

D⁺eering Community Church

The Newsletter



Pastor's Pen

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The Passage of Summer

Where has the summer gone? Once July 31st has come it seems as though the clock races toward December 31st at break-neck speed. As I write this Ruth and I have been part of your church community for

just seven-plus months.

Part of the task I have as Interim Pastor is to put myself out of a job. In September the church council will be forming a Pastoral Search Committee to begin the process of interacting with both the congregation and the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. This will lead to the choosing of appropriate pastoral leadership to minister with the church into the next era. We all shall be learning soon just how this task will unfold.

A recent event has been dwelling in my mind, the death of Robin Williams. Mr. Williams was notorious for his creative mind that brought joy and laughter to many. The tragedy and pain that his family have experienced is familiar to many other families as well. Addiction, depression, and suicide are a part of my own family's saga. My paternal grandfather was an active alcoholic. I have experienced depression in the past. A nephew took his own life.

For many years I ministered in the field of substance abuse recovery as both a counselor and a chaplain. Most of the people I met in those settings were bright, sensitive, creative individuals. Many had also experienced in life circumstances that were unbelievably difficult and painful. Hearing their stories I often wondered how they had survived the abuse inflicted upon them or the abuse they inflicted upon themselves and others. Many become involved in substance abuse as a form of self-medication, attempting to cover pain in life with the numbing

effects of chemicals. Substance abuse and depression are not sins. They are not weakness. They are medical conditions that have often borne stigmas that are still very much with us. These burdens have often made it very difficult for a person experiencing such disruption to admit to the need for help and to seek it. Of particular encouragement in dealing with these situations are the 12-Step programs of Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Emotions Anonymous, and for family and friends, Al-Anon.

Why am I sharing this as your pastor? I am well aware of the trauma and pain that may affect nearly every family at one time or another. As members of the Christian community it is for us to gain understanding of these distortions of the human soul and to stand by with appropriate support to those seeking to regain their lives. Jesus said he came to bring new life, that we all may have it with abundance. It is for us in the Church, as fellow-participants with Jesus in his mission, to hold up the grace of God that brings peace that surpasses our human understanding.

Leonard Zecchini,
Interim Pastor



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Moderator's Desk

Peter Cram

Let me take this opportunity to update you on a couple things that are happening at the Deering Church.

First, the upcoming formation of the Pastoral Search Committee is being organized. Through letters and announcements, you were hopefully made aware that we are requesting volunteers for the committee. A good number have already spoken to me, and I've been excited to see the interest. There still is time to 'throw your hat in the ring'. The Church Council will be deciding on specifically who will be chosen out of all the volunteers, at their regularly scheduled meeting in September. I'll update everyone after that date.

The other thing I wanted to update you on was the sidewalk project. We have a good plan in place for the sidewalk that will include digging down three feet and putting in drainage pipe to carry underground water away from both the sidewalk and the church building. The area then will be covered with crushed gravel, topped with a layer of sand, and the top finished with attractive pavers. The project also includes digging a trench from the southeast corner of the church at the end of the stone wall where the ground remains soggy throughout even the driest times of the year, to a catch basin near the end of our sidewalk. This trench too will be filled with drainage pipe, crushed gravel, then topped with topsoil to replant grass. One additional trench will be dug, taking water away from the catch basin to an area to the west of the church.

Over the years, we have had several projects that involved taking underground water away from the church building, and they have been quite successful. The additional actions that we'll be pursuing as part of the sidewalk project will be a significant step toward making the Sunday school rooms in the basement as dry as can be, with walls that don't flake from the moisture that seeps through

the walls, and floors that remain dry, even with heavy rains.

This is a significant project that will yield many benefits. There will likely be one or more Sundays where we'll need to use the front doors to enter the church.

Lastly, let me tell you of a discussion we had at the last Council meeting regarding the recording of church services. You may recall that for years, we recorded the Sunday services onto cassette tapes, and made them available to those who were interested in them, mainly shut-ins, or those who for whatever reason couldn't attend worship. As interest in listening to them waned, the practice of recording eventually stopped.

At the meeting, we discussed different ideas for recording services once again. And while the use of audio cassettes will no doubt be jettisoned, we discussed the possibility of video-taping the service, and making them available on DVDs. Many other churches do this, and while some have very elaborate, space consuming equipment, we believe we could do quality recordings inexpensively, while taking up very little room in the sanctuary.

My question to the congregation – is this something of interest to you? Do you know of someone who would be interested in such a recording? Please let me know your thoughts, either through email or over the phone.

One last thing – my sincere thanks to the many people who donated so much time and energy this year to making the Guild Fair so successful. Without your help, it never would happen. With it, it was grand!

