

D⁺eering Community Church

The Newsletter



Worship & Spiritual Life Ministry

July, August, 2018



Worship & pastoral Life:

Dear Deering Community Church, UCC and Friends,

The Summer is busy, but then again, this church is always busy, always engaged, always living and learning in faith. I just hope folks also pause to breathe, to see, to

contemplate the beauty and wonder of God's creation (including us) that constantly and consistently changes before our very eyes, in our very lives. Few of us do not know the challenges and pains of aging, illness, and death. Few of us do not know how life can change in an instant from some unexpected life happening, perceived by us as bad or good.

IMPERMANENCE stands as one of the profound Four Noble Truths of Buddhist teaching. "...Impermanence comes to manifestation in our inescapable mortality, our condition of being bound to aging, sickness, and death, of possessing a body that is subject "to being worn and rubbed away, to dissolution and disintegration"... The Buddha's teaching discloses the radical impermanence uncovered only by sustained attention to experience in its living immediacy: the fact that all the constituents of our being, bodily and mental, are in constant process, arising and passing away in rapid succession from moment to moment without any persistent underlying substance." <https://tricycle.org/magazine/impermanence-and-four-noble-truths/>

If IMPERMANENCE were all there was it might be pretty depressing. Some Christians have a somewhat morbid propensity to focus on

impermanence through their emphasis on the extreme sinfulness of creation and humanity. They turn life on earth into a vale of tears, an endless place of suffering. Then "heaven" becomes the goal, one-way salvation a guarantee of our place there. Earth, here and now, becomes an afterthought, expendable.

Buddha recognized the role of suffering in life too as did Jesus. However, they both recognized that beside suffering and impermanence there is love. The Four Noble Truths lead to an embrace of "the Four Boundless States—equanimity, loving kindness, deep compassion, delight." Jesus teaches it is love of God, neighbor and self that leads to the manifestation of the kin-dom on earth, here and now.

Adjusting our attitude toward our experiences of suffering and impermanence goes a long way toward a life full of equanimity, loving kindness, deep compassion, and delight. We recognize the cross (suffering) is a part of life yet our suffering can be transformational.

When children are separated from their parents and caged we see clearly how the world has gone



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Rev. Bill Beardslee

mad. When we live in a perpetual state of war preparation and war making we've betrayed the deepest values of our faith. Pausing to reestablish our connection with God and each other is critical and imperative to keep us sane and focused on what is real. We must never be so busy we lose this. It's no small accomplishment to recognize the reality of suffering and impermanence and at the same time embrace the kindom values of love, especially when the world needs us so intensely. We're a small church. That is both blessing and challenge. The blessing is it allows more spiritual connectedness, time to consider the lilies of the field and the least among us, as Jesus instructs. The challenge lies in not having enough people to engage in what we envision, need, and desire to be and do as a church thus getting caught up in busyness. May our days, months and years ahead give us pause and give us the fire of engagement and resistance to the decay of civility and right human relationship while maintaining our connectedness, loving kindness, deep compassion and delight. Peace.

WSLM: Happenings

Rev Bill Beardslee



I am so delighted to announce a warm welcome to Ms Diane Seabury to the office as our new Administrative Assistant. Diane hales from Manchester. She is a wife and mom of two sons and is the part-time Assistant with the First Congregational Church of Pembroke. She comes with a host of knowledge about the church and its office functions as well as skills that are most suitable for what we need. Please welcome Diane when you see her. She begins with us on July 3 and will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

WSLM: Moderator's Desk

Bryan Terry

The Deering Community Church has been as busy as it ever has! All Ministry areas have been active, providing great rewards to our congregation and communities. It is with tremendous pride that I urge you to take the time to read the various ministry areas' reports, check out photos, up-coming events and all calendar postings. It will be there that you will see the heart of the church. We are 'a buzz' with activities – some fun – and some that require deep thought, reflection, or plain old-fashioned 'work'! The following is just a sampling...

We have an abundance of traditional as well as newer events happening this summer! You really do need to check the calendar or refer to this newsletter, so beautifully put together by Barbara Glauner, to stay on top of these events. There will also be 'Bits 'n Pieces' from Pastor Bill online, Facebook postings from your Vice-Moderator, Deanna Raenz, or from the Greater Hillsborough Area Chamber of Commerce e-blasts &/or Weekly Highlights for you to stay 'current'. You will also note a variety of events in all the Ministry Areas, so please do read thoroughly!

