

D⁺eering Community Church

The Newsletter



Pastor's Pen

July, August, 2014



I started thinking about what I might share with you in this Summer newsletter on the afternoon of Sunday, June 8th, the Feast of Pentecost. I had been with you in worship in the morning following my brief sojourn when I had

unexpected knee surgery at Dartmouth Hitchcock in Lebanon. This episode with knee surgery forced me to not merely slow down but STOP. I could not respond to any requests for my ministrations at my other ministry as chaplain in St Joseph Hospital in Nashua. I could not be here in Deering for morning worship or to attend Jami Boyle's glorious ordination, or to visit in town, or attend the Guild and Deacons' meetings. It was like a forced retreat.

Interim pastors seldom have provision in their covenants for retreat time. I have done a lot of sleeping, and a lot of reading. One of our members had given me a book to read. I almost did not take it. I have so much worthy reading material scattered throughout the house encouraging my attention. But I did take that book. I have been reading it and it has been God's provision for me during this time.

This book is one that members of the Deering Community Church have used in a book-study in the past, *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. I have included a brief excerpt from its introduction. Reading that introduction convinced me I needed to go on and read the entire book. [See excerpt below]

AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD: *A Geography of Faith*

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They know there is more to life than what meets the eye. ... Where is the secret hidden? ...

People seem willing to look all over the place for this treasure. They will spend hours launching prayers into the heavens. They will travel halfway around the world to visit a monastery in India or to take part in a mission trip to Belize. The last place most people look is right under their feet, in the everyday activities, accidents, and encounters of their lives. What possible spiritual significance could a trip to the grocery store have? How could something as common as a toothache be a door to a greater life?

No one longs for what he or she already has, and yet the accumulated insight of those wise about the spiritual life suggests that the reason so many of us cannot see the red X that marks the spot is because we are standing on it. The treasure we seek requires no lengthy expedition, no expensive equipment, no superior aptitude or special company. All we lack is the willingness to imagine that we already have everything we need. The only thing missing is our consent to be where we are.

Many years ago now a wise old priest invited me to come to speak at his church in Alabama. "What do you want me to talk about?", I asked him. "Come and tell us what is saving your life now," he answered. It was as if he had swept his arm across a dusty table and brushed all the formal china to the



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ground. I did not have to try to say correct things that were true for everyone. I did not have to use theological language that conformed to the historical teachings of the church. All I had to do was figure out what my life depended upon. All I had to do was figure out how I stayed as close to that reality as I could, and then find some way to talk about it that helped my listeners figure out all those same things for themselves.”

We, here in Deering, (and others elsewhere also) know there is more to life than what meets the eye and we seek this treasure. Barbara Brown Taylor suggests that the red X marking the spot of its location is beneath our feet. On Pentecost we commemorate the past, celebrating the empowerment and encouragement God gave that small community of followers of Jesus gathered in bewilderment in a locked room in Jerusalem, preparing them for a new life of mission, sharing the good news of resurrection to new life and purpose.

We, too, open ourselves to this creative power of God and pray for new direction. In Paul's first letter to the church community in Corinth, he shares what I have called Paul's "shopping list of spiritual gifts" appropriate for that community's situation. Were Paul writing to the Deering community, that list might very well look different, because the community is different. We have different needs and different gifts.

Let us be considering who we are, what gifts we as individuals, and also as a community, have. How might God be asking us to share the gifts we have that are unique, because there is no other community of followers of Jesus like those in Deering, New Hampshire.

Moderator's Desk

Peter Cram

It has been several weeks since Jami's ordination, but the spirit of the day still lingers. It was truly a special event, not only for the newly ordained, but for the Deering Church as well. We did a fine job in preparing the church, and the Deacons put on a reception in fine fashion. Who could not have been moved by the women singing the words to the lovely John Denver song, 'It's In Every One of Us', with words to the third verse that they wrote –

It's in every one of us to be true
to God's quiet voice speaking inside of you.
When we all throw open our hearts
and allow our souls to fly,
we know joy, peace and sweet, sweet love,
by and by.

Jami was most appreciative, as you can tell by the letter she wrote that remains posted on the door leading into Sherwood Hall. We'll need to go visit her some Sunday morning in her new surroundings at Bethany Chapel!