WS&O

Jeanne Bartlett

Our next visit to the Goffstown Women's Prison will be made by the Marcroft's who will also be bringing a huge bag of new yarn and knitting needles with them. What a great donation for us to receive and to give to the prison! I'm sure it will all be used.

I talked with Bill who staffs the Genesis teen drop-in center recently, and once again he voiced his appreciation for our churches' participation. Thank you all, especially Karl Hauschildt, for the preparation, filling and delivering of teen bags each month and those who contribute funds for this effort.

Welcome baskets go out regularly and Hazel keeps us up to date on new residents in Deering.

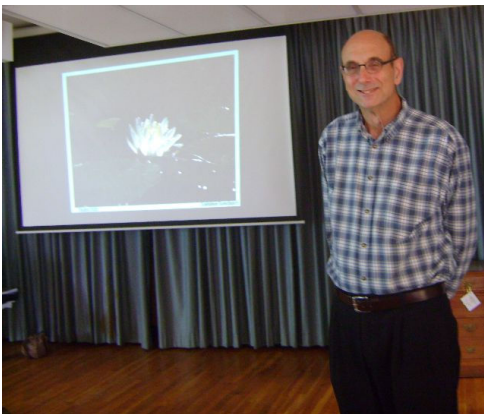
Our annual chicken BBQ was blessed with fine weather, great cooks, good music and good-naturrd volunteers. A fine gathering of church, community and friends took place.

Christine has forwarded a nice article about our Flower Panel Presentation forum which happened last Sunday, August 17.

A special thank you to Don Johnson for putting up town signs for the Summer Fair, the forum and the BBQ. Thanks, too, to Barbara Glauner for the nice BBQ posters.

Plant Forum, August 17

Christine Marcroft



Gary Samuels talked about his documentation of Deering wildflowers, and he had a great Power Point presentation illustrating what is out there to be found in the wild.

Jane Millon, the Bartlett's daughter, spoke about perennial flower growing. She had a wonderful collection of different species of plants, which she sold to enthusiastic gardeners in our midst! Jane donated the proceeds from this plant sale to the church.

The forum was well attended -- mostly from our congregation but also by several town's people -- and many questions were answered.



Trustees & Workdays

David Bell & Peter Cram

A number of the Trustees met on July 16th and August 20. The first item on the agendas was to find someone else to accept the role of chairperson, since Bob wants to step down, but remain a trustee. This search is ongoing.

It was suggested by Peter that workday projects for August, September and October be organized from the projects spreadsheet list. For the August workday, it was decided that work on the back deck/stairs would be finished by Bob. Peter would work on the problems with the phone line in the choir robe area in Sherwood Hall. Dave would relocate the outdoor spigot.

Discussions about rebuilding the front walkway to the blue entry doors and putting in new drainage pipes to direct the water away from the church walls has jelled into a plan. It was decided that pavers

would be the best option for the walkway surface. Dave has looked into pricing and selection of the pavers plus other supplies needed for the job at Pro Landscape in Goffstown. Peter is contacting Ray Daniels about doing the grading and prep work for that project. The plan is outlined in more detail in the body of the Moderator's Desk article, page 2, so read more about it there.

Workdays: The next workdays will be **Saturday September 6th and Saturday October 4th**. Please come to help with the projects planned. Breakfast for workers is at 7 am. Many hands make light work and we need your help. Bring a friend. For later arrivals there will be coffee and some cake.

Later, as we head into the fall, there will be outdoor clean up of leaves and so forth to deal with, so bring your gloves and rakes.

