

Deering Community Church

The Newsletter



Thoughts from the Pastor's Pen September, October, 2019



Dear Deering Community Church, UCC and Friends,
SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019,

August, yes, August. Time. Fleeting. Slow. Fast. Non-existent.

We plant, tend and watch a flower or plant struggle. It

breaks ground, unfurls and reaches for the warmth of the sun in a triumphant gesture of beauty. Anyone who plants, tends, sows and reaps the fruit of their planting, sees and knows this process. For it is the process of all living things.

It is the same with a child. One day she cries at our knee, perhaps frightened, perhaps wounded from a fall, hurt by a hurled word of cruelty from another. She grasps, gasps, stutters, reaches for nurture and the sure comfort of protection, assurance, embrace... Love. Anyone who has tended a child sees and knows this process. Anyone who's been a child, raised a child, cared for a child knows. There is fierceness in this Love and caring that transcends any other kind of love. At our best we protect our children like a bear protects her cubs. It is primal, instinctual, and hopefully thoughtful and kind.

Now join me on an imaginative journey of contemplation. Imagine you as a child, or your own child, or loved one as a child, held in the cradle of family, going along, growing, playing, dealing with the things that need tending. You feel that love but you also sense the fear and terror of living in a situation where safety does not exist for your child or yourself. It is war or fear of gang violence, threats to the cradle of your family. Now your parent, parents or caretaker, decide it is SAFER to dare to leave this situation to take you somewhere safer. They gather you and some of the family belongings and you run. You travel hundreds of miles braving

heat, cruel people who exact payment of all kinds to assist your family. They stick you in soiled trucks and vans, some overstuffed with people. You walk through deserts. You're parched, thirsty, hungry, tired, aching. You walk through rivers until finally you reach what your adults feel is safety, the possibility of a new life, new opportunity ... HOPE. Your loved ones have risked EVERYTHING to get here.

Suddenly, there swoops in alien, ominous, frightening people in strange uniforms carrying guns. While you are clinging to your father's leg, grasping for your mother's hand, you are ripped, torn, pulled and pushed away from your loved ones. Separated. You watch in horror as your father or mother or both get handcuffed and dragged to waiting vehicles even as you are scooped up and taken to a cage. You have no working knowledge to understand what has just happened. You've no idea what has happened to your parents nor do they have any idea what has happened to you. You, as they, feel the deepest terror and fear you've ever felt, even more so than in your old home. Now you have absolutely nothing. You are alone.

Friends, there is no question that what is happening on our borders and what is being asked of us, is complicated. Yet how can we NOT feel



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Thoughts from the Pastor's Pen

Rev Bill Beardslee

heartbroken, helpless, and infuriated? How can we not personalize this situation, so real and so heart-rending for so many? Why do you think these parents and individuals dare such suffering and loss? Why would they choose to endure the hardship, danger and risk to come to this land of hoped for freedom and opportunity? For most it is because this land of immigrants, each and everyone of us, excepting the Indigenous Nations peoples, has been and is a beacon of hope, freedom and opportunity. Lady Liberty stands tall, torch held high, for the tired, tried masses.

The New Colossus, by Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

What are we as Christians, as people of conscience and good will, going to DO my friends, for the betrayal of Lady Liberty, for the betrayal of all that is and has been the best our beloved country?

There is an initiative afoot to act for the plight of our children (for all children are OUR children) their parents and their loved ones. Speak to me if you are at all interested.

Wishing you Peace and an Unsettled Conscience.

Moderator's Corner

Bryan Terry

What's new? How're you doing? We love to hear from folks that we haven't seen in a while. It is good that we care about each other and want to get caught up on what's happening with each other. If you want to know anything about the folks at the Deering Community Church, how the church is doing and what's going on, then the Newsletter is a great source to do just that! You can also stay current with Facebook postings as well as the church's wonderful website, complete with a calendar of events and links to this and past Newsletters. We hope to *hear from you* sometime too! It is with great pride that we share our goings on with you!

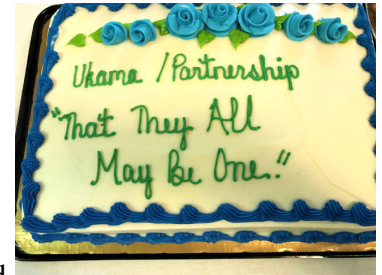
Besides having a hugely successful Summer Faire and Annual Chicken BBQ this summer, we actually had a genuine Council Meeting right after church for congregants to see and participate in. Painting the church, creating a “Safe Church Policy”, Children's Newsletters, Forums and more – are a bit of the ‘goings on’ at the DCC this summer. All ministry areas have been busily carrying out their mission statements and ministries, which you will note in their respective articles. As always, we have been a tremendously busy church!