I should mention the developments that have taken place regarding the Praise Band. As you know, Phil Beaudoin and Steve Dodson have brought their music to the Deering Church on several Sundays. Phil's guitar and voice reverberated through the sanctuary giving new life to the music at the church. Our plan had been to have the new music once a month. Unfortunately, Phil's house is on the market and he will be moving to Alton Bay, NH. It doesn't look like the monthly appearances will be continuing. This is not to say that praise music is no longer in our future however. The music committee is discussing ways we can extend our music repertoire. We are also looking for thoughts and ideas from the congregation as to other music opportunities that we may pursue.

Perhaps you're aware of the Trustees upcoming sidewalk project. The walkway leading up to the church entrance is in need of repair, and while the work done by Bob Compton, Charlie Levesque and others to install it several years ago has served us well, it's now time to replace it. This is no minor

Moderator's Desk cont.

Peter Cram

project, and we expect the work involved in breaking up and removing the old concrete, installing drainage, bringing in and compacting several layers of different types and sizes of stone, then laying the finishing materials could span several weeks. During that time when the entrance to the church is blocked, the doors at the front of the church will be used. Those are mighty big steps leading up to the Narthex entrance. If we find it's needed, the Trustees will install a temporary ramp leading up to those doors. Regardless, we ask for everyone's patience as we take on this necessary task.

Lastly, let me say that soon the search committee for a settled minister will be forming. Several people have already expressed an interest in participating in the committee, and everyone will have the opportunity to volunteer. As you may know, the committee's first set of tasks will involve polling the congregation on their views on the church as it now stands, our thoughts on what it is we're looking for, and how we view our future. It's critical that we know who we are, and where we want to go, before we make a selection for a minister that will help take us there! We look forward to seeing the committee form and begin their work.

Fulbright Professors Visit

Don Johnson

On June 14th, as Carolyn Parrott and her band played traditional tunes, eighteen Fulbright professors from around the world and eighty others from neighboring towns swung their partners in a lively contra dance at the Deering town hall. This was the 30th time that Deering neighbors and our World Service Committee have hosted the New York University Fulbright program in American Studies.

This year's visitors came from eighteen nations across the globe including, among others, Vietnam, Egypt, China, India, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia. The Deering portion of the program was part of a four day study of New England. While staying in the area the visitors spent Saturday afternoon and dinner with hosts from Deering. The professors thought the home visits were a singular highlight for their time in New England.

The group began their study in Boston where they explored the history of Boston Common, Beacon Hill and Harvard University. On Friday they walked the Freedom Trail and spent four hours delving into Boston's rich past. After lunch at the Green Dragon, where Sam Adams once organized the Sons of Liberty and the Massachusetts modern Tea Party first organized, the professors visited the Museum of Fine Arts and other historic sites in the city.

On Saturday morning the visitors spent the morning at the Lowell National Park exploring the impact of the industrial revolution and the pattern of American immigration of the 19th century. Then they moved on to Antrim where they stayed at the Maplehurst Inn.

On Sunday morning after a Yankee breakfast at the Johnsons', the tour ended with visits to the three epochs of Hillsborough history. From the lovely common in Hillsborough Center they learned of the pattern of town commons, old churches and the agricultural economy that supported the early New England towns. Then they visited the second Hillsborough settlement as the town "slid down hill" to the mills powered by waterfalls that made possible the town square surrounded by stores, a movie theater and an opera house. Finally, they moved on to the new Hillsborough along West Main Street where many of the businesses are foreign owned or part of national chains. As the New England tour ended, the visitors held a heated discussion of globalization and were surprised that Hillsborough was very much a part of this global phenomenon. They agreed that West Main Street looks very similar to their own cities, as citizens across the world struggle to tame globalization and make it work better for working people.

W S & O

Jeanne Bartlett, Christine Marcroft

Shipment to Zimbabwe

More than 30 churches participated in collecting, packing and shipping needed materials to our partner churches in Zimbabwe.

Here are pictures of the packing effort. The box with the yellow tape is one from the Deering Church. And finally a full truck to go.



World Service and Outreach presents:

August 17-- Forum at the church at 11:30am. Flower Power Point Panel.

Gary Samuels will talk about his documentation of Deering wildflowers; Jane Millon, of Webster, will speak about perennial flower growing, and Alice Keach will tell us about gardening in the shade. There will be ample time for questions from the audience.



