

Dearing Community Church

The Newsletter



Thoughts from the Pastor's Pen

March-April 2017



The Christmas and Epiphany Season pass as though in a moment. Lent/Easter is just about upon us! It strikes me strange how the liturgical seasons mark the passage of time. Thinking within the framework of the religious seasons brings a much greater and deeper sense of God's Presence and relevance of our faith for everyday life. Reading the daily Lectionary can be a profound spiritual practice and experience. It is said that if you follow the readings in the three years cycle you will have read the most of the bible. (You can find a daily lectionary at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A> or ask me to print it for you.)

It is also said that God does not force God's "Self" upon us. Jesus says, "Knock and the door will be opened...Come to me all you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." The life of spirituality is not a given simply by believing. It takes an action and engagement, a relationship. There is this thing called spiritual formation which is really putting in the time and effort to open one's heart to God, to be willing to let go and let God, to grow with God.

One time a couple guys were standing with John the Baptist when Jesus walked by. John made a remark about Jesus. They were intrigued. They got up and followed him. Jesus turned and saw them following. He asked, "What are you looking for," or in another translation, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi (or Teacher) Where are you staying?" Jesus replied, "Come and see!" That is our

invitation, "Come and see." It is appropriate, as with all invitations, to RSVP. It's much appreciated, if not required. What is your intention? Will you accept or decline? If you accept, that signals your intent to 'keep company,' attend and engage with your Host. Adele Ahlberg Calhoun writes,

"I believe the desire for a different sort of life doesn't appear out of thin air. The longing for something more, no matter how weak or crackling with heat, is evidence that God is already working in your life...The very desire or

desperation you feel can be God's way of readying you to walk and work" (on your spiritual life...) The simple truth is that *wanting* to keep company with (your "Host") has a staying power that "shoulds" and "ought's" seldom have." (p. 16, *The Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices That Transform Us*. <https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Disciplines-Handbook-Practices->



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This is not an intellectual endeavor nor a demand. It is a choice. Most organic life requires a kind of nurture and attentiveness that insures its growth. Plants need water and nutrients as much as bodies do. The soul needs certain ingredients to grow. Spiritual Practices are the water and nutrients of the soul. There is no one size fits all for soul growth. Ms Calhoun's book chronicles countless forms of practice to meet the uniqueness of your spiritual formation.

Quaker, Richard Foster also wrote a book called, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* twenty years ago, it still stands as a classic overview with many helps for those seeking to nurture the soul to grow along with the body and Spirit. (https://www.amazon.com/dp/1596444541/ref=rd_r_ext_tmb)

We enter the season of Lent, a 40-day period of deep reflection on our current individual and collective spiritual/physical state of being. Traditionally Lent was a time commemorating Jesus baptism and his subsequent 40 day fast in the desert and temptation by the Adversary or Satan. For us lent "is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40-day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart." (From *Lent 101*, Rev. Penny Ford <http://www.upperroom.org/lent101>) It is a giving up, a turning around, a turning from one thing to another, from a sense of remorse for something one has done and turning to the place of forgiveness and restoration. We think often about the rote practice of giving up sugar or cursing for 40 days and then returning right back to them thereafter! However, the many spiritual practices of Lent are to assist us in *changing*, perhaps in letting go of a bad habit NOT to return to it! Ms. Ford suggests we contemplate trying one of these practices for Lent:

10. Try an electronic fast. Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (Or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read & pray. Learn about fasting. (Learn more about media fasts.)

9. Start a prayer rhythm. Each day of Lent, go to The Upper Room's prayer wall and pray for another person.

8. Go deeper into the Bible. Take an online course on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus.

7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.) Study a book on forgiveness, such as Forgiveness, the Passionate Journey.

6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee. Let Juliana's Ice Cream Fast inspire you to give up some food or drink as a way to grow closer to God. Give the money you save to help folks in a different part of the world who are in crisis. Pick a current global issue and help change the world.

5. Create a daily quiet time. Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. Read a daily devotional for the season of Lent. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.

4. Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way. Learn more about spiritual practice of gratitude.

