

Deering Community Church

The Newsletter



Pastor's Pen

May-June, 2016



In November 2013 Deering Community Church was seeking an interim pastor upon the retirement of Barbara Currie as your Pastor. The Church Council chose me to enter into as covenantal arrangement as Interim Pastor

beginning January 1, 2014 for the period until the parish chose and called a settled pastor to minister with you.

The Pastoral Search Committee the congregation chose in 2014 has completed their task. With their recommendation and your election you have extended a Call to the Rev. William Beardslee to be your pastor. The terms under which I came have been completed and Ruth and I will be finishing our time with you.

Leaving this church community will be difficult for Ruth and me as most departures are. You who have become dear friends may find our departure difficult too. Some of you have expressed with genuine feeling sorrow to see us leave and wished we could have stayed on.

While it could be convenient to have an interim pastor for a time "on trial," that places a Pastoral Search Committee in a potentially difficult situation. This could give an interim pastor unfair advantage over other candidates. There might be personal loyalties toward or prejudices against the Interim Pastor as a candidate that could cloud a Search Committee's objectivity in their task of finding the best possible pastor for a congregation.

My covenant with the church specified that I would not allow my name to be put forward as a candidate for the position nor would the church consider me for that position. With this parameter in place, I

could function as your pastoral consultant completely free to be and to respond to you and your situations, as I deemed appropriate at the time without consideration whether my actions would have any bearing on my being acceptable as a pastoral candidate in the future.

I shall cease to have a professional relationship with the people of Deering Community Church at the end of my sojourn with you. Bill begins ministering with you the first of July. As I will have one week of accrued vacation time, my last Sunday with you will be June 19th. Some of you might be tempted to seek me out in time of pastoral need because you know me and are comfortable with me.

However, if that occurs you will find that I will be referring you back to Bill, your new pastor. It is to him that you will be looking for pastoral services.

While my firm stand in this matter will not prevent Ruth and me from occasionally participating, as appropriate, in social affairs with individuals or the parish in general, I will not function in any pastoral role with you without an express invitation from your pastor. This might seem an arbitrarily hard position to take, but I will do this in support of your new pastor and your developing relationship with him.



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Pastor's Pen cont.

Pastor Leonard and Ruth

There is an exciting future ahead for the Deering Community Church as, together with your new pastor, you will seek the mind of the Lord and walk in his ways, entrusting yourselves to God's good Grace, and living the "kingdom-life" in service to God's people in Deering and beyond.

Ruth and I so appreciate your friendship and loving care of us and pray God's blessings upon all of you.

"Peace be to the whole community of faith, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ."

Pastoral Search Results

Bryan Terry

Congratulations Deering Community Church!



On April 3, 2016 the members of the church voted to issue a "Call" to Reverend William (Bill) Beardslee to be our next Settled Pastor. Bill's active ministry will start on July 1, 2016. Until then Reverend Leonard Zecchini will continue to provide support and guidance as our Interim Minister. Sometime in September, we will all celebrate as the church participates with the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ in holding an "Installation Ceremony" for our new Pastor. Look for further information on that in the next Newsletter!

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to meet Bill, or would like to be refreshed, please read the following letter, so eloquently written by Steve Waters, on behalf of the Pastor Search Committee:

March 3, 2016

Dear Members of Deering Church and Friends:

It is with joy and conviction that the Search Committee presents the Reverend William Frederick Beardslee as our candidate for Settled Pastor. Our search has been long and thoroughgoing as a number of candidates expressed interest in becoming our pastor and submitted their credentials for our review. It was Bill's spiritual and educational background, broad experience, personality, and keen interest in Deering which made our decision unanimous and most enthusiastic.

Bill earned his Bachelor's Degree with a combined major in Psychology, Religion, and Literature. At Andover Newton Theological School he received a Master's Degree, which was followed with postgraduate work in Depth Psychology and Family Systems. In his career as a pastor, Bill served most recently for 11 years as Pastor to a UCC church in Jaffrey. He has established his own counseling service in Keene and served for many years as Associate Director of Student Involvement and Spiritual Life at Franklin Pierce University. Bill now wants to return to being a Pastor. The part time position here enables him to continue with his well-established counseling practice in Keene, where he lives with his wife, Lisa Mahar, a lifelong educator and for the past 25 years the lead Administrator at Monadnock Waldorf School in Keene. Bill and Lisa have three grown children, Amber Fields and husband Alvin, of Keene. They are parents to five children between them. Amber is a current student in Business Accounting. Luke and partner Jennifer are parents to Braeden living in Medford, MA. Luke is an executive Chef at Lucky's Lounge in the South End and Jennifer is a school psychologist in Wakefield, MA. Some of you may remember Bill and Lisa's youngest son Silas, who was very close friends with Balance Chibangwa and his family. Silas lived in Rimbi, Zimbabwe until he was deported. He now resides in Jarna, Sweden as a co-director of the Youth Initiative Program (www.yip.se) YIP is a holistic education program in Jarna, Sweden that gives youth 18-28 a chance to explore their fullest potential and take initiative towards a better world.