Strengthen the Church Offering

“Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality.”

Small rural churches can dream big dreams and make a great impact in their community: building a pavilion to welcome bike riders for an annual event and free yearly BBQ for the whole community, offering the Greater Hillsborough Senior Services the use of the kitchen and Sherwood hall for a luncheon every other month, presenting summer forums to inform, to excite—an invitation to learn.

Thanks everyone for your generous offering on Sunday, June 15. Total received thus far: \$105.00.

Appreciation Day

Jeanne Bartlett

Jean and Don Johnson, Rev. Barbara Currie and Jeanne Bartlett were among the many volunteers from NH who attended **Appreciation Day provided by the Dept. of Corrections and the Women in the Goffstown prison.** They were welcomed by Rev. Beth Richeson and all were asked to introduce themselves and talk about their volunteer service among the women.

The prison warden spoke about the new facility in Concord, which will soon be ready for the inmates in Goffstown, offering more space and services. A small chorus of women sang, there was poetry, and a leader presented certificates of appreciation to volunteers.

Cheese cake and fruit cup was served and they enjoyed the fellowship sitting with several of the women inmates and getting to know the other volunteers present that day.

Summer Fair, August 9

Barbara Glauner

Although August 9th is some time away, it is not too early to start thinking about our Summer Fair. This fair is our main fundraiser and an important part of our church budget. It is time to start thinking about what you might do to contribute to this once a year effort.

It is not too early to look around in your home and see if there are any items you might want to set aside to donate to our attic treasures. In addition, if you have any antiques, collectibles or furniture to donate or consign, set them aside and let Stuart know about them.

If you are a crafts person in fabric, jewelry, metals, wood or such, please consider making things for a crafts table. These things take thought and time, so here is a heads up to get you started doing some of that from now through fair day. If you have any questions about those sort of things, contact Hazel or Jeanne.

We will have our baked goods table which is always a busy place. This year we are asking all of you to bake some pies for that in addition to the usual baked offerings and candies which sold very well at last year's fair. Pies sell extremely well and bring in a good sum, so please consider making a homemade pie or two for the fair. Pie tins with covers will be provided to you in which to bake

them for uniform sizing and pricing - check with Hazel or Jeanne for those.

If we have a reasonable growing season, you might consider bringing in some extra garden produce to sell. If you make things with your garden produce like pesto, pickles, relish, etc, you might consider donating some to sell. We sold small bags of homemade granola with recipe attached last year and samples to taste which were well received and we will do so again this year. Jeanne has assembled bags with a dry bean soup and seasoning mixture, and a crockpot of soup made up for small samples to taste and encourage sales will be available.

As we approach the fair date, our plant table could use a variety of perennial plants from our yards. Look around your property and pot up likely candidates that can be divided in July if they are overgrown. People are always looking for hardy locally grown plants to add to their gardens. Possibly attach a picture of it in flower using a photo or cuttings from a plant catalog so people can see what it looks like.

So there is a sampling of ideas for donations and homemade goodies to start planning for now for our August 9th Summer Fair. Put on your thinking caps and come up with other new ideas and bring them up. We have so many talented people in our church and we want to tap into that for the fair.

Trustees Report/ Workdays

From Trustees & Council minutes

The main topic of discussion at the recent trustees meetings has been the replacement of the walkway to the blue doors at Sherwood Hall. It is badly deteriorated and various problems need to be addressed including the need for better drainage, the re-grading of the road to better meet the walkway, and the design and material choices needed to accomplish this. Chuck Gaides was invited to share his ideas about making the new walkway more handicap accessible by removing the lip by the door for a smooth transition from the walkway into the building, and the possibility of a door opener button to be placed on a post near the door.

Jean was going to look for a contractor to mow the lawn, but in the meantime, Stuart hired someone to mow this summer for \$40 each mow, settling that issue. For the June 7th workday, Tim brought a transit to measure the sidewalk so the slope of the grade could be determined and did some checking about the drainage needed. Work was completed on the front window well with supplies that Bob had already brought in for the job. **We need volunteers to work on weeding and trimming the flower gardens around the church to keep things looking neat and appealing. Please offer your help!**

Quilt Raffle

Deborah Carpenter



Church member, Deborah Carpenter of Cottage Quilters in Deering has made two beautiful pieced and machine quilted quilts for the church to raffle off at the Summer Fair on Saturday, August 9, 2014. Pictures of both quilts are shown here.