Pastor's Pen cont.

3. Participate in a Lent Photo-a-Day practice and pray each day with your camera in your hand. Start praying.
2. Volunteer one hour or more each week with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry. Learn about the global issues and how you can help.
1. Pray for others you see as you walk, as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work. Download the Nimbus Prayer app and pray as you go through your day.

<http://www.upperroom.org/lent101> - Rev. Penny Ford is the pastor of a small UMC church in Carrollton, Alabama. She loves playing trains and going for walks with her son, Jamieson.

OR you can look into something the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC is suggesting, brought to us by Chris Nase, a carbon fast! <http://www.macucc.org/carbonfast> Some of us will be doing this. Whatever you do, if anything, let Lent be a time of reflection and deepening your spiritual/practical life and relationship with God. It can only enhance our personhood and our lives within the faith community and lead to the surprise of Resurrection!

Worship Notes

Pastor Bill

We began the new year with a Neutral Pulpit for a clergy colleague. This was followed by a discussion on a proposed draft for a new structure. The idea is to get our numbers and abilities in line with a functional structure that can serve us rather than the other way round. The plan is to work on this during the year with the goal of offering something to the next annual meeting of the congregation.

Upcoming Lenten Schedule

- ☐ March 1st **Ash Wednesday** begins the season and we will host a service at 6:30 pm Ashes will be given to those who choose to come forward in the context of the service. (My thought was acapella music for this service)
- ☐ March 5th Lent I Sunday Service Followed by Sermon reflection/bible study
- ☐ March 12th Lent II Sunday Service Followed by Sermon reflection/bible study
- ☐ March 19th Lent III Sunday Service Followed by Sermon reflection/bible study
- ☐ March 26th Lent IV Sunday Service Followed by Sermon reflection/bible study
- ☐ April 9th **Palm Sunday Service.** The Procession of the Palms will coincide with the Passing of the Peace which will take place at the very beginning of the service. We will gather in a circle and each person will hand the next person their palms while greeting them with the Peace of Christ.
- ☐ April 13th **Maundy Thursday Service** at 6:30 pm. We will begin the service in the sanctuary. At some point, we will make our way into the Narthex where people in small groups will partake of a Last Supper Communion. They will make their way back into the sanctuary where we will have readings with the extinguishing of candle light until the congregation is in darkness. We will leave in silence.

Worship Notes cont

Pastor Bill

- April 16th **Easter Sunrise (TBD)**
Easter Service at DCC 10:00am

Baptism: We welcomed and congratulate the Joseph and Loni Kustron family upon the baptism of their daughter, Elsie Lee.



Annual Meeting was very successful covering lots of ground and new initiatives. A complete version of the annual report is available on this web site. Hard copies are available through the office or outside the sanctuary on the table.

All Church Planning Retreat Under threat of an impending storm, members of the church gathered to do an overview of church meetings and events for the coming year. We included relevant community events that either impact our scheduling or that we might participate in. All information will be transferred to the large hard copy calendar which will reside in Sherwood Hall for your reference. The data will also be transferred to the Deering Community Church web site calendar which serves as another reference point. We encourage all groups and committees to refer to either of these resources when planning an event to ensure we are not double booking or over booking a particular week.



Prepared to Serve: By the time you read this we will have participated in this annual conference event. Last year over 500 people from our NH UCC churches gathered around the table for worship, educational/ leadership workshops, and a general celebration of our life together.

CONSTANT CONTACT

We rolled out our church wide email program called Constant Contact to announce its existence. We then sent some upcoming events followed by an appeal to help one of our members who was in a car crash. Please note we appreciate your clicking on and opening any emails received. It helps us evaluate the effectiveness of our outreach via this medium. Over 60% of you who received the announcement notes opened them! Thank you very much.

UKAMA PARTNERSHIP NEWS

You will recall that numbers of us sent letters to our partner Church in Rimbi Zimbabwe. We've received news from Admire Matende of Rimbi Church that our letters reached the community. Admire also sent these pictures and expressed the hope that we continue to strengthen our partnership. We will receive responses in the near future.

