

D⁺eering Community Church

The Newsletter



Pastor's Pen

July, August, 2015



Time flies! For those of us of an advancing era in life it seems more and more so. I hope that you will, this summer, take more time for re-creation. I am sharing this "advice" for myself as well.

Several years ago friends in Nova Scotia shared with Ruth and me a song that has meant a great deal to us, *Prendre le Temps* (Take the Time). Part of it goes,

You've got to take the time
And let your heart unwind.
Instead of acting crazy,
Why not take it easy?
It doesn't hurt to try,
And it won't make you cry.
Some say that time is money;
Don't believe this lie.

Ruth and I are attempting a clear-out, anticipating downsizing sooner rather than later. I came across a book I had forgotten that might make interesting summer reading. Dr Timothy Johnson, who we see on WCVB and ABC News, in addition to being a physician and journalist, is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Ruth and I met him when we were living in Keene. Dr Johnson's book *Finding God in the Questions: a Personal Journey*, was published in 2004. Here is a quotation from the dust jacket.

"If you have ever wondered whether Christian faith can hold up to the toughest questions of our day [2004], this is the book for you. Dr Timothy Johnson gives us a relentlessly honest exploration of the biggest questions of all: Can we believe in God in the face of the discoveries of science? And can Christian faith really be credible for a tough-minded seeker? Dr Johnson never settles for easy answers. Along the way he offers wonderfully practical counsel for living not just the spiritual life but the good life. He has given us a wise, vigorous, inspiring guide for the religious quest."

– The Rev. Samuel Lloyd, Rector, Trinity Church, Boston

I can recommend this book to you. Dr Johnson writes as clearly as he speaks on TV, and when he is getting into material that may be deeper than you want to go, he suggests that you can jump ahead to page such-and-such without losing the essential point he is making.



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Moderator's Desk

Peter Cram

What a joy it is to come to church these days! This is the time of the year when the outdoor grounds are the most beautiful. Many thanks to the all who have put in so much time to make it happen. And it's not just on the first Saturday of the month when the work is getting done. Several people come by during the week to do some weeding, planting, spreading mulch and more. As if we don't have enough work to do on our own places!

The three new holly shrubs in front are beautiful. You may only notice the two larger ones that are planted directly below the windows on either side of the front sanctuary door. They're surrounded by a bed of small, attractive brown stones, and are thriving. There is a third holly plant ('the little male', as Angela describes it) that is there to do its part in helping the two female plants produce berries. Many thanks to the donors of these great additions to our church grounds.

Fresh grass seed has been planted, and the iris and other plants in front are as healthy as can be. This time of year, they look their best, showing off their purple flowers.

Around back, the plantings are quite beautiful. Much work was done to weed the various areas. Then, plentiful amounts of mulch were spread, making the whole area look fresh, clean and neat. These plants get less sun of course, but it's just enough to make them happy and flourish. Many hands have indeed, made for lighter work for all of us, and such a pleasant surroundings for our church home.

Having said all that, it's clear that there's much more to be done. Primarily, the sidewalk area and the front of the church is in need of landscaping work, due to the work that was done last year. This will take place over the next few months. It will require patience from all of us.

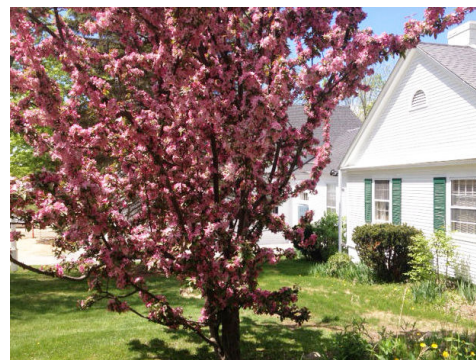
But it is the goings-on inside the church where the real beauty of our church blossoms. The work that is done by so many on the various boards and

committees make the church what it really is, and who we really are. A big focus at this time of year of course is on the Guild Fair. Also, the annual chicken barbecue is on the horizon. This year, we hope to have wide participation in both of these events, making them as fruitful and successful as ever.

I also would like to take a moment and mention a couple other items that are looming. A new Church phone directory coming out soon. Our thanks go to our church secretary Debbie for working hard to make sure that our contact information is accurate. Anyone who has worked with her knows that she's a stickler for detail. That level of attention to the facts benefits us in many ways, including ensuring that our individual board meeting minutes are clearly written and are grammatically correct! Thanks, Debbie.

