
- Virgil Thomson - Sonata
- William Bolcom - Graceful Ghost
- Griforas Dinicu - Skylark



Quilt Raffle

Barbara Glauner

Kay Daniels crafted this mystery quilt project from Quilted Threads shop in Henniker. She said the pattern became more obvious only in the last month of work, making for an interesting project. It is an 86" x 94" quilt called "Village Crossroads". It is worked in 100% cotton fabrics of several shades of coffee with cream, along with a salmon pink shade, and has a large floral backing fabric, polyester batting and threads. The actual "quilting" or "pattern in thread" used to hold all three layers together was done by Celeste Manning of the M-D Stitching Studio in Weare, NH and is called "Mystery Flower".

Description by Kay Daniels.



**Deering Community Church
Women's Guild**

Quilt Raffle

**Village Crossroads
Queen Size Quilt**

**Drawing Saturday August 11th, 2012
Summer Fair, Deering, NH**

Donation: \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

Guild members along with Stuart Huggard have been busy working on fair details for August 11th. There have been some personnel changes to the usual tables and some new offerings, so it hasn't been all smooth sailing to make the changes and find new people to take over. But, things are moving along. The quilt raffle ticket sale is underway, and we need volunteers to sell tickets to the public on weekends at Shaw's Market and Butler Park in Hillsboro along with other locations. Hazel is in charge of that effort and is working hard to recruit

multiple workers for each weekend. The quilt raffle raises 1/4 of the fair money, so it is an important area for the church to step up and support as volunteers in these weeks before the fair. Please see Hazel and sign up to help. Sadly, the "Beyond Little Women" fundraiser program has been cancelled due to the illness of the actress. And lastly, a reminder that the July Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday July 11th, since our regular 1st Wednesday is the July 4th holiday.

Church Fair Needs

Stuart Huggard

It is time for us all to be gearing up for the annual fair to be held at the church on August 11, 2012. This event is the major fundraiser for both the Deering Women's Guild and the Deering Community Church and needs the support of all their members and friends. There are many ways in which you can help:

- Clean out all your closets, basement, and attic and donate to the Attic Treasures – always a big draw to the fair- **we are asking that all donations be at the church by August 1.**
- If you have better items that you would like to sell, consider consigning your items to our Consignment Corner in the narthex. 75% to the consignor – 25% to the fair.
- Bake, bake, bake and donate your creations to the baked goods table.
- Pies: In addition to regular baked goods, we are especially asking for donations of home baked pies which sell especially well.
- Sell raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt created by Kay Daniels. There will be a sign-up sheet in Sherwood Hall. We are hoping to sell tickets at Shaws and the Hillsboro farmer's market on Saturdays.
- This year there will be something new, a Christmas Corner. We hope to have Christmas items to sell. Consider donating what you have or making something new to sell.
- And, of course, on the day of the fair there will be many ways to help out, so please be there.



SUMMER FAIR

August 11 9 am – 2 pm

DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH Rte 149 Deering
 763 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH, 03244
www.deeringcommunitychurch.org or (603) 464-5643

CRAFTS JEWELRY CHEESE

Homemade JAMS, PIES, & BAKED GOODS

COFFEE & MUFFINS, HOT DOGS & SODA

PLANTS, FACE PAINTING, ICE CREAM,

PONY RIDES & FALCON EXHIBIT

ATTIC TREASURES, BOOKS, CONSIGNMENTS

"VILLAGE CROSSROADS" QUILT RAFFLE



For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries. July 1 starts with Hillsboro and August 5 donations start with Weare.

Hillsboro: For **July**, donations of peanut butter would be welcomed, and for **August**, paper goods products, such as bath tissue, regular tissues, paper towels and diapers are needed, but each week you're welcome to bring whatever food or personal-care items you have. The Food Pantry is 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



JULY

Jean Lewis, 4

Tom Inui, 10

Margaret Colburn, 13

David Glauner, 14

Donald Johnson, 14

Nancy Inui, 15

Nicole Dumais, 15

Neill Currie, 15,

Elizabeth Dishong, 16

Christine Hague, 19

AUGUST

Larry Palmer, 6

Leroy Marcroft, 10

Kathleen Daniels, 26

Robert Fuller, 27

Happy Anniversary

JULY

Christine & Paul Hague, 20

Marjorie & Henry Weeden, 29

AUGUST

Jane & Stephen Waters, 8

Jean & Donald Johnson, 13

Suzanne & Stuart Huggard, 25

THE HILLSBORO DISTRICT FOOD PANTRY

The "Feinstein Challenge" ended April 30th with cash and food items donated from individuals, business organizations and churches. The Pantry received \$6586.46 in cash donations, pledges of \$520, donated food items at a value of \$1.00 per can / pound, totaling \$2587, making a grand total of \$9693.46.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this challenge a great success. There is such excellent support in the area for the District Food Pantry.

Joyce Peace, food pantry liaison



THE NINTH ANNUAL DEERING CHICKEN BARBECUE COME ONE, COME ALL



**SATURDAY,
JULY 28, 2012
RAIN OR SHINE
1 TO 3 PM**

SPONSORED BY THE DEERING
COMMUNITY CHURCH
AT OUR PAVILION BEHIND THE CHURCH
763 Deering Center Road, Rt. 149, Deering, NH
PLENTY OF CHICKEN,
CORN ON THE COB, & WATERMELON
IF YOU WANT TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE, WE
WOULD APPRECIATE SALADS AND OTHER SIDES
Gather With Members, Friends and Neighbors
for Fun and Games
Questions? Call the church at 464-5643

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Worship & Communion Deacon's Fund Food Pantry Gifts. "Deep River" Solo by Sissi.	2	3 Yoga, 9 am	4 	5	6	7 7 am Breakfast, 8 am Late breakfast WORK DAY
8 10 am Worship Food Pantry Gifts 3 pm Lilly Haley concert, clarinetist	9	10 Yoga, 9 am Council, 7 pm	11 Guild, Noon Monadnock Music Free Concert 7:30 pm	12	13	14
15 10 am Worship Petty Sermon Food Pantry Gifts "Listening Session" 11:30 3 pm Pflag Concord	16	17 Yoga, 9 am	18 Trustees, 7 pm	19	20	21
22 10 am Worship Food Pantry Gifts, cellist Barbara Zdravesky, Forum 11:30	23	24 Yoga, 9 am	25 Deacons, 7 pm	26	27	28 Chicken Barbecue 1 to 3 pm 
29 10 am Worship Food Pantry Gifts 3 pm Shizue Sano, piano concert	30	31 Yoga, 9 am				

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 7 am breakfast, 8 am late breakfast WORK DAY
5 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacon's Fund, Food Pantry gifts, Set up tables for fair.	6	7 Yoga, 9 am	8 Guild— noon set up for fair	9	10	11 Summer Fair 9 am—2 pm
		Council, 7 pm	W S & O, 7 pm			
12 10 am Worship, Food Pantry Gifts	13	14 Yoga, 9 am	15	16	17	18 Newsletter Deadline
			Trustees, 7 pm			
19 10 am Worship, Food Pantry Gifts. 3 pm Pflag, Concord Forum 11:15	20	21 Yoga, 9 am	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship, Food Pantry Gifts 3 pm Will Ogmundson, pianist	27	28 Yoga, 9 am	29	30	31	
			Deacons, 7 pm			

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Pictures from the June 24th Forum "Biblical Parallels"



Lucy Boyadjian Janjigian