Summer Fair, Morning After Reflections

Jeanne Bartlett

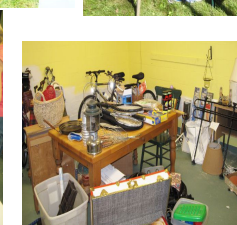
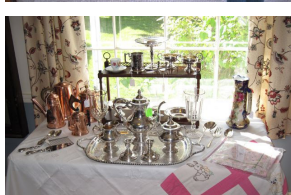
Memories of the fair are vivid as I enjoy Joyce Peace's delicious granola and squash rolls for breakfast. I really appreciate her efforts at the bake table, selling raffle tickets (she turned up at all the Hillsboro band concerts with tickets, too) and blanketing the town with those beautiful fair posters produced by Barbara Glauner. Oh, I have been eating Chris Nase's blueberry kuchen too – Yumm! How about Hailey's waffles? I had Christine Marcroft's wonderful strawberry jam on mine. Christine and her crew made more than 160 jars and didn't they look fine on the window shelves yesterday! I passed up Mackenzie and Hailey's ice cream/cookie sandwiches. Most of the crowd could not however, nor the steaming hotdogs, nearby, staffed by the smiling Don and Jean Johnson. People were eager to go downstairs to the attic treasures and books where Hazel Vogelien, fair advisor, her daughters, Linda and Millie helped people choose things they could not live without. Linda said: "I feel like I belong." Her grand-daughter, Emma, helped too. Other families working together: Valerie with her mother, Priscilla, church archivist, sold kitchen tools and handled last minute raffle ticket sales. A wonderful collection of pictures and articles of the past made such an interesting stop for people as they headed for the cafe where Jane Waters graciously offered great homemade muffins (Suzanne made them) and coffee. Joyce's daughter, Carmen, met every emergency at various places but mostly at the cheese table where Pasca Ferwerda and David Bell weighed out and packaged the Grafton, Vt. Cheese -- once again, a popular item. Kathy Daniels displayed the jewelry and accessories next to her mother, Kay, Guild VP, who filled the table with beautiful needlework and quilts. Carol Hubert had arranged lovely red roses for each cafe table. She also sold greeting cards. Suzanne, our money manager, was nearby with an enticing collection of antiques and collectables. She also kept an eye on the Christmas table so beautifully displayed by her and Stuart, fair co-chair. They spent many hours trimming the tree with some wonderful ornaments which were donated this year. I was tempted by their offering as I stood nearby giving out samples of my bean soup made from the 9 bean soup kits we offered this year. Our Guild president, Betty Dishong, handled the pie table and added her special pecan pie to the

Fair Reflections, cont. Jeanne Bartlett, photos Christine Marcroft & David Glauner

offerings. And just as you thought you had seen everything, you could find Angela Bell outside on this beautiful day selling house plants and perennials from the gardens of Pia Sunderland, Jeanne B and Jean Johnson. Our face painter was under the other canopy (Ezy Up) and created interesting body and face images to take home with you. On the subject of "Easy Ups" (They are not that easy!), it is important to commend Stuart for the many "UPs and Downs" with these canopies, heavy display tables, as well as the quilt display which went up and down each of the four days of the Balloon Fest in Hillsboro where our loyal volunteers sold raffle tickets: Bev and Rollie Smith, Ray Petty, Jeanne B, Chris N. and Lauren W., Stuart and Joyce, Peter Cram and Betty D., Hazel and Priscilla, Carol and Jack Hubert and thank you, Bob Carter for helping Stuart with the dismantling this display. Be thinking about Summer Fair, 2015. More fresh produce? The Bells' kale, collards and cucumbers sold out. More tasting events? Granola and bean kits sold out. The face painter is planning a hoola hoop demo next year. Please forward your suggestions for additional offerings for the 2015 fair to the church office.



Making and labeling Jams - Volunteers working days over a hot stove in July



Musical Notes

Music at our church during the summer has featured a concert series, "Sundays at 3", to which all were very well attended.

On July 20, the focus was on the presentation of young local musicians who have chosen to pursue music either as a teacher or performer. These four found their inspiration from Heidi Welch, Music Director at the Hillsboro - Deering schools: Lilly Haley, clarinet; Jayne Segedy, piano; Lauren Kaiser, mezzo-soprano; and Danielle Fraser, trombone. Joining these musicians in duet, trio, or quartet were Michael Conerty, trumpet, with Danielle Fraser performing two Telemann fantasies, Katrina Veno, Kelly Wallace, and Meghan Yankawskas with Lilly Haley to perform a quartet arrangement of familiar tunes from Bizet's *Carmen*, and Lauren Kaiser's beautiful singing of a Mozart aria together with Lilly Haley, clarinet, and Jayne Segedy, piano, which prompted recognition from the audience.

Also featured on the program were Camille Gibson, flute, Martha Douglass, cello, and Emily Wrubel, oboe, who performed trios from the Baroque period. Camille Gibson, playing a duet with her eleven year-old violinist daughter, Lily, provided a nice opener.

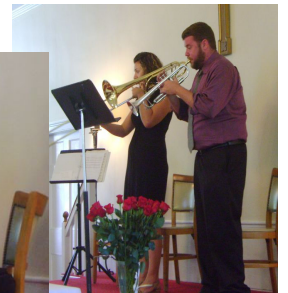
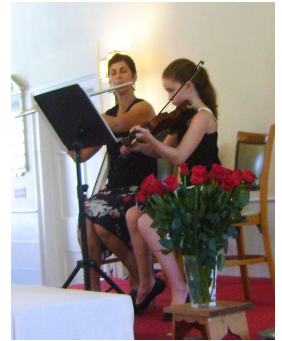
On August 3rd we were again honored to present Shizue Sano, pianist, who played music by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin with technical and stylistic sensitivity. This was her fourth concert at our church.