Something to note, that is a combination of new and old(er), is that this year's **Summer Faire** will be hosted by a partnership of the Women's Guild and Church/Community members. This should be a wonderful opportunity to pull in members of the church that are not in the Guild, as well as bringing more community members to 'the table', so to speak. While the Guild has always hosted superb 'Fairs' in the past, they deserve more support from our church. Guild President, Jeanne Bartlett, and Guild/church members such as Hazel Vogelien, Betty Dishong, Jane Waters, Kay Daniels, Joyce Peace, Carol Hubert, Pasca Ferwerda, Barbara Glauner, Priscilla Beaudrault and Jane Levesque

WSLM: Moderator's Desk, cont.

Bryan Terry

deserve our sincere thanks for all the work they have exerted over the years for prior Fairs. Jam making by Christine Marcroft and others from the church, have helped considerably. But it is time to make an 'intentional' partnership where the burden of the planning and hosting of this major fundraising event can be shared. This is a work in progress, where together, we hope to accomplish an even more successful Fair that will be fun for all, rather than a drain on too few people to put on. This is an important fund-raising event for our church and the Guild. Please keep your eyes out for ways you can support us in this endeavor, especially buying raffle tickets, and bringing friends to the Fair! **What a boon for us to have such fabulous raffle prizes to offer as a week's stay during the 2019 Season on Deering Lake at the Hoffman-Stowe cottage! Thank you Priscilla and Art! We also have an Intel i7 laptop, that would be the envy of all laptop users!** Please help us sell thousands of raffle tickets to friends, family and yourselves!

There will be a **"Deering Community Church Film Festival"** brought to us by Jack and Carol Hubert, with instrumental help from Don and Keith Johnson. Movies and following heartfelt discussions will be held on August 17th and 24th @ 7:00p with 'popcorn and punch' provided. I know that the films shared by the Johnson's for many years in their barn, had been something to look forward to each Summer. We hope to be able to come close to reviving such an interest in thought-provoking films at our church, for all church and community members.

Peter Cram continues to provide nourishment to **the first Saturday of the month 'Church Work Days'** at 7:00a with a host of various church 'up-keep' or maintenance tasks, as well as unusual cleaning, outdoor or painting opportunities. In fact, we will be continuing to paint the exterior of the church this summer and Fall. Many hands make 'light the work'...as you know!

All Ministry areas are working to fulfill their mission and

vision statements. We would love to hear from anyone wishing to share their time with our lovely and energetic children which we are so blessed to have in our church. If you are interested in hearing or sharing ideas with regards to the 'Christian Formation Ministry', please contact Chris Nase, Bill, Deanna or me! Folks interested in learning more about ways to enhance our church's Stewardship ministry, please contact Peter Cram, Pastor or your Moderator and Vice-Moderator. Any questions or thoughts on any of our ministries are sought and will be heard with compassionate ears. Please do share with any of our Ministry Coordinators or with Rev. Beardslee: Resource Ministry: Peter Cram

Outreach Ministry: Jeanne Bartlett

Pastor Parish Relations Ministry: Peg Hauschildt

Worship and Spiritual Life (including Deacons)- Bryan Terry and Deanna Raenz

Christian Formation: Chris Nase

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the people who make this church the only church where I can find true spiritual and emotional support that feels genuine. I need a church where discussions enable people to express thoughts, questions, fears, joys, hopes, hurt and love... and will be heard. I need support and guidance in my quest for spiritual understanding. Don't you? Rev. Bill Beardslee provides such meaningful, pertinent sermons and always piques my interest in historical, societal and everyday issues. The people who participate in worship or any aspect of church activities and events, and each of you (near and far) who have ever been a part of this church, have all flavored who I am, and where I am on my Spiritual and Life journey. Thank you all, for your honest dedication to the mission and ministries that this church stands for. Thank you for the work and love you demonstrate. It is my fervent wish that your energy will continue to spread the love and joy that Jesus wants for all the world. Let your perpetual lights shine!

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Deering Community Church Summer Fair Raffle

**#1: A WEEK'S VACATION
AT A COTTAGE ON
BEAUTIFUL DEERING LAKE**

#2: A LAPTOP COMPUTER

**Drawing Sat August 11, 2018 at 2 pm
Tickets: \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00**

Raffle tickets support charities and efforts of both the Deering Community Church and the Deering Women's Guild. This "Summer Faire" on August 11th is the main fund raising event for both organizations. Please support our efforts, buy lots of raffle tickets and come to the Faire! Thank you so much for all your support and enjoy the day.

