

# D<sup>+</sup>eering Community Church

## The Newsletter



### Pastor's Corner

March-April 2013



#### Lenten Journey

How are all of you doing in your Lenten Journey? By the time you read this newsletter you will probably be approaching your third Sunday in Lent. The scheduling of my time

away this winter prevented me from preparing you for Lent as I like to do; however, I believe it's better late than never. Easter comes on the last Sunday in March this year, the 31<sup>st</sup>, so there is still time to journey onward.

For Roman Catholics, especially in the olden days, Lent was all about sacrifice—fasting and abstinence. It was a somber time. Even today in many Christian circles, the question that is asked is what are you giving up for Lent? How many of you have given up chocolate or desserts in general during Lent? I certainly have, thinking how this would be a good start to a diet.

In my opinion, Lent is a time to become more attentive to God and our spiritual life. I have written in other years about adding spiritual disciplines—keeping the sabbath, more devotional reading, and prayer. The word Lent itself is related to the English word lengthen, used because in the northern part of the world the days lengthen as we get deeper into our spiritual attentiveness. Lent is a time that we can focus on finding our true self as we journey with God to Resurrection and New Life. As we become more open to God, we can let go of self-deceptions and reflect on who and whose we really are. During this time it is important to look at our sorrows, our fears, our grief, our mistakes and, yes, our sins. Important on the journey is self-discovery, connecting with and helping others, doing “good works” and ultimately a feeling of inner joy.

I believe that one of the best ways to practice this openness to God is through contemplative prayer, a simple, wordless, trusting opening of our self to the divine Presence. So often we use prayer to talk to God; contemplative prayer is listening to God. The method that I am most familiar with is Centering Prayer, developed by Thomas Keating and Basil Pennington. When I lived in Washington, DC, I took a class on Centering Prayer with Pennington. He insisted on practicing 20 minutes twice a day to start.

Centering Prayer is really very easy. The hardest part is convincing yourself to engage in this spiritual discipline. One sits on a chair or mat and allows one's heart to

open to that invisible yet always present Creator of all. When thoughts come to you, as they surely will, just let them go and return to your intention of listening to God. You choose a short word or phrase, sometimes called your sacred word, and utter whenever thoughts come. You then go back to your intention of being open before God

It's natural to feel disappointment when your mind is just flooded with thoughts. There is a well known story told by Father Keating about a nun who after her first attempt at Centering Prayer complained, “I



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am such a failure at this prayer. In twenty minutes, I've had ten thousand thoughts." Father Keating responded without skipping a beat, "How lovely! Ten thousand opportunities to return to God!"

Keating also said that the only thing you can do wrong in this prayer is to get up and walk out. (From Bourgeault, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*)

Bourgeault says, "But in the depths of your being, in fact, plenty has been going on, and things are quietly but firmly being rearranged." I have often heard that the way to notice that there is something positive going on is to look at what happens after sitting for a while in Centering Prayer: refreshment

and the ability to be more present, being able to be more flexible with those around you as well as feeling more peaceful and comfortable within your self.

If you would like to read more about Centering Prayer, I recommend the following books: *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Keating; *Centering Prayer* by Pennington, and *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* by Cynthia Bourgeault. If some of you would like a group to learn and practice Centering Prayer, let me know. I'm also happy to help you individually. May your Lent be Holy and may God bless you.

## Peace Corner

Pastor Barbara

### FATHER JOHN DEAR KEYNOTE AT 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE

NH Peace Action has chosen Promoting International Peace and Security as the theme for this year's conference which will be held at Riviera University in Nashua on March 23 from 8:45 to 4 pm. Father John Dear will speak on *Blessed are the Peacemakers: Making Peace and Practicing Nonviolence in a World of War and Violence*. Dear was the speaker for the original peace conference sponsored by the United Church of Christ's Peace with Justice Advocates. He is a Jesuit Priest, Peace Activist, Organizer, Lecturer, and Retreat Leader. Father John is the author/editor of 28 books on peace and nonviolence, including *Living Peace*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. For more information about Dear go to [www.johndear.org/bio.html](http://www.johndear.org/bio.html).

Each participant will have an opportunity to attend three one-hour workshops with such titles as "Argentina: Case Study on Moving from Military Dictatorship", "Patriotism and World Security: Friend or Foe?", "Morality of Drones", "Veganism: An Essential Step in our Personal and Societal Journey towards Peace", "Statehouse Watch". The Conference is FREE, with a box lunch available for a small fee or bring your own.