Worship Notes cont.

Pastor Bill

It is difficult to keep our Ukama partnership in our awareness and intention because of distance and unfamiliarity. We intend to make every effort to stay in touch with the NH Conference UCC Ukama Committee and pass on information from them to you. We will also try and keep in touch with individuals through various technological means. Internet service in Zimbabwe is sketchy at best and unreliable but more often than not I have been able to keep in touch with individuals including the pastor of Rimbi Church, Rev. Mufundisi Chikukutu, my namesake, Bill Chibangwa, Balance and Tariro's son, Tariro, Balance's brothers, Promise and Lemukani and a few other people.



Rimbi Church



Church Interior



High Deaconess



Executive Council

Mackenzie Nase, senior at John Stark High School, presented an overview of her senior high school project "Conscientious Consuming," a look at the social, economic impact of what we buy and where we get it from. It was very instructive giving us tips on how to use our buying power to effect positive change. Steve Waters wrote the following article about her talk.

Following the Sunday service today (Feb. 5, 2017), Mackenzie Nase presented her work on ethical purchasing. Her assignment had been the Senior Project, a requirement for seniors at John Stark High School, with an optional topic. Mackenzie's topic choice came from her growing interest in the world around her in general and human rights in particular. To start, a list was made of products and foods she consumed on a regular basis. This was followed with extensive research into the companies that provided these goods. Where did their raw materials come from and what were the employment terms used for the workers that brought those raw materials to the place where they could be manufactured into a usable product or made edible? Mackenzie's research discovered many companies engaged in wages so low as to be unsustainable for a livelihood; others were seen to use ethical practices. The promise for workers that globalization would improve their living standards had not been fulfilled. Her message to us was to practice ethical purchasing. Find out what companies may be seen as ethical and those that are not. Then purchase your needs from the former and boycott the latter.

Mackenzie's report was enlightening to church members in attendance who were urged to investigate the sources of their purchases and practice ethical purchasing. It was hoped more people could have an opportunity to hear this report and act accordingly. Mackenzie plans to pursue her research with college studies beginning in the Fall. Many thanks to Mackenzie for sharing her work.



FAIR LABOR GUIDE			
ETHICAL COMPANIES Patagonia Maggie's Organic Ethic Everyday Shae Fair Trade Winds	COMPANIES TO AVOID Old Navy & Gap New Balance Agricola San Emilio Forever 21 Frito-Lay	DOCUMENTARY MADE IN L.A. by Adam Carolla (Amazon)	
AWESOME RESOURCES https://www.consciousnessworld.com https://www.consciousnessworld.com http://www.thegoodtrade.com			
1 STAY LOCAL Buying local products where your products are made and sold can support small businesses rather than large corporations.	2 RESEARCH Look up the companies that you are buying and where you work!	3 BUY LESS Because more people use your products and services, if you don't need that product.	4 BOYCOTT Use your power as a consumer and stop buying and using items to show your disapproval.

Moderator's Desk

Bryan Terry

Hello from your new church moderator! I want to thank our former moderator, "Peter Cram", for all the great work he has done on behalf of the Deering Community Church. He will stay on as treasurer, and among other things: master breakfast chef and leader of the monthly church clean-up day. He'll continue to work with the trustees in tackling the hard work of maintaining this old church. So, while Peter has handed the baton over to me as moderator, you can be rest assured that he will continue to be a source of knowledge, wisdom and action. Thank you Peter!