One thing I was particularly moved by this past summer, was hosting Rev. Dr. Kennedy Gondongwe from Zimbabwe. Many people got a chance to speak to Dr. Kennedy during the lovely reception we held in his honor. His frequent and delightful response of “WOW!” just reinforced the many things we should be

Moderators Corner

Bryan Terry

grateful for here in beautiful Deering and in this Country. We learned of the strife and yet also the hope of the people in Zimbabwe. Through his sermon and when Rev. Dr. Gondongwe spoke afterwards, we learned of the severe shortage of water, electricity, food, roads and infrastructure in Zimbabwe. The lack of such things is sadly commonplace in too many areas of the world. Dr. Kennedy reminded us of our responsibility to love and help each other, to always show forgiveness, and to provide hope. Instead of hoarding and coveting the precious food and water we have been graced with... we were told that we all need to “dig deeper wells”. Won’t you join us in finding ways to dig?



Opportunities to learn and to grow spiritually, as well as ways to serve our neighbors, abound in the upcoming months. It is up to each of us to reach out and discover how we can help each other. Let us know of ways we might be able to help you or someone else in the community. Please keep us informed. You can email or call the office, any ministry coordinator, Bill or me. Let us all keep our ears, minds and hearts open to the Holy Spirit.

Under the spiritual guidance of our Pastor Bill Beardslee and with the help of community friends and support from the Women’s Guild, we continue to reach out to numerous non-profit organizations and people in need. We can only truly “*be the church*” by behaving and *doing* just as Jesus taught us through his actions. As the days grow crisper, let us take time to reflect on all we have to be grateful for. Let us feel the love God has freely graced us with. But let us also spread that love to all. Spread your love lights...

Pastor Parish Relations

Peg Hauschildt

Members: Pastor Bill Beardslee, Jeanne Bartlett, Pasca Ferwerder, Peg Hauschildt, Joyce Peace, Bryan Terry.

Mission statement: The Pastor Parish Relations Committee covenants with the Deering Community Church to support and sustain connection and communication between the Pastor and the congregation through kind collaborative listening, education and ongoing mutual evaluation for a healthy community.

The Pastor Parish Relations Ministry met on August 11, 2019. We reviewed a NH Conference of the United Church of Christ resource titled MINISTERS SERVING IN PART-TIME SETTINGS. It described the importance of setting realistic expectations for the congregation when their Pastor’s Call Agreement is based on a half-time position. The document defined a “scope of work” for the Part-time Pastor Position.

PPRM cont.

We had the opportunity to discuss Pastor Bill's time commitment related to preparation of Sunday worship, which includes selecting scripture and hymns as well as writing prayers and the sermon. The members of our Ministry expressed appreciation to Pastor Bill for consistently providing

our congregation with an excellent service. We will continue the discussion regarding the scope of work at our next meeting, scheduled September 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Hauschildt, PPRM Coordinator

Council Report

Chris Nase

Council – *To represent and serve the congregation, using deliberate action, collaboration and leadership. Council members carry out the functional and ministerial working of the church to build a faith-based community of Christ love.*

The Council met on July 21, 2019 and August 13, 2019. The July 21st meeting was held directly after the church service and all members were invited to stay and witness the Council meeting in action. The Faire preparation was a key area mentioned. Electricity has been added to the pavilion and at the half-way point in the year our budget is at 45%. The Safe Church Policy was explained and reviewed with all present. Copies of the policy are available at church and can be emailed as well. Please read the policy and send questions to Bill, Chris, Jess or Amanda.

Information about the August 13th meeting will be included in the next newsletter. Our next meeting is September 10, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Christian Education

Carol & Jack Hubert

To provide educational opportunities to build evolving, caring, spiritual relationships between God, neighbor and self, based on biblical foundations, and thought-provoking activities.

Sundays have been busy this summer at morning service. We have had the joy of children among us. And they truly add to our church family.

I have tried to coordinate the children's message with the morning's scripture to make the service as integrated as possible.

Each child receives his own newsletter/bulletin, as well as helping to bring the food donation basket for its blessing. We will celebrate our children on Sept. 8 at our special Homecoming Sunday.

Jack presented an after-service thoughts and discussion program about science and religion on August 18.

Deanna Raenz works with a program for teen-aged boys called 'Wediko'. Encouragement cards have been purchased and signed for the boys in the program. This effort was coordinated with the Outreach Ministry.