The YOUTH PROGRAM AND OVERNIGHT starts at 5 pm on Friday with the Adults and Youth joining together on Saturday. For more information, Youth Registration and Parental consent forms go to <http://nhpeaceaction.org/nhypj/>.

Registration will soon be opened for adults.. For more information go to <http://www.rivier.edu/peaceconference/default.aspx?id=21442>.

Pastor Barbara is hoping to attend and could give rides to others who will attend. It should be a most meaningful day!

## World Day of Prayer, 3/I

Pastor Barbara

The Deering, Hillsboro, Washington, and Henniker churches come together each year on the World Day of Prayer. This year the event will be held on **March 1** at Valley Bible Chapel at 14 W. Main Street in Hillsboro. The theme is "I was a stranger and you welcomed me", from Matthew 25:31-46.

Each year women from different nations write the liturgy. This year it was written by the women of France, focusing on their many migrants and refugees. A potluck including, some French cuisine, will be held at 6 pm and the service starts at 7 pm. This event conflicts with our choir soiree.

## Maundy Thursday Worship

Pastor Barbara

Maundy Thursday is Pastor Barbara's favorite service of the church year. Many of those that attend regularly would agree; yet so very few people attend. This year the service will be on **March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Please plan to be with us as we prepare for Easter.

This service includes several ancient Maundy Thursday traditions. Maundy is the English form of the Latin word meaning commandment and refers to Jesus' giving a new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you."

We meet in Sherwood Hall, and there are three major parts of this worship: foot-washing, Holy Communion and Tennebrae, the Extinguishing of the Lights. Tennebrae, a Latin word that means

"darkness" or "shadows" is the process of candles being gradually extinguished until only the Christ candle is left. The Christ Candle will be extinguished at the end to symbolize the apparent victory of the powers of darkness at Jesus' death. The relighting of the Christ Candle foreshadows the Resurrection. At this point the service is over and we ask that all leave in a meditative silence when ready.

As always your participation in the different parts of the service is optional. There is a brief reflection by Pastor Barbara, hymns, and music from the choir. The readings are portions of Jesus' passion. If you wish to be a reader please let Deacon Jim Carpenter know. Most of all, be sure you give yourself this opportunity to get ready for Easter.

## Mission 4/I Earth

Pastor Barbara

At the NHCUCC's annual meeting there was an announcement about a new environmental mission program for our denomination, starting on April 1, 2013. "**Mission 4/I Earth** links together four significant events — Easter (March 31), Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (April 26) and Pentecost (May 19) — for a sustained, aggressive and collective mission opportunity for the entire United Church of Christ. Together, we will inspire and aspire to what we can accomplish as ONE CHURCH." (from UCC.org)

The three national goals of Mission 4/I Earth are to write 100,000 advocacy letters, to plant 100,000 trees, and to contribute One Million Hours of volunteer earth care. Much more information is available on [ucc.org/earth](http://ucc.org/earth) and a couple of neat videos on <http://www.ucc.org/earth/stories.html>.

Our church has not had a discussion about whether or not to be involved in this program. I will be bringing the information to our March Council meeting. In the meantime, please check it out and let Pastor Barbara know if you want to participate.

## From The Moderator

Peter Cram

Dear Friends,

This is my first submission to the newsletter as Moderator. I heard it said that some were looking for 'words of wisdom' through my newsletter article. Being new to the position, I'm certain there's little I can offer at this point. I'm still learning the ropes, but expect it won't take me long to get my sea legs. Regardless, I commit that I will do all I can to make my tenure as Moderator a productive one.

We have already had a meeting of the Church Council, on the evening of February 12<sup>th</sup>. I can report that all of the member boards and committees were represented there, and we had in my estimation, a productive meeting. I mention it only to say that it was refreshing to see everyone there prepared to present what was going on with their respective groups. It's clear that everyone is making sure that meetings are being held, and things that need doing are getting done. As always, people are stepping up and seeing to it that things happen according to plan. I feel honored to represent the Council as Moderator.