WSLM: Musical Notes

Jane Waters

The seasonal farewell to regular choir gatherings on Thursday evening has various repercussions. The feeling we won't have to go out for rehearsal is a welcome change and lessens our busy schedule. Then there is a sense we'll miss being together preparing Sunday's anthem and enjoying each other's company. After all, singing is fun and we are a team! Now that July and August will feature a "pick-up choir" to sing for Sunday worship, we are blessed to add a few summer residents and welcome back Stuart Huggard when he is visiting.

Our potluck-hymn sing on May 18 was very well attended and enjoyed by all. It was nice our two choirs could sing together with their director, Linda Bissonette accompanying on the piano. We were pleased to have Jon and Heather Daley come with their six talented and charming children who sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" as a special treat. Plans for another hymn sing to be at Smith in October are TBA.

Finally, we had the meaningful opportunity to sing June 17, Father's Day, when our beloved former Pastor Barbara Luckett preached before she moved to California. We welcomed back most fondly her son, Jason, to sing and play for the offertory. Needless to say, this will be a bitter-sweet time for us as we bid her a fond farewell. Our love will follow her wherever she goes.

I want to acknowledge the resignation from choir by Betty Dishong and to thank her for her many years dedicated to singing in the choir.

Remember to mark your calendar for Monadnock Music piano trio concert on July 1, @ 3:00 PM. The concert schedule for that performance can be found on their website — info@monadnockmusic.org. Our town chair is Ray Petty. They are scheduled to play music by Pierre Jalbert, Heitor Villa-Lobos and Frederic Chopin. This concert is in memory of former member Arthur Walmsley.



Resource Ministry: Facilities Mgt. Team

Jean Lewis

Greetings to all from your Facilities Management Team. It is our charge to oversee the maintenance indoors and outside of our Church's physical facilities. With generous assistance of so many talented persons, we are frequently able to accomplish the majority of tasks on our own. We do gather quotes and hire professionals as may be necessary. FIRST SATURDAYS 8 am UNTIL 10 am FOR WORK is when it happens!! However the strength to work comes from our amazing 7 am breakfasts prepared by our own Peter Cram plus most enjoyable social time!

This month there was gardening (weeding), meticulous replacement of the bases of the lamp posts--please look at the handiwork, and the heroic climb to the steeple by 2 brave creative men to install materials to stop water leaks which had been causing damage. The air conditioner was installed in Pastor Bill's office and miscellaneous tasks completed. We would like to emphasize that there is always plenty for all to do--large and small, and the smiles and creativity are most welcome.

The painting will again begin in order to preserve the outside beauty of our historic church home. There are jobs for ALL!! Please come and lend your assistance and talents---the more the merrier, and the more quickly this is accomplished. A great thanks to all and we look forward to the next work days of July 7th and August 4th !! See you then, even if you come to cheer us on, or be a 'go fer'.

Your Team: Peter Cram, Tim Ferwerda, Jane Levesque, Jean Lewis.

Guild Gleanings

Barbara Glauner

The Woman's Guild members met in May and June on the first Wednesday of each month at noon for lunch and a meeting. A hostess provided birthday cake and coffee.

We have been working on a number of things. The Thrift Shop or Deering Attic Treasures has been running well and it was decided to keep it open every Saturday morning starting in June. Also, the Guild is supportive of the Little Free Pantry project spearheaded locally by Genera Clay. There will be a kiosk for this purpose located on church grounds to the left of the church. For information on this cause go to Google: little free pantry.

The major focus recently has been to work on organizing the Summer Faire with the church which is on Saturday, August 11th. Bryan Terry, church moderator, will be chairmen of this event along with Betty Dishong taking a leadership role for the Guild's part in the fair proceedings. Raffle tickets for two prizes, an Intel i7 laptop computer and a week's vacation at a home on Lake Deering, were designed by Bill Glauner and produced by Barbara Glauner in time for the start of ticket sales at the annual Deering plant sale on June 2nd. In addition to the regular June 6th Guild meeting, an extra meeting was held on June 20th at noon with lunch and continued discussion of Summer Faire plans and new ideas. In addition to our regular Faire offerings for this year, we will have vendors at the

Faire : Mill Site Studios, Dollar Shy Farm, and Genera Clay who will be providing chair massages as a vendor. June Holm will contact other vendors. June Holm has offered to make a "Summer Faire" banner, 72" x 34" with the church and the Guild splitting the cost, and we might ask the town if it could be displayed on the town green as a possibility. Barbara Glauner will produce the Summer Faire posters in full size and quarter size for advertising the event as well as a charitable giving poster for the Guild to show what we support with our earnings.