Pastoral Search Results cont.

Bryan Terry

In addition to his broad experience, the Committee was especially impressed by descriptions of Bill as a “pastoral counselor”, where he is seen as one who cares deeply and listens to people. In reading what others wrote about him, we find these phrases: “stunningly effective with young people”, “able to get inside difficult situations, ask the questions that matter, and before long get to the difficult core of issues”, “an inspiring listener”, “able to relate to individuals from the widest range of ethnic religious and economic backgrounds”. Of his prayers, one wrote: reflect a “deep sense of spirituality, articulate and intellectually stimulating ...no fluff, just good content”. Bill writes about himself: “I cultivate an open mind, eyes and heart that allow me to walk and stand with others. It allows me to facilitate relatively effective communication and an ability to assist others in their journey toward awareness of and engagement with God, self and others...” And finally: “I try to pray, retreat, read, relate, hope and laugh.” The Committee’s initial interview with Bill was more like a discussion, less like a job interview, and we wished for more time together with him. When we gathered to hear him preach and conduct a Sunday service, our enthusiasm was heightened. And Bill expressed an equal enthusiasm to become our Pastor and collaborate with us all to work out a role for Deering Church in the years ahead.

You will have chances to meet and get to know Bill at a ‘Meet and Greet’ tea time on Saturday, April 2nd at 2 PM in Sherwood Hall and then to hear him conduct our worship service and preach here on Candidate Sunday, April 3rd. A vote is taken following the service, to determine whether or not the congregation chooses to issue the “Call” for Bill to be the new Pastor for the Deering Community Church.

Search Committee members will be pleased to answer questions you may have and to share our delight in the prospect that Bill Beardslee may be joining us as our Pastor this summer.

Sincerely,

Steve Waters, Corresponding Secretary

Bryan Terry Jane Waters Jane Levesque
David Bell Hailey Nase Jean Lewis Stuart
Huggard Sam Kelly



Meet & Greet Saturday pictures and Sunday sermon, vote, and reception pictures by Christine Marcroft



Financial Report

Pasca Ferwerda



Hi there, let me introduce myself, my name is Pasca Ferwerda and I am the new Financial Secretary for the Deering Community Church. My husband Tim and I moved to Deering about 33 years ago and have been members of the Deering Community Church for the past 17 years.

I don't have much experience with finance or bookkeeping, but I'm learning quickly. That said, let me know if you think something is amiss or if you have any questions. I'm happy to try and answer them. The total amount pledged for The Deering

Community Church for 2016 was \$42,000.00. As of March 31, 2016, the amount we have received to date is \$12,345.00, which includes pledges prepaid in Dec. 2015. I think we are in good shape as far as pledges go and I want to thank the congregation for your financial support.

There is a 'to be raised' budget line, which is a nicer way of saying deficit. This year's to be raised amount is \$7,997.00. As of today we have only received \$25.00, so it is important for us all to add a little bit extra when possible. If we all give just a dollar or two once in a while, that will be helpful.

Trustees Report

Jean Lewis

Your Trustees have been hard at work as we have all joined in celebration of William (Bill) Beardslee as our new settled Pastor beginning July first. As ever, we keep a close watch on the general maintenance work which comes to us on our facility.

Our on-going work now is to find time and people to continue the work on the kitchen. Unfortunately, 3 of our most dependable workers on that project, Stuart Huggard, David Bell, and Bob Fuller have departed to follow their hearts' desires in retirement. Yes, Angela and Suzanne are with their respective spouses. Therefore, we have a great need

for assistance with this project. Can you wield a screwdriver, a paint brush, help with clean-up? We need you very much! The next work day will be Saturday, May 7th, from 8 am forward. As ever, it is preceded by a most scrumptious breakfast prepared by our chef, Peter Cram!!! PLEASE HELP!!!!!! Every bit helps so very much! Questions? — Do phone or email Tim Ferwerda.

Our NEXT PLEA!!!!!! We need at least one more TRUSTEE !!! Not hard work, nor time consuming, but more input is needed!!!!