The one bit of business that we will continue to keep focus on is the budgeted 'to be raised' figure. Too often in the past, I feel that we have used this line item to balance the budget, and while it is of great concern at the Annual Meeting, we quickly forget about it. It is then up to the diligence and hard work of the Treasurer and others to work around the shortfall. At the Council meeting, we did give the 'to be raised' topic some thought, and it is my understanding that each representative will be bringing it up at their respective meetings. It would be my hope that we will resolve this sticky issue early on in the Church year, so we can focus our attention in other productive ways.

Again, I can't begin to say how much I appreciate the members of the Church entrusting me with the Moderator's position. Through all the time I have been coming to the Deering Community Church, I have found that we consistently find ways to come together to work on and resolve the bigger issues. I am forever filled with optimism for the future knowing that anything we face, we continue to do so together. Thank you.

## Annual Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2012

Christine Nase

**Present:** Pastor Barbara, Steve Waters, Jane Waters, Pasca Ferwerda, Tim Ferwerda, Joyce Peace, Kay Daniels, Priscilla Beaudrault, Sara Carter, Bob Carter, Stuart Huggard, Suzanne Huggard, Bryan Terry, Peter Cram, Christine Marcroft, Lee Marcroft, Jeanne Bartlett, Jean Hooker, Sarah Bryon, Angela MacConkey, Betty Dishong, Sam Kelly, David Bell, Bob Fuller, Peg Hauschildt, Chris Nase, Bob Santagata

- 1) Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting approved
- 2) Financial report reviewed and accepted
- 3) Treasurer's report reviewed - Stuart commented on how generous the church was for non-budgeted items and the reluctance this year to ask people for more money due to the capital

campaign. Angela mentioned that the endowment saw about a 10% return that allowed the allocation to the church to increase. Report was accepted.

- 4) Review proposed 2013 budget - Stuart highlighted changes in this budget compared to the 2012 budget - some minor decrease in insurance, increases in C.E. and pulpit supply. Note the **to be raised** line which is at \$2,255. Suggest that a jar be placed by the coffee to remind people to donate regularly. Suzanne will do this. Jeanne explained that the chaplaincy fund is for to raise money for chaplaincy at the Women's Prison in Goffstown. Jean H. asked about the bank charges from last year - Stuart explained that they were IRS penalties that will

## Annual Minutes Cont.

Christine Nase

- 5) Steve asked for a motion to accept the 2013 budget. Peter moved and Betty seconded the motion. Budget was passed unanimously.
- 6) Committee reports reviewed -
  - a) Betty and Sam spoke for the deacons and how they appreciated how readily the congregation responds to requests for money for the deacons fund.
  - b) Chris reported about the fun year experienced in C.E.
  - c) Priscilla spoke about her work with the church archives.
  - d) Kay D. reported that they need more members in Guild; winter is a hard time for members to attend. She was asked to explain the mission of the Guild to people who did not know about the Guild. Suggestion made to put some information in the newspaper about their meetings.
  - e) Jeanne reported about World Service. They are branching out to include emergency preparedness. Peg H. is looking into how the church can help and provided some information for how we each can be more prepared. Jeanne offered that if we have any concerns that we would want World Service to explore, to let them know.
  - f) Sam reminded us what a great value the church receives with the talent and experience Jane offers as she leads the music program. She was given a standing ovation!
- 7) Steve reviewed the moderators report - he reflected on the past five years that he has served as the moderator. He encouraged all to attend **Prepared to Serve** conference.
- 8) Stuart reminded us that members provide all the cleaning and maintenance. He recognized Pasca as doing much of the regular cleaning around the church and the regularly organized workdays for providing the needed maintenance.
- 9) Pastor Barbara reported being pleased with membership growth and the growth in spiritual energy in the church. She recognized Steve for his hard work as moderator. He also received a standing ovation.
- 10) Lee offered the nominating committee report. Angela volunteered to be on the Trustees. Steve asked for a motion to accept the nominating report. Betty moved on the motion and Bryan seconded it. The motion was unanimously accepted. Pastor Barbara installed the members.
- 11) Peter began his position as moderator and asked if there was any old business - none was mentioned. He asked about any new business - none was mentioned. Motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved and seconded.

## General Synod of UCC

Pastor Barbara

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Long Beach, CA

Every two years our denomination comes together for a general meeting. Many of us went when the location was in Hartford, Connecticut. It was a very inspirational, educational, and fellowship event. Pastor Barbara hopes to go this year and would love to have company. Go to <http://www.ucc.org/synod/> for all the many details.

