

July 2012



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATION CHURCH

# The Good News

## The Pastor's Ponderings

I was speaking with a friend of mine the other day. We were discussing our respective training techniques for our upcoming races. He is much more serious than I, but a similar approach has been regarded in both cases. We both observe an exercise regime. We both have a special diet monitoring carbohydrates at specific times. We both need a certain time of rest and relaxation, and we both must be in a certain emotional and mental place for the event.

As the discussion continued, we both applied our holistic outlook of athletic training to a spiritual life. Not much is different. If one wants to perform one's best in a spiritual nature, one must be on regime that includes taking a more active and holistic look at one's relationship with God. It seems funny that many of us think that we can go the distance, so to speak, with an hour or so a week rather than seeing God, prayer and church as a way of life. It is like thinking that one can run a marathon without any training or be a professional ball player, pianist, or dancer while practicing one hour a week. It is to assume that being a good parent will only take being there for your child on major holidays.

In truth, I wish that could work! Could you imagine losing weight with a diet that you only have to observe on one day a week? Could you imagine rising to the top of your profession by applying yourself 1/40 of a workweek? How about getting that degree by doing one hour of homework? Yes, results without trying, as the infomercial claims are too good to be true.

But, we all know that such things are never the reality and many of us understand that we need to work to get better at honing our gifts and talents. Even blessed with amazing talent, the work still needs to be a part of the plan for greater success. And so it is with the walk of faith. To accomplish a sense of peace, hope and love, we must work with the grace of God and be on a balanced diet of prayer, study, church, worship, and charitable endeavors.

Here is to the training to cross the finish line without being winded and withered.

Blessings,

Martell

## Moderator's Moment

With the beginning of summer, it has been nice to see the activity that has been happening around the church; the trees being cut down, the cleanup of the playground under way and the clean up and new plantings in the flowerbeds. I would like to thank all who pitched in to do all this work. It has helped to make the church more pleasing to the eye. It also shows that we are well and alive.

There are many exciting things in the works at "The Little Brown Church". The planning is under way to refurbish the sanctuary. This is one of many improvements that will be forthcoming in the future.

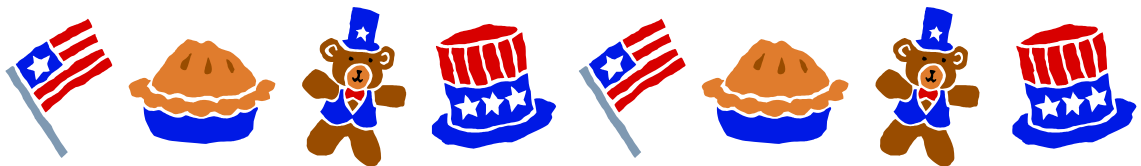
The Cabinet is making great progress in the reworking of the operational structure of the Church. We are staying on schedule to present a plan before Annual Meeting, so it can be acted

upon at that meeting.

We can always use help in sprucing up inside and outside the church. If you have time to and would like to do something, please contact any member of the Trustees or me.

GOD BLESS

Paul Weld



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### Deacon for Month of July

**Jill Reynolds**

### July Trustees of the Week

1st— Carl Vitters

8th—Ed More

15th— Carl Vitters

22nd— John Edgerton

29th— Carl Vitters

**Food Pantry** is open on Tuesdays from 9-11 and 5:30-7:30 by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call Bev in the church office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 and 1:00.

# Outreach

The Outreach committee is taking a couple of months off for all members to recharge. There is a Volunteer Luncheon planned for July 15, proceeding the Coffee Hour. We would like to recognize all our wonderful Volunteers. These people help with the pantry on Tuesday, pickup of food and the care and restocking of the pantry shelves.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in volunteering in the Outreach Mission Program to attend on the 15th.

To All a Happy Summer & Enjoy,  
Outreach Committee

## Happy July 4th!

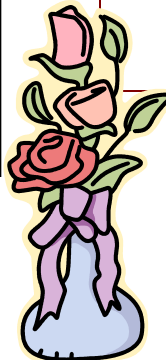


Flowers are needed for the month of July. Please contact Marcia Hill @ 356-3190, if you can supply flowers for the service.