Yours in faith, Jean Lewis, chair, Tim Ferwerda, Jane Levesque, Hazel Vogelien

Musical Notes

Jane Waters

Musical offerings by the choir added special meaning to the culmination of the Lenten season. For Palm Sunday, a repeat performance of the cantata, "Thy Will Be Done" by Lani Smith added to the congregation's featured hymns. It also included Stuart Huggard and Bryan Terry in their beautiful rendition of "Were You There", which they repeated at the closing of the Maundy Thursday service. These were special moments to be remembered as Stuart, who sang in the choir for nearly 20 years and who has moved away will be sorely missed. Sissi Shattuck sang a Bach solo for the offertory.

Our Easter service was enhanced by Warren Geissinger playing the organ. Two other musical events of note were joining with Smith Church's choir to sing for the potluck—hymn sing at our church on Friday of the Palm Sunday weekend and the special music to honor Candidate Sunday when our new "settled pastor" came to preach. Finally, it was good to have Jack Hubert back with us for this event, and we welcomed Ruth Kachalca from Antrim as a new member to our choir.

W S & O News

Jeanne Bartlett

Thanks to everyone for the generous support of One Great Hour of Sharing. The total sum received so far is: \$436.00! What a boost from our small church toward this fund which supports humanitarian aid to refugees and disaster victims, provides literacy programs, and loans to small businesses trying to support agriculture and production of food in villages in developing countries.

One date for a **Forum** has been secured and will be held on **August 21. Runaway Wives: When Colonial Marrings Failed** will be presented at 11:30 on Sunday morning. Another forum is

planned for September ,so stay tuned for an announcement of date and title. These speakers are from the NH Humanties program.

Once again the students from John Stark high school are preparing 100 messages for the women at the Goffstown prison. These notes will contain good wishes for a meaningful Mother's Day. We look for fifty more from our congregation to fill the quota needed . These personal notes mean so much to the women inmates and the participation from the students is so appreciated by us all.

Adult Sunday Program

Chris Nase

Luncheon Discussions

The Christian Education committee is presenting a new adult program called ***Luncheon Discussions***. On the fourth Sunday of each month, bring a sandwich and stay after church to discuss some inspired adult topics.

On **May 22**, plan to stay and come prepared to share your favorite Bible verse(s) or story and why you identify this passage as a favorite.

On **June 26**, the discussion will focus on what it means to be a Christian today. As a point of reference and discussion starter please take a look at this UCC link - http://www.ucc.org/weekly_seeds_imagine .There will be hard copies available for those without computer access.

We welcome other ideas for the monthly discussions. Please feel free to make suggestions and if you have a topic you are willing to lead, let us know too. Invite friends and community members who might have an interest in the topics offered. We are hoping to compile a calendar outlining the different offerings.

Pictures from Maundy Thursday & Easter

Christine Marcroft



Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

We have had two busy meetings in March and April. Two new members have joined our lively group, Pasca Ferwerda and June Holm. We had some sad news to relate when our President Jeanne Bartlett's husband died on March 21st. Other news is that both Kay Daniels and Jeanne Bartlett had successful knee surgeries in March and are getting around again. Our inactive member Marian Sullivan has moved to Presidential Oaks while she awaits a place at the Hillsboro House. Sadly, we miss her sweet smile at our meetings.

As far as business goes, we pledged and sent a \$100 matching gift amount to the Food Pantry Challenge to help in raising \$8000 for them. We talked about the potluck supper and roast for the Huggard's, the Bell's and Bob Fuller who all were moving away in April. They will be sorely missed. Of course at this time of the year we always talk about the upcoming Summer Fair held in August as to ideas, logistics, and so forth. Jeanne discussed the fair with the church council at the April meeting. Barbara has produced new membership booklets for distribution at the May 4th Guild meeting to include our new members.

Our next two meetings will be on May 4th and June 1st at noon in the Deering church parish hall. We look forward to seeing all our members this time including Hazel who is returning from the winter away, as well as our new folks. We are hoping that any new ladies who have moved into this area will consider coming to meet and make friends with us. We are a lively and cheerful group of women and love meeting new people and expanding our group. Our meetings are always the first Wednesday of the month at noon except for August and possibly December. Just drop in, bring a bag lunch for yourself and we supply the coffee, tea and dessert. There is always room at our table.