The next scheduled meeting will be moved from July 4th to July 18th, with no meeting on the 4th. There is no meeting in August, since we will be working on the Faire set up with the church. There may be other unscheduled meetings to work on the Faire, so keep your eyes open for those announcements. We will be selling raffle tickets at the Balloon Festival in Hillsboro from July 12th through July 15th, so everyone sign up to take turns & help out for the long days at our table there at Grimes Field. If you are new to local communities or ready to branch out to meet more women around you, please consider dropping into one of our meetings, the first Wednesday of the month at noon. We would love to have you join us, as we are always looking for new friends. Bring your own bag lunch to the parish hall in Deering Church.

OCM: Forums

Don Johnson

The Outreach & Communications Ministry will offer two forums this summer, supported by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

The first will be held on **August 19th** after church. The featured speaker will be Steve Collins a well known actor who will play the part of Walt Whitman. He will read from his store house of American poetry and offer insights into the mind of "America's poet."

The second forum is scheduled for **September 9th**, also after church. Prof Alan Sokol will speak about his book *All Eyes Are Upon Us; Race and Politics From Boston to Brooklyn*. Copies of Prof. Sokol's book will be on sale.

These forums are held starting at 11:30 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy these forums.

OCM: World Service

Jeanne Bartlett

Outreach Ministry has had a very full agenda giving careful attention to many areas of Outreach: **Free Community BBQ** held in our charming pavilion with two expert chicken grillers at attention, water on to boil the farm stand corn on the cob, and many side dishes coming in the hands of the eighty odd people we expect on July 28. **Forums** planned for August and September secured with a generous grant from *NH Humanities to Go* have been formalized. (See calendar for time and dates), Support and budget is in place to continue supplying **food bags for teens** at the Hillsborough youth drop-in center. Ministry members are in the process, and some have done so, of attending obligatory orientation sessions to continue being visitors to the **women's prison**, now located in Concord. Keeping aware of our status as an **Open and Affirming** church our members are faithful to

needs and activities within the LGBTQ community. Our **partnership with UCCZ in Rimbi, Zimbabwe** continues and we are pleased to learn that their delegate group will include more diversity as they apply for visas to visit our area. Our newest member, Genara Clay has brought us news of her involvement in the **Poor Peoples Campaign in NH**, a national call for moral revival, attending and taking nonviolent direct action at the State House steps in Concord. We also learned about plans of a kiosk for a **Little Free Pantry** designated to be located beside the church. We plan and hope for a second location on town property in the future. Look for this item on our town warrant next March, 2019! The special mission campaign in May, **Strengthen the Church**, brought in \$412.00.

Thank You!!

Pastor-Parish Relations Ministry

Peg Hauschildt

Ministry Members: Pasca Ferwerda, Joyce Peace, Bryan Terry, Jeanne Bartlett, Pastor Bill, and Peg Hauschildt.

Our group has established a process to receive valuable feedback regarding important aspects of our church life. Four Discussion/Feedback meetings have been scheduled and each member of our congregation was urged to sign up for one of the meetings.

Questions were developed to cover a wide range of topics to be addressed by participants during the Discussion/Feedback meetings. The meetings are facilitated and recorded by members of the PPRM. Guidelines for healthy, open, honest communication are reviewed at the beginning of each meeting. All participants are encouraged to describe their own experience and to listen attentively to one another. The purpose is not to problem solve during these meetings; however, if there is a concern raised that needs attention right away, it will be noted and shared with the appropriate Ministry or person. The participant responses from all of the meetings will be summarized and reported to the congregation. We anticipate that the feedback gathered through this process will strengthen our church community now as well as in the future.

“Good feedback is to our community life what breathing and eating are to our biological lives!”
(Statement by David R. McMahon)

OCM: Gay Pride Events NH

Christine Marcroft

Concord Pride was very well attended and a lot of fun! The Gay Men's Chorus performed with gusto and other musical entertainment was offered. There were at least 15 vendors, among them our PFLAG with literature and colorful buttons and First Church (UCC) from Manchester. Annie Kuster stopped by....