## Church Officers

From Annual Meeting booklet as amended

### Officers

Moderator: Peter Cram (2015) Clerk: Chris Nase (2015)

Treasurer: Stuart Huggard (2015)

Financial Secretary: Suzanne Huggard (2015),

Archivist: Priscilla Beaudrault (2015)

### BOARD OF DEACONS

Betty Dishong, Jim Carpenter, Sam Kelly

Joyce Peace, Pasca Ferwerda

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dave Bell, Bob Fuller, Al Glauner, Tim Ferwerda

### WORLD SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Jeanne Bartlett, Peg Hauschildt, Tim Finn

Lee and Chris Marcroft, Jean and Don Johnson, Patricia Finn

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Lauren Warner, Chris Nase, Jami Boyle (adult ed)

### MUSIC COMMITTEE

Sam Kelly, Sissi Shattuck

Christine Marcroft

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Council

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lee Marcroft

### DELEGATES NH CONFERENCE (3 + One under 25)

Lee Marcroft, Christine Marcroft, Suzanne Huggard, Hailey Nase

### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (appointed, NOT voted - for information only)

Don Johnson, Priscilla Beaudrault, Jane Waters, Steve Waters, Jim Carpenter, Jeanne Bartlett

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE (appointed by Trustees, NOT voted - for information only)

Steve Waters, Peter Cram, Angela MacConkey Bell; Ex-officio: Treasurer – Stuart Huggard

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\*\*Officers' terms end at the annual meeting of the date shown in parentheses.

## Musical Notes

Sam Kelly

Hi, folks.

Here's what the choir has planned for March and April:

March 1 "The Soiree" Friday night at 7:00 P.M. Lots of music from different performers. Always fun. Sometimes controversy. Lots of times gems.

March 24 (Palm Sunday), March 28 (Maundy Thursday), and March 31 (Easter). The choir always has special music for these days of reflection and joy.

April 7 "Requiem" by John Rutter, Sunday at 3:00 P.M. at Smith Church. Our choir will be joining with other members of the community and the Hillsboro--Deering High School singers to perform this wonderful piece of music.

We always like to share our gifts with others, so please come. (P.S. There will be no rehearsal on Thursday, March 7). Thank you. --Sam

## W S & O

Jeanne Bartlett

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering dedication will take place on March 17. The theme this year is **Sharing Brings Joy**. Look for announcements in each Sunday's bulletin, listen to Mission Moments from the pulpit, find your little coin box and Caring Calendar to take home. We will come to understand that others who happen to be in need are not simply recipients of our charity, but sisters and brothers with whom we are called to live justly and share abundantly. When we cannot physically go to meet needs in person, our gifts go together to assist others. The funds we gather together and share can provide potable water near the home of a woman who has to walk miles for water; children are happy with the new school in the village; food and shelter become available for families displaced by natural disasters or political unrest.

Rev. Edward Matuvhunye was in our midst at a pot luck supper on Feb. 1. The food was delicious and conversation with our guest from Zimbabwe was stimulating. Guests from Smith Memorial Church were on hand and added to the many questions we had about life in Zimbabwe where our beloved partner church in Rimbi resides. We thank the Marcrofts for hosting Rev. Matuvhunye in their home and taking such good care of him.



Please take note of the link below which will bring up a video that eloquently portrays the chaplaincy work in the Goffstown Women's prison. Our church now is a regular contributor to the Chaplaincy Fund each year.

[http://www.nhepiscopal.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=107&Itemid=120](http://www.nhepiscopal.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=107&Itemid=120)



## Woman's Guild

Priscilla Beaudrault

The Women's Guild is looking for new members as our numbers are dwindling. Please read our mission to foster friendships and help others, and consider joining the group once a month at our meetings. The Women's Guild is a non-denominational group of mostly retired women from neighboring towns, meeting at the Deering Community parish hall the first Wednesday of each month at noon. We bring a bag lunch, and enjoy beverages and a birthday cake provided by the hostess of the month. We have time to chat and enjoy each other's company during lunch, which is followed by our business meeting. Our purpose is to promote friendship among communities by doing good works and helping those where there is a need. We help run the Deering Church Summer Fair, support a number of charities financially, including the food pantries in Hillsboro and Weare, holiday food basket operations, Hillcat Explorers, Deering Community Church, as well as community welfare and other charitable needs. A scholarship for a Hillsboro-Deering college bound senior is also awarded. We pledge a sum yearly to the Deering Community Church where we hold our meetings and we have also donated to the new window fund for their sanctuary. We welcome new women from Deering, Weare, Hillsboro and surrounding towns to come and join our convivial little group for fun and friendship each month. Dues are only \$5.00 a year. Please drop in and see what you are missing - there is always room at our table.