### Prayer List

- Laura Keim,
- Anna Hill,
- Scott Hayman,
- Donna Danielson,
- Evelyn Behnke,
- Laurel Atwood, ,
- Jeanette Savalonis,
- Gloria Yeaton,
- Melanie and daughter,
- Gary Cole,
- Jane Olsen,
- Gerald James and family



# July 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Sunday Service 10:00	<b>2</b> Diaconate 6:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Food Bank Delivery	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday Service 10:00	<b>9</b> Trustee 6:30	<b>10</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30  Zumba Class 6:00	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday Service 10:00  Volunteer Luncheon	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30  Zumba Class 6:00  Cabinet 7:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday Service 10:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30  Zumba Class 6:00	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday Service 10:00	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Ladies Bible Study 9:30  Zumba Class 6:00				

## JUNE ATTENDANCE

Date	Total in Attendance	Weather	Special Day
6/3/2012	60	rain	Trinity Sunday
6/10/2012	65	sunny/warm	Biker Breakfast
6/17/2012	63	sunny/warm	Father's Day
6/24/2012	57	sunny	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Coffee Fellowship for July**

**July 1st—Paul and Sylvia Weld**

**July 15th—Diaconate**

**We still need people to sign up for July**



Next month's Newsletter deadline will be July 25. If you have anything to submit please see Bev or email your info to [bshelton@thebrowchurch.org](mailto:bshelton@thebrowchurch.org)



## Note from the Secretary

We all know people who are a blessing to us.

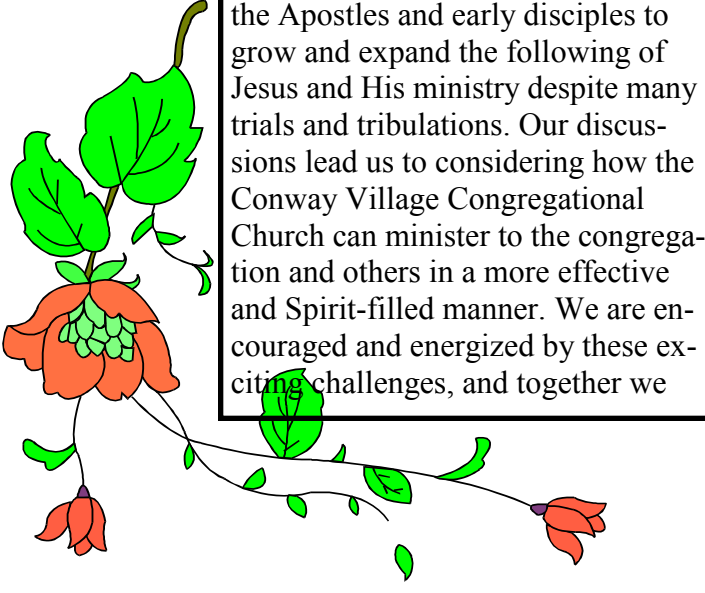
Whether it's a family member, your lifelong best friend, a coworker, the sweet lady who sits in the pew behind you every Sunday, or an old friend you can always pick right back up with no matter how many months it's been, each of us has people in our lives that we are so thankful

for.

We get so caught up in day-to-day busyness sometimes that we forget to thank God for all the things He has blessed us with. Instead of focusing on the goodness the Lord has shown us, we complain about the minor thing that goes wrong. Instead of being grateful for the multitude of people who encourage us and make us smile, we

get so hung up on the one person who did us wrong that it sours our whole outlook. I'll be the first to admit I'm guilty of this all too often – especially when it comes to taking for granted all the wonderful people who have impacted my life. I am blessed and honored to be a part of this great body of Christ, here at the "Little Brown Church" May the Lord bless and encourage this

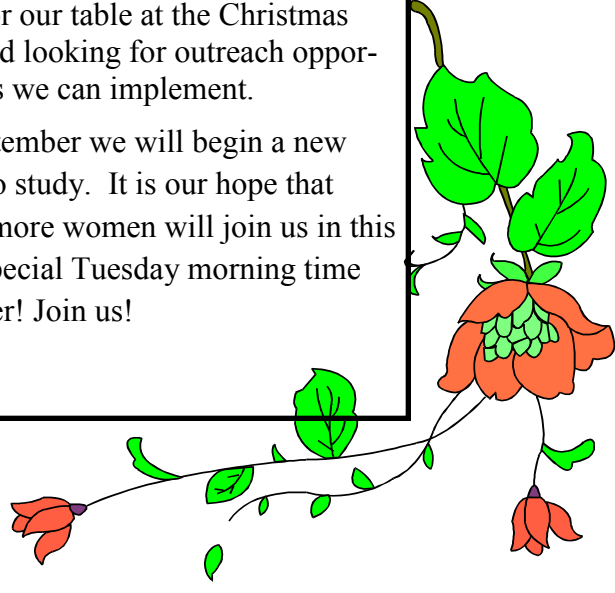
## Women's Bible Study



We are half way through our study of the book of Acts and will continue sporadically throughout the summer. This book is focused on the beginnings of the church of Christ following the ascension. We are challenged to understand how God has guided the Apostles and early disciples to grow and expand the following of Jesus and His ministry despite many trials and tribulations. Our discussions lead us to considering how the Conway Village Congregational Church can minister to the congregation and others in a more effective and Spirit-filled manner. We are encouraged and energized by these exciting challenges, and together we