Finally, on August 24, Ellen Nordstrom, mezzo-soprano, and Kathryn Southworth, piano, faculty members of the Concord Community Music School, presented a delightful program titled *Accents and Attitudes: Voices of Leading Ladies*, mostly from Broadway musicals.

Although the choir is officially off in July and August, members just love to sing and often step up on Sundays to contribute to the service. A highlight is always when Tom Inui comes to join voices. His contribution of *The 23rd Psalm* by Bobby McFerrin was both challenging and rewarding for those of us who were present to sing. Thank you, Tom.

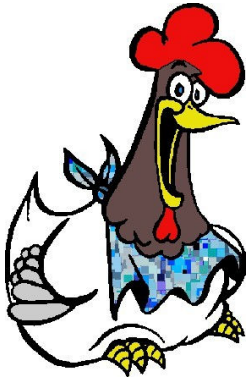
Jane Waters, photos by Christine Marcroft

Choir will resume rehearsals on September 4th.



Free Chicken Barbecue

Pictures by Christine Marcroft & Others



The eleventh annual Deering chicken barbecue, sponsored by the Deering Community Church, was held on July 26th, 2014 from 1 to 3 pm in the pavilion behind the church. Members of the church, friends and people from the town gathered to enjoy the lovely day and delicious food. Here are some of the photos taken at the event.



Sunday School News

Chris Nase



Sunday School will resume on September 7, 2014. All children are welcome to come learn about the classic Old Testament bible stories starting with creation. Hope to see you!

Waters 50th Anniversary

Pictures by Christine Marcroft



Jane and Stephen Waters celebrated their August 8th, 50th wedding anniversary with a cake.

Mountain Bikers Race

Pictures by Christine Marcroft

On August 17th, the annual Bikers Race day occurred. The bikers organization and families set up food, drinks and port-a-potties using our pavilion area as a pit stop during the race. They have been using our facility for several years now for this event after our church service is over.



For Your Information

Food Pantries

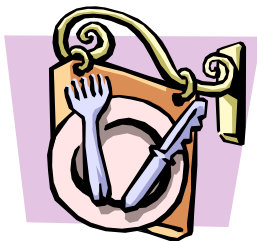
We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries. **September 7** and **October 5** donations start with Weare.

Hillsboro: There is need for paper products for **September**, such as paper towels, napkins, tissues and toilet paper. For **October**, there is a need for canned meats like ham, tuna, chicken, and turkey, 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. Please help if you can. THANK YOU! Suzanne Huggard, Financial Secretary



SEPTEMBER

Sarah Byron, 4

Lynn Compton, 19

Jean Johnson, 20

Priscilla Beaudrault, 20,

Henry Weeden, 22

Lauren Warner, 23

Pasca Ferwerda, 29

OCTOBER

Robert Carter, 9

James Carpenter, 16

Tom Copadis, 19

Mackenzie Nase, 20

David Bell, 20

Ann Foraker, 22

FLU CLINIC

A flu clinic will be held on Sunday, October 5th from 11:30 to 12:30 in Sherwood Hall after the church service. It is sponsored by Concord Visiting Nurse Association. All are welcomed and bring your medical insurance cards.

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

Lynn & Robert Compton, 4

OCTOBER

Bryan & Bert Terry, 7

Barbara & Alfred Glauner, 22



Margaret Colburn has moved to room # 322 at Presidential Oaks, assisted living, in Concord on Pleasant St. Some will remember this place as the

Oddfellows Home. Her phone # is 224-1936. Phone calls and visits would be appreciated. She celebrated her 106th birthday at her home in July, is adjusting well now in her new place, and thinks it is great to just go downstairs to the hairdresser!



September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Yoga 9 am every Tuesday	3 Guild @ Noon 	4  Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays @ 7 pm	5	6 7 am Breakfast & WORKDAY
7 10 am Worship & Communion CE Begins Deacon's Fund	8	9 7 pm Council	10 7 pm WS&O	11	12	13
14 10 am Worship, CE	15	16	17 7 pm Trustees	18	19	20
21 10 am Worship, CE 3 pm Pflag in Concord	22 Autumn Begins	23	24 7 pm Deacons	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship, CE	29	30				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Guild @ noon 	2  Choir Rehearsals on Thursdays @ 7 pm	3	4 7 am Breakfast & WORKDAY 
5 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacon'sFd CE, FLU CLINIC 11:30	6	7 Yoga 9 am every Tuesday	8 7 pm WS&O	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship	13 Columbus Day	14 7 pm Council	15 7 pm Trustees	16	17	18
19 10 am Worship. CE	20	21	22	23	24	25
3 pm Pflag in Concord						
26 10 am Worship, CE	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 	
			7 pm Deacons			

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Deering Church and Guild Summer Fair, August 9th, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm along with the raffled quilts.

