

The Square Steeple News



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The Church Council met several times to work on finding an interim minister for our church. We spoke at length with Sharon van der Laan and she has accepted the position. The contract will be for 12 months and is renewable. Sharon has many ideas for assisting our church in finding itself and in growing both in size and faith. We are confident that our future looks bright and our congregation is strong.

Rev. van der Laan will begin her interim service September 19th. Lay Leaders will provide the Sunday service for September 5th. There will be no Communion Sunday the 5th.

Rally Sunday is September 12th. Christian Ed and the deacons are planning a fun Children's service. Please see details on the Christian Ed. Page in this publication

With God's help and Sharon's guidance we will move forward to do God's work.

Your Church Council

Set Your Clocks!!!



New Time
For Worship Service
10:00 AM
Beginning Sunday
September 5th

Welcome
Rev. Sharon van der Laan

The Reverend can be reached at
(603) 788-4018

Or

lcuccpastor@ncia.net

Office hours To Be Announced

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<u>Sept. 5th</u>	Lay Worship Service No Communion. No Sunday School. First day of new Service time ***10:00am***
<u>Sept. 12th</u>	Rally Sunday Special Children's Service. Christian Ed picnic after service, all welcome.
<u>Sept. 12th</u>	Church Council Meeting 11am
<u>Sept. 14th</u>	Outreach & Fellowship Meeting 5:30pm
<u>Sept. 19th</u>	Sunday School 1st day of Sunday School.
<u>Sept. 19th</u>	Junior Deacons Training 11am
<u>Sept. 20th</u>	Deacons Meeting 6:00pm
<u>Sept. 26th</u>	Property & Finance Meeting 11am

OCTOBER CALENDAR

<u>Oct. 10th</u>	Church Council Meeting 11am
<u>Oct. 12th</u>	Outreach & Fellowship Meeting 5:30pm
<u>Oct. 18th</u>	Deacons Meeting 6:00pm
<u>Oct. 24th</u>	Property & Finance Meeting 11am

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

<u>Nov. 7th</u>	Daylight Savings Remember to "fall back"
<u>Nov. 9th</u>	Church Council Meeting 11am
<u>Nov. 14th</u>	Outreach & Fellowship Meeting 5:30pm
<u>Nov. 15th</u>	Deacons Meeting 6:00pm
<u>Nov. 24th</u>	Thanksgiving Pie Sale All day Wednesday at Riff's Flower Shop
<u>Nov. 28th</u>	Property & Finance Meeting 11am

Our Committees Have Been Busy

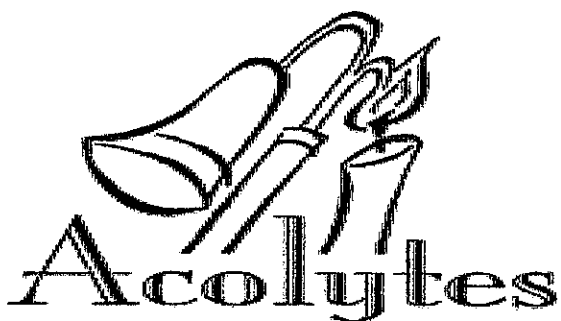
News from the Deacons

The deacons have been busy these last few months. We did the annual bake sale during the Fourth of July parade and appreciated all the goodies that were donated. On July 21st the deacons did the Pie in the Park which turned out to be Pie in the Church as it was a rainy night. We have also been providing transportation for those who need it to the services in Dalton.

You will be seeing some of our young people as junior deacons. The requirement is that they have been confirmed, and they will help the deacons with their duties on Sundays. There will be a meeting with all interested teens on Sunday, September 19th after church.

At the end of each meeting we have been taking time to talk about how to increase our attendance and membership. We have brain-stormed a variety of ideas and are hoping to implement some of them. Anyone who has ideas or would like to help, please talk with a deacon. One idea is to post sayings on the signboard in front of the church. Be sure to check it out.

Please keep in mind that there will be acolyte training in the near future join in the fun!!!



Board of Property and Finance



The members of the Board of Property and Finance want to thank everyone who helped with this summer's auction. We had a large selection of items both for the auction and the flea market tent. Anne Morgan and Mike Kopp did a wonderful job of auctioneering, and a record number of church members and friends appeared to help with set-up and sales.

Gross income from the auction day was **\$3490.00**, slightly better than last year. Don't forget that we collect items all year long so bring anything you have to the church or call a Board member for pick-up. We will not be taking clothes or books for the flea market tent next year. We recommend that clothes go to Tyler Blaine House and books to the library.