OCM: Gay Pride Events

Christine Marcroft

The service at Old South Church, Boston, before the march is always so uplifting! Outside the crowds were gathering with music, floats and wonderful costumes! A lot of proud and happy people!!



Deanna and Michele Reanz and Aaron and Robert Gill shared their Stories to a packed house of growing up gay , their experiences at work, and how they met their spouses . Good Q&A ensued!



The ONA Mission Committee is working on the ONA Gathering scheduled for April 6, 2019 at First Church in Manchester. There will be a key note speaker, workshops, music by the gay Men's Chorus and lunch. More details as the day of the event gets closer.

OCM: For Your Information

Food Pantries

We continue to collect alternating weekly donations of non-perishable food and personal & household supplies for the Food Pantries.

Hillsboro: There is need for small cans of meat & fish for **August**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and soap products for **July**, such as soaps, shampoos, dish soaps, & laundry soaps, but each week you're welcome to bring whatever 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,



JULY

Jean Lewis, 4

Riley Vitkauskas, 9

Donald Johnson, 14

Elizabeth Dishong, 16

Christine Hague, 19

AUGUST

Leroy Marcroft, 10

Patricia Finn, 25

Kathleen Daniels, 26

Robert Fuller, 27

Happy Anniversary

JULY

Carol & Jack Hubert, 8

Christine & Paul Hague, 20

Marjorie & Henry Weeden, 29

AUGUST

Jane & Stephen Waters, 8

UKAMA notes:

After the first list of delegates from Zimbabwe, due to arrive in October this year, was deemed not suitable, the second roster of delegates was accepted at the last meeting of the Ukama Mission Group. It was decided that the group of delegates should include lay, trade people and teachers rather than clergy only. The mission group is now working on the schedule for the visitors which includes the attendance of the New Hampshire UCC Annual Meeting in October as well as plans for Ukama Sunday, most likely on October 28. There are 14 hosting churches involved as well as non-hosting churches who have expressed interest in some interchange with a delegate – Deering among them. All information about that will follow.

Esther McLain, long time member and friend of Deering Community Church and Deering Woman's Guild died June 18, 2018. She



celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and friends on March 11th, 2018 at Presidential Oaks Nursing home where she lived. It was Esther's wish to have her funeral-memorial service at her beloved church, and so we remembered her on Saturday, June 23rd at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Worship & communion Monadnock Music 3 pm	2	3 10 am Council Leadership	4 	5	6	7 7 am breakfast, 8 to 10 am workday 9 am—Attic Treasurers
8 10 am Worship	9	10 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Council	11 7 pm World Service	12	13	14 Attic Treasurers 9 am to 1 pm
15 10 am Worship Pflag 3 pm Concord	16	17	18  Guild @ Noon	19	20	21 Attic Treasurers 9 am to 1 pm
22 10 am Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28 Attic Treasurers, 9 am to 1 pm Chicken Barbecue, 1 to 3 pm
29 10 am Worship	30	31 7 pm Deacons				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Guild @ noon	2	3	4 7 am Breakfast, 8 to 10 am Workday
5 10 am Worship & Communion	6	7 10 am Council Leadership	8	9	10	11 Summer Faire, 9 am to 2 pm 
12 10 am Worship	13	14 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Council	15 7 pm World Service	16	17 DCC Film Festival, 7 pm	18
19 10 am Worship, & Humanities Forum on Whitman 3 pm PFlag	20	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 DCC Film Festival, 7 pm	25 Guild Thrift Shop, 9 am to 1 pm
26 10 am Worship	27	28 7 pm Deacons	29	30	31	Labor Day weekend starts September 1

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RAIN OR SHINE
1 TO 3 PM**

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Gather With Members, Friends and Neighbors
for Fun and Games
Questions? Call the church at 464-5643

**Deering Community Church
RAFFLE TICKETS**

**\$3 PER TICKET
\$10 FOR FOUR TICKETS**

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WEARE FOOD PANTRY
LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS BASKETS
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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
DEERING COMMUNITY CHURCH
PLEDGE
WOMAN'S GUILD OF DCC CHARITIES
GREATER HILLSBORO SENIOR
SERVICES
DEERING POLICE CADET PROGRAM
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SCHOLARSHIP
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