## Sunday School News

Chris Nase

The Sunday School and many members of the congregation participated in the pageant on December 23, 2012. Lauren wrote the script of this biblically based pageant as well as creating the set and directing the actors and actresses. It was truly an intergenerational event!

On February 3, 2013, the young women of the Sunday School presented the congregation with some difficult information. Ruthie, Mackenzie and Hailey decided that for the Souper Bowl of Caring collection they wanted to raise money for women's empowerment. They learned that in the developing world, women are responsible for producing 80% of the food yet own less than one percent of the land.



Mackenzie explained how much progress has been made with women's rights in the United States. Hailey spoke about a 10-year-old girl from Yemen who had been forced to marry against her will and become a wife in all that entailed at her young age. Ruthie offered several updates on current Heifer International projects that have resulted in great improvements for women. The Women's Empowerment project through Heifer International provides women with support, education, and training so women can become self-sufficient and lift themselves and their families out of hunger and poverty. After church they collected about \$350 that will go to Heifer International for the Women's Empowerment project.

Please note, Sunday School will not be held on April 21 due to school vacation.

## Work In Progress

Stuart Huggard

Those who have been around the church lately have seen that there is much that has been accomplished. We have been enjoying the new windows and those who choose to sit near them are finding that they are much better at keeping the cold air out where it belongs. The screens for the windows are at the church and will be installed in the spring after some painting of the



sills and outside casings. The half round window at the peak in the front of the church has been removed and will be rebuilt and reinstalled in a few weeks. We have beautiful new doors that were painted before they went up and are so very easy to operate. The last of the weather stripping went on just before the big storm. Our thanks go to Bill Bartlett for leading a crew that included volunteers Tom Cavanaugh, Tom Burke, and Budd Bartlett. Installing those doors took a lot of care and some very long days. After all that, we still have just under \$7,000.00 in the Capital Campaign Fund, so when weather permits work will continue on some of our other projects.

## Reminder from the Financial Secretary

Suzanne Huggard

In January, the congregation voted to accept what is essentially a deficit budget with a 'to-be-raised' line of \$2,255.00. By accepting this budget, we were also accepting the responsibility of meeting this obligation by various means- an extra donation occasionally in addition to pledged amounts, perhaps a new fund-raising effort, maybe even 'tithing' a portion of your income tax refund. If everyone remembered to give a bit extra every month, we would be well on the way to achieving this. This will be the third year we have had this 'to-be-raised' (TBR) line in our budget, and last year there was only one contribution of \$5.00 toward reducing this deficit. I am hoping this was at least partly due to lack of awareness on the part of most, so more reminders will be coming this year. **IMPORTANT:** When you make a donation designated for the TBR line, please be sure to *clearly label* it as such so I can assign it to the right budget line. With a little bit of help from everyone I'm sure this can be done.

## For Your Information

### Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries. March 3 starts with Weare and April 7 for Hillsboro.

**Hillsboro:** There is need for small cans of meat for **March**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and personal care products for **April**, such as bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, but each week you're welcome to bring whatever food or personal-care items you have. There is a need for 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. For the **Feinstein Challenge**, mail your checks directly to the Hillsboro District Food Pantry— see back pg.



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



### MARCH

Esther McLain, 11

Timothy Ferwerda, 31

### APRIL

Maggie Carter, 5

Sean Carter, 5

Robert Compton, 7

Jeanne Bartlett, 16

Ruth Ann Robinson, 25

Jane Spragg, 28

## Happy Anniversary

### MARCH

Barbara & Neill Currie, 20

Sean Carter took third place in the Pinewood Derby Competition in the Boy Scout's Wolf/Bear group in January.