As a new moderator, I feel humbled and actually rather vulnerable. This venerable old church building has stood for many years, and has tremendous stories and ministries that have contributed to the ever evolving spirituality and essence of the church. But here at the Deering Community Church, we don't just live in the past, nor can we merely afford to stand still. As Bob Dylan said, "the times, they are a changin'"! Along with society, our church is changing. As is true in many churches throughout the country, our membership has diminished over time. We are "small but mighty", as Steve Waters has said. We need to explore a re-structuring of church committees to see how to best support each other while carrying out the workings of the church in the face of a dwindled congregation. We NEED people to achieve the necessary critical mass of participants to carry out the ministries in our church and for our communities! Rev. Beardslee and the New Day Committee have urged each of us to reach out, become involved, and learn how we can support this effort. We have to 'intentionally' create and strengthen relationships with people. This church must expand beyond its four walls in order to remain alive and vital in this day and age. We must genuinely and perpetually reach out to provide meaningful ministries. In a society facing economic and environmental turmoil, the ravages of war, uncertainty, distrust and greed, the Deering Community Church (and congregation) could be a 'Beacon on the Hill' as we provide a feeling of safety, belonging, and hope while advancing

Christ's ministries of love, and social action.

It would be reasonable to expect a sense of "vulnerability" for both the church and me. But I am reminded of something Rev. Beardslee had quoted in an earlier Newsletter, from the remarkable Brene Brown, which seems to be pertinent right now. "Vulnerability isn't good or bad. Vulnerability is the core of all emotions and feelings... Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, accountability, and sustainability." I'd say that vulnerability is a jumpstart to emotional spiritual and physical growth. We will remain vulnerable as we work together to intentionally support and reach out to all people.

One way to be a better support to each other as well as the community at large is to keep ourselves abreast of what is going on! To that end, the New Day Committee has set up the large bulletin board in Sherwood Hall with various happenings in our church, community and New Day. You are urged to check the bulletin board, the church website and Facebook page, *regularly*. We need to actively participate and "share the Good News"! If anyone has something to share, Pastor Bill would love to hear it! Bill will get news, comments, questions, etc. out to folks through appropriate mediums such as social media, website calendar, church bulletin, or emails via "Constant Contact". We are lucky indeed to have such a dedicated spiritual teacher and pastor who is vested in the use of technology and myriad ways to heighten communication. Rev. Beardslee started an annual tradition, a "Church Planning Retreat" which happened on January 11th. At the retreat, a Master Calendar was created. This calendar can be referenced by church leaders and committees as they make plans to carry out the various responsibilities and ministries of the church. But this calendar is to be used by all of us! You can access it on the church's website, as well as a physical (paper!) one in Sherwood Hall. Updates will go through Bill. A multitude of information is on it, like holidays, town meetings, school vacations, community events in surrounding communities like the 'Balloonfest' or 'Living

Moderator's Desk cont.

Bryan Terry

History Event' in Hillsboro, Weare's Patriotic Day, and so on. Of course the calendar has liturgical dates and church events such as the Chicken BBQ, Church Fair, Women's Guild meetings, special classes or instruction, forums, soiree and concert performances, etc. This robust calendar will prevent over-booking and generally aid in planning while providing greater organization, communication, and an 'intentionality' in what we are doing here in the church and in the surrounding communities.

Wow! What an eye-opener, we really are a busy (and happy) church!

This is an exciting time at the Deering Community Church, the light at the top of the hill! Lots of new things are happening in the church, yet we retain the best of the 'old'. We will always be a caring, welcoming, and active church, as we learn and nurture our yearning for spiritual growth. So, in being true to ourselves, let each and every one of us just go out and "let it shine"!

Treasurer's Report

Peter Cram

First, let me again say thank you to everyone who has been so incredibly generous through the Stewardship Campaign that took place late last year. We count on everyone to do what they can to help our church move forward in these challenging times. As always, you have come through. Budgets this year are very tight, but with everyone's help in keeping costs down, we should be fine.

Having said that, we do have a substantial 'to-be-raised' figure that I'm hoping people will keep in mind. A few extra dollars given regularly can have a substantial impact on reducing that number. I very much appreciate your help.

Moving forward, please know that I will be doing all I can to keep our expenses to only those that are deemed necessary. At the same time, if there are fundraising projects that people are interested in pursuing that can help address our budget shortfalls, please let us know about them! Thanks very much.

THANK YOU MINNIE!

Minnie Constable was a member of the Deering Community Church for many years. Many of us remember her as a faithful member of the Women's Guild, and singing with us in the choir. She enjoyed her church friends and singing hymns so much!