trust the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our endeavors as a united body of followers of Jesus Christ. We enjoy learning together, and working together on special projects such as gardening around the church, preparing a coffee hour table of treats, planning for our table at the Christmas Fair and looking for outreach opportunities we can implement.

In September we will begin a new book to study. It is our hope that many more women will join us in this very special Tuesday morning time together! Join us!





## Historian's Corner

### THE CHURCHMEN'S LEAGUE

On a recent day that we discovered four rooms down in the bowels of the old Kennett High that hardly anyone knew existed, we also found an old personal album of clippings belonging to the late George t. Davidson. For those who are relatively new, "Dave" was "Mr. Kennett" and long served as administrator and guidance counselor before becoming the pastor of the Christian Church of Freedom. Our late, beloved pastor, William E. Mack, who served the Brown Church from 1960-1966, took "Dave" under wing and helped him to pursue his dream of becoming a minister in his later years.

The album unearthed in the Alumni Room consisted mostly of sporting events and newspaper clippings - including one of our own, Paul Weld, who once "managed" the basketball team. In it also, was a big article of The Churchmen's League. Local newspapers used to include on a weekly basis, news of all of the churches and its various organizations as they were of interest to those who

attended as well as those who could not. It was also intriguing to see what our fellow Christians were up to. The Churchman's League caught my eye as I was not familiar with it

Apparently in post-war times, the Litahni was established for the ladies while the Churchmen's League involved the gentlemen of the Church. During the pastorate of Reverend Lewis Chase, in the early fifties, the group was most active. They met on a monthly basis and alternated locations between the North Conway and Conway Churches. Frequently suppers were held. In a "Reporter" article from December of 1951, it is told that over fifty men met under the direction of the president of the organization, George T. Davidson. The pastors of Jackson, North Conway and Bartlett also were present. The guest speaker was Marshall Stevenson who spoke on the importance of finding pastors for small Congregational Churches - either young men studying for the ministry, or pastors who were retired but still wanted to help. A program had been started within the denomination and it had become very suc-

cessful nationally and had helped several parishes within the Granite State. We wonder if this was the moment that "Dave" decided to pursue his pastoral dream.

The first month of January of 1952 saw the group meeting in North Conway. Many sons of members of the group were invited and two new members joined. There were guests from Albany, Intervale and Fryeburg as well. The subject was a continuation of the subject of the preceding month. It is interesting to note that Marshall Stevenson later became pastor of the Bartlett Church and of the Union Church outside of Wakefield. It is also fascinating that sixty years ago, the four churches discovered the strength in unity. A sense of community, in this case sacred, was beneficial. The lasting effect of the Churchmen's League was likely that decision of George T. Davidson, who many consider to have had the most influence of any single individual in Conway's history.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Wiggin

The newsletter will be available for pick up in the back of the church or through email. If you would like your newsletter to be emailed to you, please send your email to [bshelton@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:bshelton@thebrownchurch.org) and I will add you to our email list. We are trying to cut costs and will only mail the newsletter to those who request it through the mail.

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## Monthly Calendar of Events

### CVCC July Events

**July 2**– Diaconate Meeting @6:30pm

**July 9**–Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm

**July 15**—Volunteer Luncheon following Coffee Hour

**July 17**— Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00pm

**Every Tuesday** – Food Pantry open 9:00am-11:00 & 5:30-7:30pm

Ladies Bible Study @9:30

Zumba @6:00pm

## July Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Walter Henderson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Maggie McLlarky  
8<sup>th</sup> Ellsworth Cabot  
9<sup>th</sup> Rev. Martell Spagnolo  
11<sup>th</sup> Penny Wellman  
12<sup>th</sup> Josh Wiggin  
15<sup>th</sup> George Wellman  
20<sup>th</sup> Sam Getchell  
21<sup>st</sup> Jill Davis  
25<sup>th</sup> Audrey Young