Lastly, we appreciate Suzanne Huggard spearheading the effort to suggest to individuals and families that they sponsor one of the new pew bibles, dedicating them to an individual of their choosing. It will be nice to replace the old and worn bibles that we have today with new ones. And, for a minimal cost, we can all give them that much more meaning by adding a dedication.

Thanks for reading, and I'll see you in church. Oh, and if you haven't visited our website in a while, be sure to check it out at <http://www.deeringcommunitychurch.org> !



Church flowering tree, taken by Chris Nase.

Trustees Report

Jean Lewis

The Trustees sincerely wish to thank all who came forth for our spring clean-up day, inside and out! It really proves the adage that many hands make light work. Things are looking good, but of course we need to keep things that way, so the work days and contributions of time and expertise continue. Please do note the lovely holly bushes at either side of the front doors! Special thanks to David and Angela Bell for spearheading that effort, and I do believe Jeanne Bartlett had an experienced hand in that as well! A crew worked hard to plant them correctly.

A very important item in the recent months has been planning for renovation of the bathroom beside the kitchen to fully handicap accessible status. We have been given the go-ahead by the church Council, and have a gift of funds to use for the necessary work. Plans have been approved by the Trustees. Much discussion and consideration of design has gone into the decisions. The project is planned for September in order not to interfere with the summer fair or the chicken barbeque.

A cleaning person has been hired to keep our church home in good order. This allows time and effort for other needs in maintaining the property. The lawn is being mowed by someone we have hired. As ever, all hands on deck on the first Saturday morning of the month helps so very much. In July, there will be no work day due to conflicting vacation schedules. We will resume on August 1st with 7 am for a great breakfast by creative and generous 'Chef Peter Cram'. Actual work begins at 8 and continues for approximately 2 hours. Come join your friends for a very worthwhile few hours!

It would be most helpful and rewarding to have someone come forth to serve with us on the Board of Trustees. Not a lot of time involved, but the more brains and creativity, the better! And, we have fun!! Currently David Bell, Tim Ferwerda, Hazel Vogelien and myself are serving. Thanks so kindly for your support.

New Bible Purchase

Suzanne Huggard

OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL TO YOU!

You may have noticed that the pew Bibles are no longer in very good condition. The Deacons have decided to replace all pew Bibles with new ones of a similar size. We hope that many of you would like to honor or remember someone special by dedicating one of the new Bibles with a label to be placed inside the front cover, just as in the New Century Hymnal. The cost is \$10 per Bible. If you would like to support this project in this way, please send the information and a check for \$10 (payable to Deering Community Church) for each Bible dedication. A number of people have already indicated a desire to participate, and we thank you all for your help.

Please clearly indicate ‘

- in memory of’ or ‘in honor of’,
- correct spelling of person’s name as you wish it to appear,
- your name as you wish it to appear

Send to: Deering Community Church, 763 Deering Center Road, Deering, NH 03244, att: Bibles. You may also drop this information in the offering plate any Sunday or give it to a deacon.

W S & O

Here are photos sent in an letter to Bryan Terry from her pen pal in Rimbi, Zimbabwe dated 10/12/14 :

The two boys are Anotida (left) and his friend Trinity. Behind them is a container filled with grass for feeding rabbits.



This woman is in her home garden watering vegetables. See the clay pots which are used to store water if it is unavailable in the taps.



Ashireu is busy feeding poultry in a cage. (These captions were provided by the sender) This communication and accompanying photos provides a great deal of insight into the lives of a family in our partner church in Rimbi, Zimbabwe. Our Ukama association is an inspiring one as letters flow (albeit slowly) between Deering Community Church people and UCCZ in Rimbi. Please consider asking for the name of a person or family to whom you could write. People traveling from Zimbabwe and those here in NH traveling to Z. will carry letters to be mailed or hand delivered in that country. Sometimes email addresses are available as well. If you are interested, please contact a member of World Service and Outreach.

The choir is sending out the second half of the support payment for little Edith Marera this month. We look forward to hearing how she is faring from her caretakers!