Minnie worked in the accounting department at Harcourt, Brace & Jovanovich, Inc. for 39 years before her retirement in 1968. She lived in Hillsboro House for several years before she passed away back in 2007. She lived to be 103 years old! As Pastor Barbara recollected at her memorial service, up until the end of her long life, her mind stayed very sharp, and her memory was excellent. She had a beautiful memorial service at Hillsboro house on February 21 of that year.

As it turns out, Minnie remembered the Deering Community Church in her will. Her estate wasn't fully settled until just last month, when we were surprised to see a check come to us for \$1,000. It had taken so long for the estate to settle that we ended up receiving almost a hundred dollars in interest!

We remember Minnie fondly, and thank her posthumously for her generosity. Thank you Minnie !



Trustees Report

Jean Lewis

Your Trustees are actively making plans for the next projects which we have on our agenda. We would like to spruce up the narthex, finish projects begun in the ladies' lower level bathroom, improve the appearance of the office area bathroom, get some outside painting done in the spring, and more. It is surprising that as we are ready to begin a new endeavor, something pops up needing immediate attention. Last workday as we began to clean-up from Peter's marvelous breakfast, we found the sink drain leaking. In examining it, we found a mouse family or two had snuggled into that cupboard for

the winter. So it is off to Aubuchon to shop for needed supplies to rectify both situations. Just like at home! However, the more willing hands we have, the easier it all is. Our gratitude to all the faithful who provide their hands, hearts, knowledge, strength and funds to keep our church home the lovely and welcoming place it is. Don't forget the first Saturday of the month----breakfast at 7 and pitching in at 8! Hope to see you then!

With our thanks,

Your Trustees , Tim Ferwerda, Jane Levesque, Jean Lewis

W S & O

Jeanne Bartlett

One Great Hour of Sharing's theme this year is **YOU ARE HERE**. *Just as you did it to the one of least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.* Matthew 25:40

Not just your fellow Christians, but anyone in need, anywhere in the world—these are your sisters, your brothers, your children. Their needs might seem different than the people you worship with on Sunday, but your tangible gifts declare the same message: “I am here.” By reaching out to those who suffer from natural disasters, war or systemic poverty, you let them know that they are not forgotten. Even when the need seems far from here, by acting together as the body of Christ, we are able to be there for members of Christ's family.

March 26, 2017 is the dedication of your gifts for OGHS but donations will be gratefully received before or after this date. Thanks from the **WSO** committee: Jeanne Bartlett, Peg Hauschildt, Don and Jean Johnson, and Lee and Christine Marcroft.



Pictures of the Inauguration vigil on Jan 20th at City Hall in Concord. There were over 100 people there...including quite a few people from the UCC conference.

Lee and Christine Marcroft were part of a panel discussion at the UCC church in West Lebanon on January 29th. The congregation is working very hard on becoming an Open and Affirming congregation and had invited individuals to speak about their own experiences. It was a very moving time, and it seems that they are close to voting on this very important issue. Lee and Christine were happy to share their story and answer questions. Let us pray for this congregation! Pictures by the Marcrofts.



Musical Notes

Jane Waters

The big news for this report falls on the heels of a joyful and fun-filled Soiree on February 10th at 7 PM. A nice-sized and enthusiastic audience came from Deering, Hillsboro, Hopkinton, Weare, and Robin Hill Farm. Following was a well-attended reception. Sam Kelly was the chairman and emcee. The performers were:

Steve Waters setting the stage with a couple of piano solos

Reggie Gerbert (Methodist Church) singing spiritual messages accompanied on his guitar

Lorraine Meyette (Weare), playing the flute, telling jokes, and getting us all to sing "We Shall Overcome"

Brian Blanchard (Methodist Church) songs with guitar

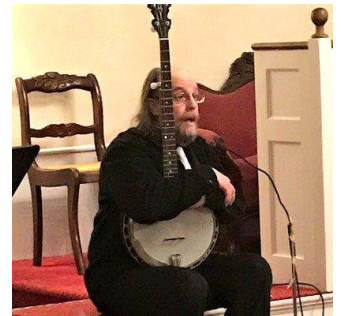
Sam Kelly, banjo and vocals

Chorus from our own choir with two Community Chorus holdovers, Paula Fortner and Tom DeLisle

"Two Thorns and a Rose": Bob Pope, guitar, Lisa Greenleaf, guitar, and Peter Cram, bass guitar. Their songs brought forth much audience participation.