We are developing two other programs for next year for consideration at our October Planning Meeting.

Thanks to Chris Nase, April Craighead, and Bryan Terry for their advice and support.

Guild Gleanings

Jeanne Bartlett

The purpose of this organization shall be to enrich the spiritual life and friendship of all women in our communities, to aid our churches especially in benevolent work, and to cooperate with state and national societies in world friendship programs.

Vice-president, Joyce Peace presided at our July 3, meeting, due to the president's absence due to illness. Hazel Vogelien was hostess. Not only was her cake delicious but the joy of her return to Deering for the summer was felt. Two birthdays were celebrated: Chris Hague and Betty Dishong.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and the Treasurer, Pasca Ferwerda reported that funds were needed to meet some of our commitments, but Glenice, our store manager, reported our Attic Treasures had gross sales of 601.05 in July which brought our assets well into balance. Glenice said that volunteers are needed to cover each Saturday and suggested that people could sign up for a few hours to split the responsibilities. Plans were under way to display goods for the Faire in 3 different locations. See the astounding results elsewhere in this newsletter! New store policy: All donations will be inspected before acceptance.

Generous gifts of pies, a popular item at the Faire on the baked goods table, were promised and delivered by many.

Chris Hague reported on the Guild scholarship which was awarded to Alexa Archambeault of John Stark Regional High School. Photos and her bio can be found posted in Sherwood Hall and here in the September/October newsletter issue. Her math teacher said of her: "She has that combination of a

positive attitude and the belief that she can always improve... so essential to the learning process."

Meet Alexa Archambeault, 2019 Guild Scholarship recipient. Alexa Archambeault of Weare is 3rd in her Senior Class at John



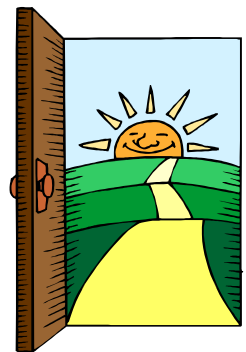
Stark Regional High School. She will attend New Hampshire Technical Institute in the fall to study early childhood education. Both she and her older sister will be in college. Alexa has played volleyball all four years of high school, was Junior Varsity captain last year, and Varsity Captain this year. She's also been a member of the school's Executive Council and Leo Club. Additionally, she works at a local child care center, Weare We Grow.

Please note that Genara Clay has put in a little herb garden around the post of the Little Free Pantry, a great outreach sponsored by the Guild.

Our August meeting was devoted primarily to arranging goods that would be offered on Faire day. Jeanne stayed later to organize the Guild closet, in so doing, some treasures were discovered—historical articles about the Guild going back to 1929 (my birth year!) as well as beautiful items, stored there, which added to the Craft table, managed by Kay Daniels, and more Rada knives, an excellent seller on the Welcome table, attended by Priscilla Beaudrault. Perhaps we will have more room to store supplies needed for Faire, 2020! Jeanne made a blueberry cake to celebrate the birthdays of Genara and Kay.

Note: It has been a pleasure to have Nancy Stauffer, a new member, at our meetings and a willing recorder of meeting minutes. We wish her well now that she must attend to the health needs of her parents and can no longer attend our meetings.

Please note the Guild mission statement in our opening paragraph. A welcome is extended to all women in the community. We meet at noon on the first Wednesday of the month in Deering Church hall. Bring a bag lunch for yourself and join our fun group!



Deacon's Report

Jack Hubert

Deacon Ministry- *Our mission is to engage in collaboration, communication and education through innovative tools and activities that support and nurture spiritual growth and a caring community.*

Deacons: Bryan Terry- Co-Coordinator, Jane Waters- Music Director, Kay Daniels, Joyce Peace, Pasca Ferwerda, Carol & Jack Hubert, Rev. Bill Beardslee

Calendar Update

Jack Hubert presented "How Religion Holds Us Together- Surprising New Science Findings" on Aug. 18. Pastor Beardslee will be away September 24-30, with Rev. Bonnie Stagg as Guest Preacher.

Upcoming Events

The annual all-church planning meeting will be Saturday, October 12. Deacons are making plans for the following events in preparation for that meeting: Blue Christmas, A Healing Service, Blessing of the Animals, Celebrations of long-time members, and visiting congregants . Dates and other details are not yet worked out, but keep an eye out for Constant Contact messages and the church website calendar.

Telephone Tree

A draft of the all-church calling tree is on the Resource Table in Sherwood Hall. A few more changes are needed. Please take a sheet and check to be sure your contact info is correct. Please let Bryan, Bill or Ginks (in the office) know if a change needs to be made or if you need more information. The Tree will be used to announce church closings and spreading other emergency news.