The Board is preparing a special "things to do" list which will be posted at the church. The list will include small jobs that need doing whenever someone has time. Take a look, and if you can complete something on the list, sign and date the item. Your help will be appreciated.

The Christian Education Committee



“A child's education is the key to their future...”

Do you agree with this statement? We do. Our Christian Education Committee is all about our children's education. But just readin', writin' and 'rithmetic does not prepare a child for life. Regular school teaches kids how to spell, how to write, and how to add. But Christian Education teaches them how to treat their neighbor, and how to choose right from wrong. Our Sunday School teaches students the wonderful stories of Noah and Moses, the amazing stories of Jesus and his miracles, all told through books, song, and dance. Our curriculum is “Living Inside Out” - and it is a great teaching tool. Every child deserves to hear the Good News - and our mission is to share that story in a fun, inviting, and exciting way.

Rally Sunday is September 12th. This is the traditional start of our Sunday School year. And we have something very special for this day! Steve Lindholm, an amazing puppeteer, singer, and storyteller has agreed to lead our service that Sunday! It will be a lively, entertaining, and memorable church service. Then, after church, we will have a picnic outside on the church lawn. Don't miss that Sunday - it will be great kick-off to our Sunday School year.

So be sure that your kids are signed up for Sunday School, classes begin on September 19th. If your children are beyond school age, bring your grandchildren or great-grandchildren. No one should grow up without hearing Bible stories. A child needs book-learning - and - GOOD-BOOK learning!

Music Notes

The choir is beginning to work on a cantata for Sunday, October 24th called *Psalms of the Wood* by Pepper Choplin. The cantata, directed by Brenda Bray, will be performed by the North of the Notch Ecumenical Singers. Rehearsals for the larger group will begin early in September. Watch for an announcement and come sing with us.



STEWARDSHIP

Summer has flown by - again, and now we are looking forward towards the fall. The fair is coming right up and school will be starting soon. The leaves on the trees have begun to think about putting on their best fall colors. Its also the time that you will start hearing about the annual pledge drive.

There have been many changes and challenges in our church this year, and the stewardship committee will be putting our best efforts towards building a pledge drive to meet these challenges.

- The Stewardship Committee

OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

THANK YOU

To all our church family and friends who so generously donated their time and talents for the memorial service for

Rev. David Pendleton

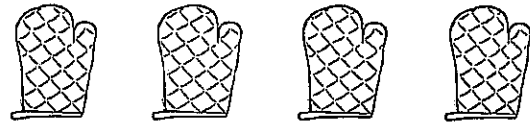
God Bless You All

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS
ALEX & JANET
FORYAN**



Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation for all the delicious pies donated for the "pie in the park" fundraiser.



Keep those oven mitts handy! Fall is just around the corner and we will be looking for more tasty treats for the Thanksgiving Pie sale Wednesday, November 24th.

FANCY MAMMOTH HALVE PECANS

IT'S PECAN SEASON AGAIN AND THE CROP IS ONE OF THE FINEST. PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW TO BE ASSURED OF PECANS FOR YOUR BAKING NEEDS.

THE PECAN HALVES WILL BE DELIVERED IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY BAKING SEASON.

THE PRICE IS \$8.50 PER 1 LB BAG OF FANCY PECAN HALVES



Birthdays & Anniversaries



September

Jim Hampton	Sept 1 st
Sharon Wilkinson	Sept 5 th
Lori Spencer	Sept 6 th
John DeGroat	Sept 7 th
Karisa Bergman	Sept 20 th
Hazel Wood	Sept 20 th
Peggy Evans	Sept 23 rd
George Blakeslee	Sept 29 th

Allan & Karen Ryder
Leighton & Sally Pratt
Ron & Binky Bailey
Calvin & Kim Conover
Amy & Keith Kopp
Bill & Peg Fischang

September 17th
October 21st
October 23rd
November 12th
November 30th
December 18th

October

David Craxton	October 9 th
Bob Colby	October 14 th
Jack Tillotson	October 24 th
James Hampton	October 25 th

November

Marty Wilson	November 2 nd
Karen Ryder	November 3 rd
Katelyn Ryder	November 4 th
Paige Wilson	November 6 th
John Brown	November 6 th
Jacob Hampton	November 7 th
Bill Fischang	November 13 th
Jonathan Robarts	November 13 th
Tom Paquin	November 13 th
Nancy Colborn	November 16 th
Anne Paquin	November 24 th
Frank Alvarez	November 25 th
Sandy Ghelli	November 27 th
Matthew Kopp	November 28 th
Peter Wilkinson	November 28 th

Information Update Form

Please fill out the following information for each member of your family.