Bob Santagata sang two Buddy Holly songs with his dramatic verve.

All in all, this was about as nice a way to spend a winter's eve as it gets. It felt more like a community song fest than a performance. So much fun! Pictures by Christine Marcroft and Steve Waters..



Lent will be upon us on March 1st to be followed by special music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday, April 16th. We are pleased to welcome new member, Stan Long, bass, to the choir. Finally, in May, choir members will be participating in an ecumenical choir performance to celebrate the Plymouth Congregational Church 25th ONA anniversary.

Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner & June Holm

Despite the winter weather, the Guild was able to hold both the January and February meetings on the first Wednesday of the months. We had our lunches and then enjoyed delicious cakes celebrating the birthdays of Charlotte Price and Marian Sullivan. We had our devotions, caught up on missing members, and then started our business meetings.

After the Summer Fair, we made an additional \$109 selling leftover fair goods, bean soup kits, jams, etc. We cleaned up some of our remaining attic treasures from our fair and Jane Waters took things to the New Life Thrift Shop in Henniker to sell for the church. All proceeds would be divided between the Woman's Guild and Deering Church. The thrift shop's hours are Monday 10 to 2, Wednesday 1 to 5, Friday 10 to 2 and Saturday 10 to 1. There was talk of perhaps putting together a cookbook for sale as a fund raiser.

In addition, we are planning on the following sales in 2017: Columbus Day Sale, October 7, 2017, 9am to 2pm; Christmas Day Shopping, December 2nd from 9am to 2 pm with a raffle and a kids raffle. We are looking into being added to the Hillsboro Old Fashioned Christmas Map to bring more people to us. Joyce and Jeanne will approach the Council about allowing us to open an Attic Treasures Store

in our church the last Saturday of each month when the town hall is open. The hours would be 9am to 12 noon with two people at the store when open. Those at the meeting volunteered to do one or two Saturdays a year. Betty and any other volunteers would help to clean items up for sale in the basement back room and go through all new items donated for this effort. We will be taking in new contributions from people the same days we are open to sell things in order to have some fresh stock to sell. It would be a rolling stock of new and prior donated items for sale each month. Jane Waters asked the Guild to set up a fund for concerts to bring in musicians. A motion was made and seconded but it was tabled until we get some input from Hazel in March.

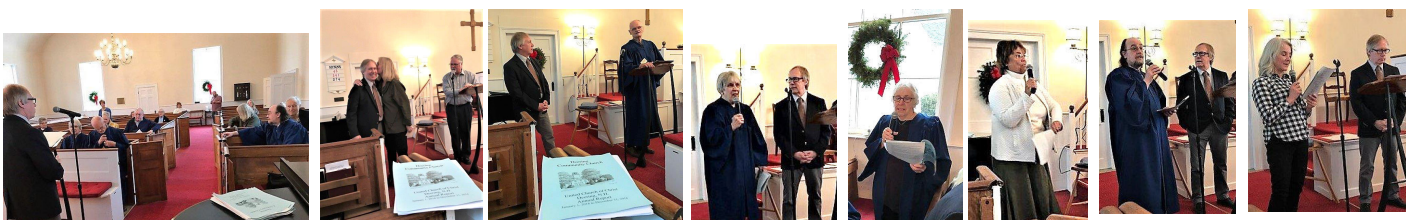
We had a speaker, Kate Boucher, on depth and breadth of the MAX Meditation System. The group Meditation class at Deering Church is on Wednesday 10:30 am and Chi-Do moving meditation at 9:30 am, and then Fridays at 7:30 pm. Classes are led by Kate and Brandon Boucher and the costs are \$10 for MAX Meditation classes and \$5 for Chi-Do classes.