Other Deacon Updates

We welcome back Pasca Ferwerda who has recently been added to the current roster of Deacons. This has been an occasion for reviewing deacon duties and procedures for all deacons. Deacons also reviewed the "Reflection" feedback provided by the Pastor Parish Relations Ministry, and will incorporate suggestions whenever possible. Jane

Waters has already begun to implement several requests from congregants, such as playing the organ occasionally and bringing in more contemporary music.

Music Updates & Events, from Jane Waters

The summer months have had a variety of musical events. A stunning performance by a piano trio from Monadnock Music on Sunday, June 23 was a special way to begin. On July 7, the annual choir picnic at Jane's home included what became a rehearsal of singing and drumming of the South African "Siyahamba" (We Are Marching in the Light of God), practicing the dialect as well, in preparation for the visit by the minister from Zimbabwe, Rev. Dr. Kennedy Gondongwe. We were serenading the entire neighborhood with our enthusiastic voices! On August 11, Brian Blanchard was our soloist who touched our hearts with his singing a meaningful original song while accompanying himself with his guitar. As a most unexpected surprise, Jane's 17 year old grandson, Jack Waters, an accomplished trumpet player and musician, played both the Prelude and Postlude, accompanied by Jane on the piano. Rehearsals began in July for selecting the music to be featured in the Broadway production October 11 at 7:00 PM. There will be several singers from the community joining our devoted choir members. This event takes the place of a scheduled hymn sing and will feature refreshments following the performance.

Events to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, September 1, 2019--Jay Emmert, Tenor Soloist

Sunday, September 15, 2019--Pamela Stohrer, Harp Soloist

Friday, October 11, 2019 @7PM, Lullabye of Broadway Singers.

We are always happy to welcome anyone who loves to sing to join the choir. Rehearsals begin each Thursday, beginning September 5, at the church, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Summer Office Report

Ginks

During the summer weeks, although life slows down, the office work does go on and we are ever present for duties supporting the church and members.

Memorials occur in all our lives as we lose dear friends and wish for better days for those who are left behind to cope with loss. Playing a supporting role in the office is something I enjoy, as I feel that every contribution is important no matter how large or small. Sending out notices and helping to prepare the memorial bulletins is what the office is charged with. I am grateful for having the opportunity to read each obituary and rediscover the breadth and depth about the lives of friends and those whom I did not know as well. This work reminds me how important it is to take the time as I move through my day speaking with a wide variety of people to get to know a little more about someone as each opportunity presents itself.

The orders of worship are a regular part of the work-week and they, along with communicating the happenings of the church, provide a structure to my work. Every Thursday, final edits, proofreading, copying, filing, folding, and maybe stuffing is part of the routine of the office as the order of worship bulletins are prepared. Tuesdays are my day to update

the calendars and make sure the local papers have information for calendar events. I also take the time to review what is coming next and make sure notices go out to a variety of communication venues like Facebook, the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript calendar and print pages, the Concord Monitor, e-blasts through Constant Contact, and more. There is e-mail and of course the phone. Recently, the computer at my desk decided to take a vacation. Well, there went checking email, helping with the bulletin, and more. Fortunately, we found a local computer guru, Keith Cobbett from Granite State Computers in Hillsborough, to come out and help us get the computer on track. He did this quickly, with great service, and inexpensively. During this time, Bill sent me home! I told everyone I was being punished for my bad behavior, but all in jest. It was nice in a way to have an unexpected hiatus, just like a snow day as a child. It has been nice getting to know those of you who are regulars here at the church, helping each other, and helping the church and Bill, so he in turn can use his expertise helping a broader audience in need.

OUTREACH

Chris Nase

Outreach Ministry – *To incorporate the work of social action and mission in the local and global communities by proposing projects, educating, and enlisting the support of our church membership.*

At our July meeting, the Outreach Ministry reflected on the effort and preparation needed for the annual Chicken BBQ. Those present felt it was a well-attended, fun and successful community event and agreed we would like to see this event continue in the future.

Don Johnson has organized two upcoming Forums on August 25 and September 15 at 11:30 a.m. Please plan on attending.

(Intended for the July/August Newsletter but still relevant information.) During a recent Children's message, we were reminded that action and commitment is needed to care for creation. What action will you commit to doing? What habit will you change? How will you take steps to care for creation, your neighbor and our children? One step several church members took was to walk to church and pick up trash along Route 149. Another action our church community participated in was to offer a Blessing of the Animals service, reminding us the importance of all God's creatures. Personally, I am working to reduce food and material waste at school. Let's work together to make a greater impact.