Name : _____

Mailing Address : _____

Telephone Number : () -

Email Address : _____
 _____ @ _____

() Please check if you wish the above info to be unlisted.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Name : _____ Date: ____/____/____

Name : _____ Date: ____/____/____

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Please circle one:

I DO / I DO NOT

Give permission to the LCUCC to use the above information in *Bulletins* and *Publications*.

This form can be mailed to: LCUCC, 142 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584. OR emailed to lcucc@ncia.net
 OR you can drop it in the collection plate or the secretaries office at the Church.

YOU'RE INVITED!!!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCE OF STEVEN LINDHOLM. STEVEN IS AN AWARD WINNING PERFORMER THAT TELLS STORIES THROUGH SONG, DANCE AND SKITS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM VISIT OUR CHURCH ON RALLY SUNDAY FOR A FUN FILLED CHILDREN'S SERVICE.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 10:00 AM

LANCASTER CONGREGATIONAL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



ALL WELCOME— CHURCH PICNIC AFTER SERVICE



"Get Ready to sing along to a silly song...clap your hands to a crazy beat...it's time to dance, hop and scratch the ground like a chicken."

- Stevenlindholm.com

Lay Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Greeters	Family Moment	Deacons
Sept. 5	Raina Eaton 586-7728	The Paquins 788-5566	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114 Vicky Bailey 788-3380
Sept. 12	Barbara Hampton 788-2026	The Hamptons 788-2026	Pastor	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114 Vicky Bailey 788-3380
Sept. 19	Sandy Ghelli 788-2436	The Ghellis 788-2436	Pastor	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114 Vicky Bailey 788-3380
Sept. 26	Katelyn Ryder 788-3123	The Ryders 788-3123	Pastor	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114 Vicky Bailey 788-3380
Oct. 3	Chris Morey 802-892-6176	Chris Morey & Billy 802-892-6176	The Spencers 788-9897	Carolyn Whipple 788-4153 Ed McLain 636-1313
Oct. 10	Jackie Kleinschrodt 837-3114	The Kleinschrodts 837-3114	Pastor	Carolyn Whipple 788-4153 Ed McLain 636-1313
Oct. 17	David Craxton 837-2383	The Fischangs 586-7735	Pastor	Carolyn Whipple 788-4153 Ed McLain 636-1313
Oct. 24	Bob Spencer 788-9897	John DeGroat 869-3909	Pastor	Carolyn Whipple 788-4153 Ed McLain 636-1313
Oct. 31	Alice Wilkinson 636-1824	Alice Wilkinson 636-1824 Sharon Wilkinson 788-2256	Pastor	Carolyn Whipple 788-4153 Ed McLain 636-1313
Nov. 7	Lori Spencer 788-9897	Nancy Colborn 788-3341 Betty Riff 788-4036	Vicky Bailey 788-3380	George Blakeslee 802-328-4425 Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114
Nov. 14	Carol Haas 788-2532	Pidy Rochefort 788-2035 Carol Haas 788-2532	Pastor	George Blakeslee 802-328-4425 Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114
Nov. 21	Karen LaRoche 837-9803	Claudia Remick 788-4520 Sally Pratt 788-4320	Pastor	George Blakeslee 802-328-4425 Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114
Nov. 28	Andrea Craxton 837-2383	Janet and Alex	Pastor	George Blakeslee 802-328-4425 Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114
Dec. 5	Vicky Bailey 788-3380	Vicky Bailey 788-3380 Billy 802-892-6176	Andrea Craxton 837-2383	Chris Eaton 586-7728 Andrea Craxton 837-2383
Dec. 12	Scott Kleinschrodt 837-3114	The Ron Baileys 788-2400	Pastor	Chris Eaton 586-7728 Andrea Craxton 837-2383
Dec. 19	Paige Wilson 788-3828	Arlene Wilson and Paige 788-3828	Pastor	Chris Eaton 586-7728 Andrea Craxton 837-2383
Dec. 26	George Blakeslee 802-328-4425	The Eatons 586-7728	Pastor	Chris Eaton 586-7728 Andrea Craxton 837-2383

Please make arrangements for a substitute if you cannot make it to a scheduled Service.

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Worship & Church school on

Sunday—10:00 a.m.

(nursery care provided)

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