Rev. Gomendo and Rev. Ngadziore arrived from Zimbabwe on June 20 at Logan Airport in Boston and were greeted by members of the UKAMA board. They will be staying until July 6. Their full schedule includes preaching at various churches in NH , being part of regional gatherings around the UKAMA partnered congregations and also attending General Synod in Cleveland at the end of June. A weekend at Horton Center was also planned for them. There was a welcome potluck gathering for them at the Conference Center in Pembroke on June 24th to which everyone was invited. It will be

Jeanne Bartlett & Christine Marcroft

an exciting and special time of sharing.. We have the opportunity to write letters to our pen pals which Christine will be collecting so that Rev. Gomendo and Rev. Ngadziore can take them to Zimbabwe.

On our PFLAG side of outreach: Lee and Christine attended the Boston Pride on June 13 on a beautiful, sunny day. They were especially glad to attend the Ecumenical Service at the Old South Church UCC at Copley Square.



This service is always so uplifting and spiritual, a perfect way to start that special day. Watching the colorful and joyful parade, they were struck

by how many happy young people were present, along with more mature ones and couples who had been newly together or for as long as 60 years.



Christine Marcroft and Jeanne Bartlett were guests at the Goffstown Women's prison where Volunteer Appreciation Day was celebrated. We and nearly seventy other volunteers were welcomed and thanked for our service and donations to the population in this facility by the prison warden, the chaplain, and the inmates themselves. We were touched by the original poetry, solos and chorus provided by the women. Refreshments also were prepared and served by the women.

The **Annual free Chicken BBQ**, open to the community, will be held on **July 25th from 1 to 3 pm** in the church pavilion. Bob Fuller is the head cook and is sure to prepare delicious chicken. Corn on the cob and wonderful side dishes will be available too. See the posters around town. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.



Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

The Guild meetings in May and June dealt with a few special things. The annual budget was approved. The final bylaws revision was completed and approved by the members. The Guild's \$2000 college scholarship was awarded in June to our own Hailey Nase who graduated from high school and will be off to college this fall!

Discussions about the upcoming summer fair took center stage. Stuart Huggard joined the group to discuss the fair planning and it's offerings for this year. By the June meeting, things were falling into place with volunteers contacted to help with a variety of things. The raffle tickets were designed by Bill Glauner and produced by Barbara Glauner in June along with the Summer Fair poster.

Summer Fair

Barbara Glauner

August 8th is about a month away and 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. Look around in your home and see if there are any items you might want to donate to our **attic treasures**. **Call the Huggards at 464-4781 to obtain access to the church to bring in your donations, starting now.**

If you are a **crafts** person in fabric, jewelry, metals, wood or such, please consider making things for the fair.

Our **baked goods** table is always a busy place. We are asking all of you to bake some pies for that in addition to the usual home baked offerings and candies which sold very well at last year's fair. Homemade 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 for them. If you are a vegetable gardener, bring 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. In the past we also have sold small bags of homemade granola with recipe attached, and a dry bean soup and seasoning mixture with a crock-pot of soup made up for small samples to taste and encourage sales. If you have any other new ideas, let us know your suggestions. If necessary, contact Joyce Peace about bringing in your food donations early the

morning of the fair or sooner. Of course, our **homemade jellies and jams** are in the planning stage for the July summer church kitchen led by Christine Marcroft and a group of dedicated cooks who produce many jars of delicious jams and preserves to sell at the fair. The **cheese table** is another perennial favorite of many folks who come to the fair to buy the delicious Grafton Vermont Cheddar Cheese.

A new offering will be a **Used Tool Table** run by Peter Cram which should attract another set of people to the fair. Contact Peter if you have some tools to donate that you no longer need. This could include carpentry, garden or any other types of tools.

And we will be selling our selection of paring knives, peelers, pie or cake servers, and other things at the **raffle table** manned by Priscilla and her daughter.

Suzanne Huggard will handle our indoor **Cafe** for a sit down sampling of delicious items. **Outdoors**, we will have our hot dogs, sodas and chips, plus ice cream. Face painting will be available as well.

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. Bring them up the morning of the fair or contact Jeanne Bartlett before that.

Summer Fair cont.

Barbara Glauner

This year our **raffle items** will be a beautiful handcrafted set of a table and bench made by Bob Fuller or a new Electrolux vacuum cleaner donated by Carol and Jack Hubert. Sales of raffle tickets have begun in earnest, so we need your help to work at this over the weeks between now and August 8th. Please sign up to help. Talk to Kay, Hazel or Priscilla. The raffle ticket sales is one of our largest contributors to the bottom line, so please give your time to sell tickets. We have so many talented people in our church and we want to tap into that for the fair. See our summer fair poster on the back page of this newsletter.