OUTREACH Cont.

Humanities Program arranged by Don Johnson

Deborah Goss will present a New Hampshire Humanities Council program on September 15 at 11:30 following the Church service. The public is invited and the program is free of charge. This will be a Living History program and Ms. Goss will portray Abby Hutchinson, in "Sweet Freedom Songs and Stories of the Struggle for Abolition and Womens' Suffrage." Abby Hutchinson was a member of the Hutchinson Family singers from Milford,, NH. This family was a major force in the 19th century Abolitionist movement and frequently accompanied Frederick Douglas in his hundreds of speeches.

Neighbors in Need Offering by Jeanne Bartlett

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. This year the suggested time to receive donations will be Oct. 6, 2019 on World Communion Sunday.

Food Pantries by Joyce Peace

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 **October**, such as ham, tuna, chicken, etc., and paper products for **September** such as toilet tissue,

napkins, kleenex type tissues and paper towels, 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 always 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,
Financial Secretary, Joyce Peace, representative.

Free Chicken Barbecue , June 29th, photos by Christine Marcroft

Since the weather was threatening we decided to have it indoors which worked out well! Outside, Bob Fuller volunteered to do the chicken grilling and Don and Keith Johnson cooked the corn. We saw older and newer faces, and everyone had fun talking and eating delicious food. It was a real nice outreach event for the town and community.



OUTREACH cont.

CHOIR SUMMER PARTY held at Jane Water's house, July 7. Pictures by Christine Marcroft

Our Choir Summer Party was at Jane's house, who, with her son John, had lovingly prepared a great BBQ and drinks. Potluck was wonderful as always. It was such a nice way to celebrate together!



THE SUMMER CHURCH FAIRE, August 10th, 2019 Photos taken by Christine Marcroft and some by Bryan Terry and David Glauner.



OUTREACH, cont.

Faire Photos



For Your Information



SEPTEMBER

Barbara Pond, 1
 Bryan Vitkauskas, 1
 Sarah Byron, 4
 Lynn Compton, 19,
 Priscilla Beaudrault, 20,
 Henry Weeden, 22
 Lauren Warner, 23
 Kate Boucher, 27
 Pasca Ferwerda, 29

OCTOBER

Bill Beardslee, 4
 Tom Copadis, 19
 Mackenzie Nase, 20
 Ann Foraker, 22
 Jake Terry, 26



Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

Apryl & Matt Craighead, 3
 Lynn & Robert Compton, 4
 David Glauner & Doug
 McDougald, 18

OCTOBER

Bryan & Bert Terry, 7
 Deanna & Michele Reanz, 15
 Barbara & Alfred Glauner, 22

SUMMER VISITORS

We were happy to see the Huggard's and the Inui's when they were out here for a visit this summer.



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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 am Worship & Communion, Tenor Soloist	2 Labor Day	3	4  Guild @ Noon	5  Choir Practice 5:30 to 7 pm @ church every Thursday	6	7 7 am Breakfast, 8 am workday. 9 am Attic Treasures opens
8 10 am Worship, Home Coming 11:30 to 1 pm PPRM meets.	9	10 Resource Ministry 6 pm Council, 7 pm	11	12	13	14 9 am Attic Treasures opens every Sat thru 1 pm
15 10 am Worship, Harp Soloist. Humanities Program 11:30, Pflag 3	16	17 Outreach Ministry 7 pm	18	19	20 12 noon RI. Memorial for Steve Waters.	21
22 10 am Worship	23 Fall Equinox	24 Deacons, 3 pm	25	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship	30 Pastor Bill— away from 9/24 through 9/29					



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Guild @ Noon	3  Choir Practice 5:30 to 7 each Thursday @ Church	4	5 7 am Breakfast, 8 am Workday. 9 am Attic Treasures Opens
6 10 am Worship & Communion, Neighbors in Need offering	7	8 Resource Ministry 6 pm Council, 7 pm	9	10	11 Lullaby of Broadway Singers. 7 pm at our church	12 Attic Treasures & All church planning meeting.
13 10 am Worship, 11am Teen food pack, 11:30 PPRM	14 Columbus Day	15 Outreach Ministry 7 pm	16	17	18	19 1:30 NHUCC Annual Meeting
20 10 am Worship Pflag Concord 3 pm	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline Nov.-Dec.	24	25	26 530 pm Family Halloween Night
27 10 am Worship	28	29 Deacons, 3 pm	30	31  Halloween		

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