Quilt #1 is called "Dancing Stars", a broken star variation consisting of stars within stars complemented by star and floral appliqué in background areas. It is queen size, (approximately 92" by 92") and is multi-colored with a "country" feel; and made of 100% cotton fabric and batting.

Quilt #2 is called "Nine-patch and Rails". Simple blocks are set on point and set off by feather-quilted borders. It is a large couch throw, (approximately 58" by 75") in rose, green and cream, made with 100% cotton fabric and batting.

There will be one raffle ticket sold for both quilts. The first person drawn will choose one of them and the second person drawn will receive the other quilt.

Tickets are for sale at Shaw's and Butler park on Saturdays, and at the church after services. Please help to sell tickets by contacting Kay Daniels, Joyce Peace or Priscilla Beaudrault who are running the three separate locations and will need help from now through the end of July.



Deering Community Church		
Quilt Raffle		
Dancing Stars (queen size) or Nine Patch & Rails (couch throw)		
Drawing Saturday August 9, 2014 Summer Fair, Deering, NH		
Tickets: \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00		
Name: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____

Musical Notes

Jane Waters

The music presented by the choir since Easter was focused on preparation for the ordination of Jami Boyle, a much beloved member of our parish while she prepared for the ministry. Her specific choices for the music included the choir's heartfelt performance of "Here I Am Lord" by Daniel L. Schulte and hymns "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness", "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your love", "Great is Your Faithfulness", and the "Sevenfold Amen", and Preludes from the *Well Tempered Clavichord* by J. S. Bach as a tribute to her husband, John Brooks', father.

For the Ordination service itself, Jane Waters played the piano and Roberta Walmsley accompanied the hymns and played Bach's *Adagio* on the organ. During the reception Bob Santagata regaled Jami and everyone else with a spontaneous rendition of "She's Got the Whole World in Her Hands".

Upcoming musical events at the Deering Church you won't want to miss:

July 17, Thursday, @ 7:30 PM –Monadnock Music Concert

July 20, Sunday @ 3:00 PM – Musicians from Hillsboro and Deering:

- Lilly Haley, clarinet, with a trio of woodwinds
- Camille Gibson, flute, Martha Douglas, Cello, and Emily Wrubel, oboe will play music from the Baroque era
- Daniele Fraser, trombone, and Mike Conerty, trumpet, playing duets
- an additional treat: Camille and her daughter, Lily, violin, performing a duet

August 3, Sunday @ 3:00 PM – Pianist Shizue Sano will present a recital featuring beloved compositions by Frederic Chopin

August 24, Sunday @ 3:00 PM – "Accents and Attitudes: Voices of Broadway's Leading Ladies"
Ellen Nordstrom, mezzo-soprano
Kathryn Southworth, piano

In partnership with the Concord Community Music School

Monadnock Music

Barbara Glauner

A concert, sponsored by Monadnock Music, will be given in Deering Community Church on July 17th starting at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the community and surrounding areas is invited to attend. We will enjoy hearing the "Complete Songs of Edward MacDowell". This is part of the Emerging Artist Series.

The concert is free, but donations are gratefully accepted by Monadnock Music to help defray the cost of free music programs in various communities in the Monadnock Region this summer. The complete schedule of concerts throughout the area can be found on their website.



Sunday School News

Chris Nase

We had a very successful walk to church on April 27. We had eight people participate in walking the three miles from Lauren Warner's house to church. On that morning about 40% of those attending church had walked!



Choir Party @ The Water's Home

Christine Marcroft



The annual summer choir party was held at Jane's and Steve's. It was so nice to be together in their beautiful new home in Hopkinton! Steve grilled up a storm and Jane had everything ready. Everyone brought something delicious.

Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

Our May meeting was well attended and we had a delicious apple pudding cake made by Jeanne to celebrate two members birthdays that month. Our June meeting was sparsely attended due to illnesses of a few members. The ladies voted to add \$500 to the Guild scholarship fund, bringing the total to a little over \$2000. A college scholarship of \$2000 was awarded to Jonah Walker of Deering this year. He was his class's valedictorian. The ladies voted to give the \$100 charity gift for the GHSS as a pledge for the "Bus for Us" campaign. A \$50 donation was made to the fund being collected for an ordination gift to Jamie Boyle.