Quilt Raffle for Summer Fair

Our raffle quilt offering for the Deering Church Summer Fair on August 13th is pictured here, made by Kay Daniels and is called Heaven and Earth. The raffle tickets were designed by Bill Glauner and

produced by Barbara. Now we all must rally to help sell tickets from late May through the fair date. We will need lots of volunteer help from the church members selling these at various locations including the plant sale in town on May 21st, the Balloon Fest in Hillsboro over their weekend, at Shaws, Butler Park and other locations around the towns. So please step up and give some of your valuable time to this important fund raising effort for our church.

Keep a look out for further information about sign ups to help out on the bulletin board in the parish hall and elsewhere. We also need someone from the church to organize the selling of tickets. Let Jeanne Bartlett know what you can do.



Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____			Deering Community Church Summer Fair Raffle HEAVEN & EARTH FULL SIZE QUILT Drawing Sat August 13, 2016 at 2 pm Tickets: \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00
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Some of us are looking to organize a garden club in the area from our towns to learn more about horticulture, gardening of all types and to give back to our community. Our own June Holm has started this movement, so contact her at herbittoday@gmail.com or call her @ (603)265-0834

Pictures of Recent Events

Christine Marcroft

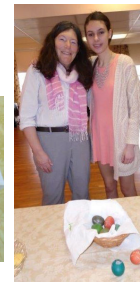
Musical Soiree



Ukama Conference Meeting in Concord



More Easter Pictures



Farewell at the Huggard's House



Potluck & Farewell Roast of the Huggards, Bells and B. Fuller



Moderator's Desk

Peter Cram

Perhaps I'm redundant in speaking in this newsletter to the celebrations of our recent times together with those who are departing in April. It had been a long time in coming since we first heard that the Huggards had put their house on the market. It had been years, so their eventual departure was inevitable. It just turned out to be the perfect storm when the buyer came, then shortly thereafter Bob Fuller announced that he was headed off to live at Havenwood. Then of course Dave and Angela Bell told us they would be moving to the east coast of New Hampshire to be closer to family. Ok, so I'm at around stage 5 of 7 in terms of my stages of grief. However, you blend all of those emotions with the joy of knowing we have called Bill Beardslee as our new minister, and I find myself on an emotional roller coaster. We all know that change is difficult. At the same time, it was John Kennedy who said, "...Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." So we look to the future with optimism and courage. Of course we will miss our friends, and perhaps some who live closer will stop in from time to time. As to those that are now residing in Florida, we hope they'll be able to make the trip back home to New Hampshire on occasion. We'll greet them with open arms, and with some fresh stories to tell.

From a more practical standpoint, through these five people, we've lost a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a Deacon, a Trustee, and perhaps one of the most prolific handymen the church has seen in quite some time. For the most part, we're getting through it. Pasca Ferwerda is now our Financial Secretary. Jean Lewis and Sam Kelly are doubling their efforts to make sure that the Trustees and the Deacons don't skip a beat in the operation of their respective organizations, and we thank them all for stepping up to the challenge. But we are still actively looking for a Treasurer. And while it's something I'm able to manage temporarily, I would hope that someone else would be able to take on this most important position. It doesn't require an accounting or math degree. All that is necessary is a reasonable ability with numbers, and attention to

detail. I'd welcome a call from anyone wishing to discuss it.

So we collectively work toward that elusive level 7, 'acceptance'. I get an inkling of renewed enthusiasm when I hear the inspiring words of our friends telling us that, we're only moving in one direction – forward. And as 'luck' would have it, a new opportunity has presented itself. The New Hampshire UCC conference is presenting a seminar entitled, 'Reaching New People'. This exciting, two day event will be held on May 6th and 7th, and will be conducted by Mr. Paul Nickerson. Paul is a Sr. Associate with Griffith Coaching of Orlando, Florida, and brings 30 years of experience as a local pastor, consultant, teacher and coach. Congregations across the Conference are invited to come in teams with their pastor. The Deering Community Church will be well represented by our team of Bryan Terry, and Steve and Jane Waters, along with Rev. Bill Beardslee. At the time of this writing, there are still a couple openings for individuals from our church to sign up. If you think you may be interested please let me know.

Thanks to all of you as we work together, and encourage each other, to face the challenges that come before us. As a congregation and as a church, we'll continue to tackle each of them, one by one.

New Church Website In the interest of keeping Deering Community Church's website in line with current technology, I have created a new website for the church using Wordpress. The new website is mobile first and responsive. What that means is that it will now look good and readable on mobile devices (phones, tablets). Another reason for the upgrade is that Google keeps threatening to downgrade websites that aren't mobile friendly in search results. The previous site was static HTML and was not responsive or mobile friendly. I had fun creating this updated website and I hope you like it. Click on www.deeringcommunitychurch.org

David Glauner, Webmaster

For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the two food pantries.