Remember to save this fair date of August 8th and volunteer your help for the various tables and for set up and clean up. We need all hands on deck from our small church in order to do well and spread the work load. At this point in time, we have a number of openings at tables that need filling and set up and clean up help lined up, so step up and help!

Deering Community Church Summer Fair Raffle		
Artisan Handmade Table & Bench or New Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner		
Drawing Sat August 8, 2015 at 2 pm		
Tickets: \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00		
Name:	Address:	Phone:

Musical Notes

Jane Waters & Ray Petty

On May 15 we thoroughly enjoyed a rousing evening of hymn singing with Barbara Daley at the piano and Pastor Leonard and Jane Waters leading the combined Smith Memorial and Deering Community Church participants. All were well fed by a potluck supper before hand at 6 PM.

On June 20 another joint musical effort was held at the Hillsborough Methodist Church. The Methodists had invited other choirs to sing in support of a fundraiser for new choir robes. They offered to reciprocate at our church. Smith Church choir was also a participant.

Upcoming musical events this summer are:

July 19 @ 3:00 PM – Monadnock Music performances by Zaira Meneses, Guitar

August 2 @ 3:00 PM – Lilly Haley, clarinet, with instrumental and vocal alumni from UNH

August 23 @ 3:00 PM – Shizue Sano, pianist

Monadnock Music Emerging Artist Series

Featuring Zaira Meneses, guitar



Music of Johann Sebastian Bach, L.E.J. Brouwer, Francisco Tárrega, & Others

Piccinini: Ciaccona Variata

J.S.Bach: Prelude, Fugue and Allegro in E flat Major, BWV 998

J.S. Bach: Partita No.2 in D minor, BWV 1004

A. Lauro: Cueca Chilena

Mexican Folk Song: LLorona

L. Brouwer: Paisaje Cubano con Campanas

L. Brouwer: Fandangos y Boleros

F. Tarrega: Recuerdos de la Alhambra

I. Albeniz: Asturias

Traditional: Malagueña

Admission: Voluntary donations to support the Monadnock Music Village Concerts will be accepted at the performance. No tickets or reservations required.



Summer Forums

Barbara Glauner

This summer, the church is offering three forums. The public is welcomed.

BARBARA CURRIE'S ADVENTURES IN INDIA, 2015

Potluck supper and Forum at Deering Community Church

Friday, August 14th at 6 pm

Barbara spent six weeks in India, four weeks volunteering with Global Ministries at the Family Village Farm and Pravaham and two weeks vacationing. She will talk about and show slides of her experiences. She will also tell how you too could be a Global Ministries volunteer and/or

support the Grandparents at Family Village Farm.

Sunday, August 16 at 11:30 am

a forum will be offered called **Runaway Wives During the Colonial Era.**

Sunday, September 20 at 11:30 am

a forum will be offered called **Middle East.**

Sunday School News

Chris Nase



On April 26, 2015, five of us braved the cloudy, damp morning and walked the three miles from Lauren's house to church. We enjoyed the opportunity to talk with each other, warmed up as we walked and remembered the importance of using fewer fossil fuels.



Raffle Items and ticket

Photos by Stuart Huggard



Handcrafted Artisan Table and Bench made by Bob Fuller.

New Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner donated by Carol & Jack Hubert.

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Address:	
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Pastor Search Committee

Bryan Terry

Thank you for getting those surveys completed and sent in!

Another round of thanks to those who attended the “Pastor Search Question and Answer Forum” held after church, on May 17. The Pastor Search Committee (PSC) wanted to review the search process, and let everyone know where we were in that process. After a brief summary of some of the questions and comments from the surveys, there was an opportunity for discussion.