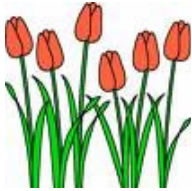
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# March 2013

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| 3 10 am<br>Worship &<br>Communion,<br>Deacon’s Fund,<br>CE                                                                                                      | 4                         | 5<br>Each Tuesday<br>at 9 am—<br>YOGA                               | 6<br>Noon—Guild<br> | 7<br>No Choir<br>Practice tonight                                                                                                  | 8                                                   | 9<br>Daylight<br>Savings –clocks<br>move forward 1<br>hour tonight                |
| 10 10 am<br>Worship, CE                                                                                                                                         | 11                        | 12<br>Election Day<br>Deering, 11am<br>to 7 pm.<br><br>7 pm Council | 13<br><br>7 pm WS&O                                                                                   | 14 7 pm<br>Choir Practice<br>each Thursday<br> | 15                                                  | 16<br>Town Meeting<br>Deering 9am                                                 |
| 17 10 am<br>Worship, CE<br><br>P-Flag, 3 pm,<br>Concord NH                   | 18                        | 19                                                                  | 20<br><br>7 pm Trustees                                                                               | 21                                                                                                                                 | 22                                                  | 23 Peace<br>Conference in<br>Nashua, 8:45 to<br>4 pm. See Peace<br>Corner article |
| 24<br>Palm Sunday<br>10 am Worship,<br>CE                                                                                                                       | 25<br><br>Passover Begins | 26                                                                  | 27<br><br>7 pm Deacons                                                                                | 28<br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Worship<br>7 pm                                                                                        | 29<br>Good Friday                                   | 30                                                                                |
| 31 Easter<br>10 am Worship,<br>CE<br>Easter Egg<br>Hunt after<br>service<br> |                           |                                                                     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                   |

# April 2013

| Sun                                                                                               | Mon             | Tue                               | Wed                                                                                                   | Thu                                                                                                                                 | Fri                          | Sat                                         |
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|                  | 1               | 2<br>Each Tuesday<br>at 9 am YOGA | 3<br>Noon- Guild<br> | 4<br>7 pm Choir<br>practice every<br>Thursday<br> | 5                            | 6<br>7 am & 8 am<br>Breakfasts &<br>WORKDAY |
| 7 10 am<br>Worship &<br>Communion,<br>Deacons Fund,<br>CE 3pm Rutter<br>Requiem @<br>Smith Church | 8               | 9<br>7 pm Council                 | 10<br>7 pm WS&O                                                                                       | 11                                                                                                                                  | 12                           | 13                                          |
| 14 10 am<br>Worship, CE                                                                           | 15<br>Tax Day   | 16                                | 17<br>7 pm Trustees                                                                                   | 18                                                                                                                                  | 19<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline | 20                                          |
| 21 10 am<br>Worship,<br>No CE<br>3 pm Pflag,<br>Concord, NH                                       | 22<br>Earth Day | 23                                | 24<br>7 pm Deacons                                                                                    | 25                                                                                                                                  | 26<br>Arbor Day              | 27                                          |
| 28 10 am<br>Worship, CE                                                                           | 29              | 30                                |                  |                                                                                                                                     |                              |                                             |

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Community Church, United  
Church of Christ*



### Help the Hillsboro District Food Pantry

It is here again - that time of the year when the Hillsboro District Food Pantry participates in the **Feinstein Challenge**. For the past thirteen years, a man named Allen Shawn Feinstein has given away \$1 million dollars of his own money to anti-hunger agencies throughout the country. During the months of March 2013 and April 2013, all monies raised and items donated to the Hillsboro District Food Pantry (each given a value of \$1 per can or pound) will result in the receipt of a proportionate share of the Feinstein **\$1 Million Dollar Grant**. The more money we raise, the more money we may receive. This is our second year participating in the Feinstein Challenge and last year we raised \$9693.46.

Please help us do even better this year. If you would like to help there are several ways to do so: (1) Make a donation by cash or check mailed to the Hillsboro District Food Pantry, 107 Windsor Road, Hillsboro, NH, 03244, (2) Plan a food drive, (3) Plan and put together your own fund raising effort, (4) Spread the word to local organizations and churches encouraging them to support the effort. Remember to be eligible for the Feinstein monies, all monetary donations, pledges and food item donations must be received by the Hillsboro District Food Pantry between March 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ernest E. Gould Jr. at (603)464-4007 or Norma Hubbard at (603)478-3923.