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

Pasca Ferwerda

New Address

Stuart & Suzanne Huggard

9811 SW 34th Road

Gainesville, FL, 32608

Same e-mail. Cell 603-491-4915



MAY

Stephen Waters, 3

Marjorie Weeden, 12

Hailey Nase, 19

JUNE

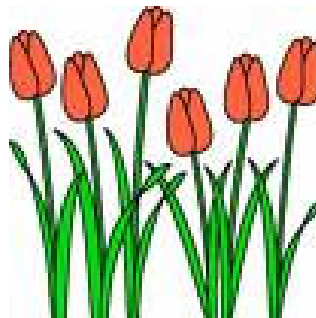
Debbie Matthews, 5

Alice Keach, 9

Bob Santagata, 23

Bryan Terry, 24

Alfred Glauner, 24



Happy Anniversary

No Anniversaries May & June

Hillsboro Food Pantry Challenge

The Hillsboro District Food Pantry has been in operation since 1989 and includes the towns of Hillsboro, Deering, Washington and Windsor. Washington started its own food pantry within the last year. Up until 2006 the pantry was in different locations in Hillsboro and had added a clothing closet as well after a few years. A new building was constructed on Church Street with the generosity of people and contractors in the area communities. The food pantry is on the first floor and the clothing closet is on the upper floor.

The pantry took part in the Feinstein Challenge for a few years until that ended recently. This year the pantry had it's own challenge of \$8000 to be raised with monetary donations as well as food donations to count toward the total. By mid-April the \$8000 was reached and it still continues on thanks to the generosity of area communities.

Joyce Peace, Deering Church Representative



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacons Fund	2	3	4  Guild @ Noon	5  7 pm Choir Thursdays	6 UCC Workshop— Reaching New People. 6th & 7th (two days)	7 Breakfast @ 7 am, Workday 8 to 10 am +
8 10 am Worship Mother's Day	9	10 7 pm Council	11 7 pm WSO	12	13	14
15 10 am Worship 3 pm Pflag Concord	16	17	18 7 pm Trustees	19	20	21 Deering Town Hall Plant sale 9 am - 12 noon
22 10 am Worship & Luncheon Discussion	23	24	25 7 pm Deacons	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship	30 Memorial Day	31				



June 2016

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5 10 am Worship & Communion, Deacons Fund	6	7	8 WSO @ 7 pm	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship	13	14 7 pm Council	15 7 pm Trustees	16	17	18 Church Farewell Barbecue for Pastor Leonard & Ruth @ 1 pm.
19 10 am Worship Father's Day 3 pm Pflag Concord	20 First Day of Summer	21	22	23	24	25 Memorial for Bud Bartlett @ 2 pm & reception
26 10 am Worship & Luncheon Discussions	27	28	29 7 pm Deacons	30		

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Winthrop Colton Bartlett (Bud)

1925– 2016

Winthrop Colton Bartlett (Bud) of Deering, NH, died on March 21, 2016, after a short illness. His wife, Jeanne Titcomb Bartlett; his daughters, Jane Millon, Susan Bartlett, Holly Weinberg, Abigail Bartlett; and his son, William Bartlett, had the great privilege of caring for Bud at his own home with help and compassionate guidance from the Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Hospice services. His twelve grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors had an opportunity to visit him and hear the stories he had to tell about the adventures of his long life.

Bud was born in Lowell, MA., on Aug. 12, 1925. His four siblings, the late Ruth Herman, Neil Bartlett, David Bartlett and Eleanor Huang, remember their big brother's interest in being on the water, rowing up the mighty Merrimack river in a patched up Amesbury skiff, playing hockey on its ice and joining the swim team at Lowell schools where he also played trombone in its marching band. He joined the Navy, of course, but found himself in the air as flight engineer for the Naval Air Force during WWII. He was a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology, class of 1949. He lived and worked in Lowell before moving with his growing family to Deering in 1962. He was one of the early founders of North Branch Builders, Inc. He later became self-employed and a fine builder/renovator of many houses, barns and structures throughout NH. Bud found time to sail the chartered waters from Penobscot Bay, to Florida and the Bahamas, often with family as crew. He was a patient teacher on the sea as well as on land and at home with his kids and wife, the place he loved to be above all. His children, as apprentices, remember him as the fixer-of-all-things and through his influence became self-reliant adults. Bud and Jeanne celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last year, reveling in their fine fortune, good health and a loving family.

A memorial for Bud will be held at the Deering Community Church, where Bud was a member, on June 25th at 2 pm. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