The search process in the United Church of Christ in New Hampshire is directed by the state Conference office. It is a rather long process carefully planned and designed to provide the best possible result in matching a congregation seeking a Pastor with a Pastor seeking a position. Each preliminary step needs to be completed before we can move on to actually receiving profiles for review and consideration. The PSC has been meeting regularly each Monday night to work on the Profile and other search process components. We are nearing completion of the Church Profile, and are beginning to examine types of brochures and ad postings from other churches in the Pastor Search process, to help us with these tasks. The committee is also charged with presenting a “Call Agreement” for prospective Ministers, with salary and other compensations, as well as expected Ministerial responsibilities. This

should also include the Pastor’s days/hours as part of the package. All this information needs to be gathered and prepared to present to possible candidates in the best way possible. *We want to make us look as good as we know we are!*

The forum approached some of the above items. There was discussion about how the church has changed over the years, what direction the church is heading, what were priorities and expectations, as well as what the congregation might be able to afford to pay the new Pastor. While there were no formal determinations, it provided a time for all of us to think about the future of the Deering Community Church. We (PSC) appreciated the lively and sincere discussion which demonstrated your commitment to this church.

The committee welcomes any questions, thoughts or comments from the congregation throughout this Search Process. I can be contacted by phone: 529-7613 or 440-9898 (cell) as well as email: bryter24@hotmail.com

Thank you, from Bryan and your Pastor Search Committee.



Photo by Angela Bell

“Classy Parents who made a nest in our spring wreath —

Birthing in Style!”

For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries.

Hillsboro: There is need for small cans of meat for **AUGUST**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, turkey, other fish etc., and paper products for **JULY**, such as paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, etc., 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

Donald Johnson, 14

David Glauner, 14

Nancy Inui, 15

Elizabeth Dishong, 16

AUGUST

Leroy Marcroft, 10

Patricia Finn, 25

Kathleen Daniels, 26

Robert Fuller, 27



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www.deeringcommunitychurch.org

Check out our great website!

Thank you David Glauner,
Webmaster!

Happy Anniversary

JULY

Marjorie & Henry Weeden, 29

AUGUST

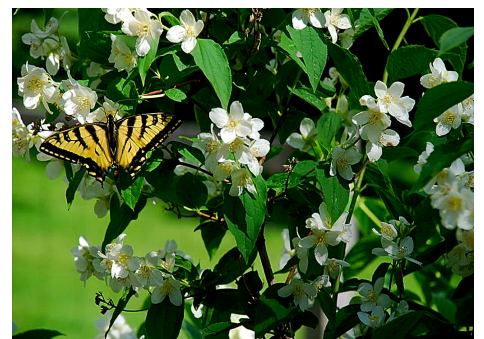
Jane & Stephen Waters, 8

Jean & Donald Johnson, 13

Suzanne & Stuart Huggard, 25

Attic Treasures for the Summer Church Fair

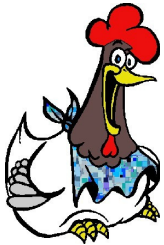
Please bring your attic treasures to the church at any time. Call Stuart or Suzanne at 464-4781 for access to the church.



"Visitor"

photo by Angela Bell

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Guild @ Noon	2	3	4  Fourth of July Holiday
5 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacon's gift	6	7 Yoga 9 am each Tuesday Morning	8 7 pm W S & O	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship	13	14 7 pm Council	15 7 pm Trustees	16	17	18
19 10 am Worship. Pflag 3 pm Concord M. Music Concert 3 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25 Chicken Barbecue 1—3 pm Church Pavilion
26 10 am Worship	27	28	29 7 pm Deacons	30	31 	



August 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 7 am
Breakfast, 8
am Workday
starts

2 10 am
Worship &
Communion,
Deacon's Gift

3

4
Yoga 9 am
each Tuesday
morning

5
Guild 10 am
Set up for the
Fair

6

7

8 Deering
Church Fair
9 am—2 pm



9 10 am
Worship

10

11

7 pm Council

12

7 pm W S & O

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14 6 pm pot
luck and
India forum
by Barbara
Currie

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16 10 am
Worship,
Forum
3 pm Pflag,
Concord

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7 pm Trustees

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Newsletter
Deadline

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23 10 am
Worship

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7 Pm Deacons

30 10 am
Worship

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SUMMER FAIR

August 8, 2015, 9 AM – 2 PM

DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH Rte 149 Deering, NH

Info at www.deeringcommunitychurch.org

Homemade JAMS, PIES, & BAKED GOODS

CHEESE, CRAFTS, JEWELRY

CAFÉ, HOT DOGS & SODA

FACE PAINTING, ICE CREAM, PLANTS

USED TOOLS, ATTIC TREASURES, BOOKS

RAFFLE:

Artisan Hand Made Table and Bench

Or New Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner in Box