Talk began about the upcoming Deering Church and Guild Summer Fair. Jeanne brought in assorted dried beans and other ingredients at the May meeting to assemble into bags with recipes for a bean soup kit to sell at the fair. A sample will be made up to taste on fair day in a crock pot. Other fair related items were discussed which will be looked into for sale at fair day beyond the Rada knives and peelers. We became aware again of the availability of the Deering Church History books, as well as woven throws, Deering Church trivets and stationary in storage which will be put out for sale. Discussions were held regarding the running of the fair and the selling of raffle tickets for the two quilts. Kay, Joyce and Priscilla will share the responsibility of the selling of quilt raffle tickets at Shaws, Butler park and after church on Sundays. Volunteer help is needed from the entire congregation for this operation.

This year Stuart Huggard, Hazel Vogelen and Jeanne Bartlett will organize and produce the fair between them with the help of all others from the church and Guild. It is critical that everyone volunteer to help with this fair, as it is the main fund raiser for the Deering Church and Guild. Mark your calendars and offer your services to help for this one day event on August 9th from 9 am to 2 pm.

For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries. July 6 and August 3 donations start with Deering.

Hillsboro: There is need for small cans of meat for **July**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and personal care products for **August** 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



JULY

Jean Lewis, 4
Tom Inui, 10
Margaret Colburn, 13
David Glauner, 14
Donald Johnson, 14
Nancy Inui, 15
Elizabeth Dishong, 16

AUGUST

Larry Palmer, 6
Leroy Marcroft, 10
Patricia Finn, 25
Kathleen Daniels, 26
Robert Fuller, 27

Happy Anniversary

JULY

Marjorie & Henry Weeden, 29

AUGUST

Jane & Stephen Waters, 8
Jean & Donald Johnson, 13
Suzanne & Stuart Huggard, 25

Hello from Ray Petty

Please join me in celebrating today, the first day of the rest of my life. After 46 years as a full-time educator, the last 25 as professor of education in Puerto Rico, I have retired. This morning I stepped, for the last time, as a resident on the soil of Puerto Rico, and have moved back to the States.

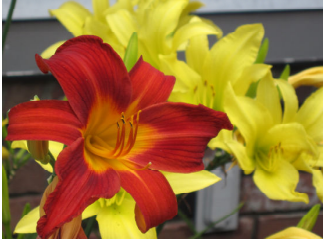
For the Summer/Autumn months, I will be at my summer home in Deering, New Hampshire. Continuing to avoid the New England winters, I will reside the Winter and Spring months in Saint Petersburg, FL where I have purchased a 2 bedroom apartment in a very nice senior retirement community (Westminster Suncoast). My summer contact information continues:
(606) 529-4298 (perhaps to change shortly)
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I'll send you the winter contact info when I have it.



July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 First Rose, Angela Bell Photo		1 Yoga 9 am every Tuesday	2 Guild, noon 	3	4 Independence Day 	5
6 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacon's Fund	7	8	9	10	11	12
		7 pm Council	7 pm WS&O			
13 10 am Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
			7 pm Trustees	Monadnock Music Concert 7:30 pm @ Deering Church		
20 10 am Worship 3pm Concert @ Deering Church	21	22	23	24	25	26 Chicken Barbecue 1 to 3 pm
						
27 10 am Worship	28	29	30	31		
			7 pm Deacons			

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7 am Breakfast & 8 am Workday
3 10 am Worship & Communion 3pm Shizue Sano, piano	4	5 Yoga 9 am every Tuesday	6	7	8	9 Summer Church Fair 9 am—2 pm
10 10 am Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
		7 pm Council	7 pm WS&O			
17 10 am Worship, Forum 11:30, 3pm PFlag Concord	18	19	20	21	22	23
			7 pm Trustees			
24 10 am Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
			7 pm Deacons			
31 10 am Worship 3 pm Concert @Deering Church						

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Fulbright Professors & hosts



Bon Vivant Dinner at the Huggards, June 21st

Jami Boyle's Ordination Photos