Our next meetings are March 1st and April 5th at noon in the church hall. Bring your bag lunch.

Annual Meeting

Christine Marcroft

Our annual meeting, held on Sunday January 22nd, was well attended despite the weather and covered lots of ground and new initiatives. A complete version of the annual report is available on our church website, www.deeringcommunitychurch.org. Hard copies are available through the office or outside the sanctuary on the table. Here are some photos by Christine Marcroft of the event. Peter, getting a kiss, passed his Moderator's baton to Bryan Terry. Peter was presented with an award for his stellar service. Others presented their reports and comments.



For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantries. Joyce Peace suggests the following for March and April.

Hillsboro: There is need for small cans of meat for **April**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and paper products for **March**, such as toilet tissue, paper towels, tissues and so forth, but each week we welcome whatever food or personal-care items you have to bring. The Food Pantry is 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



MARCH

Esther McLain, 11
Timothy Ferwerda, 31

APRIL

Robert Compton, 7
Jeanne Bartlett, 16
Jane Spragg, 28

Happy Anniversary

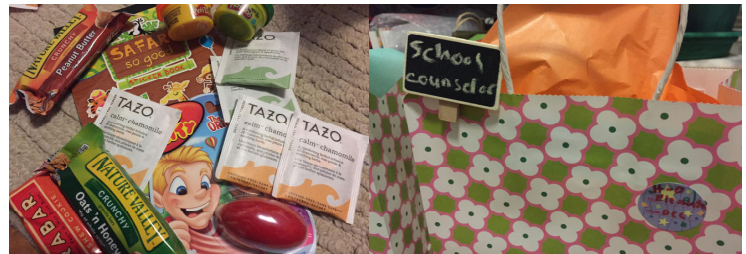
No Anniversaries these months



New Day Outreach

by Chris Nase

February 6 -10 was National School Counseling week recognizing the work school counselors do to support and help students. Care bags were delivered to school counselors on behalf of the Deering Community Church at the three schools in Weare and the three schools in Deering.



Christian Education

By Chris Nase

On March 26 we will be holding a luncheon discussion about Earth Day and ways we will recognize this day. On April 30 we will host a luncheon discussion about the Holocaust.

Also please check out the new offerings of Adult and Tot Yoga, Chi-Do Movement, MAX Meditation and Mini Me workshops as listed on the calendar.



March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 1 Guild @ Noon Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm service	 2 Choir Practice 7 pm <u>each</u> <u>Thursday</u>	3 7:30 pm MAX Meditation each Fri.	4 Breakfast 7 am, Workday 8 to 10 am
5 9 am Choir 10 am Worship & Communion 11:30 Lenten Discussion	6 Adult & Tot Yoga 10:30 am each Monday	7 Council 7 pm	8 Chi-Do Movement 9:30 am, Max Meditation 10:30 am <u>each</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	9 New Day Committee, 4:30 pm	10	11 Clocks move forward 1 hour
12 10 am Worship Daylight Savings time begins	13	14	15 Trustees 7 pm	16	17	18 8 am Adult & Tot Yoga. 2 pm Mini Me Yoga workshop
19 10 am Worship 3 pm Pflag Concord	 20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship , C E Luncheon Discussion	27	28 Council Leadership, 5 pm Deacons 7 pm	29	30	31	



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 am Worship & Communion	3	4	5 	6  Choir Practice 7 pm <u>each</u> <u>Thursday</u>	7	8
9 10 am Worship, Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Chi-do 9:30 Max Med 10:30 -Weds. WS&O 7 pm	13 New Day 4:30 -6 pm. Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	14 Good Friday	15 8 am Adult & Tot Yoga, 2 pm Mini Me Yoga Workshop
16 10 am Worship, Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Trustees 7 pm	20	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 Earth Day
23 10 am Worship	24	25 Council Leadership 5pm Deacons 7 pm	26	27	28	29
30 10 am Worship. CE Luncheon Discussion						

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