

June 2012



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATION CHURCH

# The Good News

## The Pastor's Ponderings

I had the honor of attending the graduation ceremonies at the Naval Academy this past week. I was inspired.

A sea of white in perfect ordered waves crashed upon a field. The procession was made even more effective with exciting, albeit traditional, Sousa marches. The seamless voices of the Navy Choir added to the effect with tonal perfection. The breeze off of the Chesapeake Bay was scintillating and it's effects on the billowing flags from many countries added visual brilliance to the already fantastic scene. The *pièce de résistance* was when the Blue Angels roared overhead in flawless precision.

And then it dawned on me ... what I was experiencing was liturgy done very, very well. The order, the music, the drama culminated into a wonderful expression of glory and honor to an established ideal. No wonder people come from all over to share in this phenomenon. No wonder that they would even spend several hours in the scorching sun and wringing humidity to be part of such an occasion. No wonder that they would even put up with some long-winded politicians who spouted out the same "inspiring" speeches that we have all heard at thousands of similar gatherings.

So, I am thinking that maybe church would be better attended if we could provide a little of the same. Granted, it is not easy to book the Blue Angels, and our "sea" of white consists of the members of the choir and not thousands of sailors, but maybe, just maybe, if we all worked together with as much order and precision as we can muster ... and all do our part as was witnessed at the Naval Academy this past week, we can share in a better experience of church. I, as your pastor, will do my best not to be too long winded with my "inspiring" sermons.

Blessings and Cheer,

Martell

## Moderator's Moment

Many exciting things have been happening during the past month. It is nice to see all the dead and dying trees gone. This is going to make our property a lot safer and more presentable to the public eye.

The Cabinet is moving along on the study of the structure of the church. Our goal is to have it completed by this Fall.

As I am writing this, it appears that we will have a decent turn out for the free turkey dinner on Friday, June 1. I am looking forward to the Father's Day Brunch presented by the ladies of the Cabinet with the help from others.

Planning for the Fryeburg Fair is underway! The fair is scheduled this year for September 30– October 7. There will be more information coming, but you can

start planning on days and times that you can help.

Paul Weld

Moderator



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**Pastor: Rev. Martell Spagnolo**

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Secretary: Bev Shelton

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### Deacon for Month of June

Jean Hamilton

### May Trustees of the Week

3th— Ed More

10th— Carl Vitters

17th — John Edgerton

24th— Peter Klomp

**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

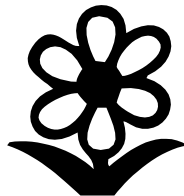
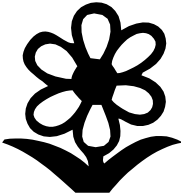
We had a very successful Food Drive at Shaw's on the 12th of May. We collected 14 boxes of food and \$347.00 in cash donation. The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who helped on that day. We will keep everyone posted on when the next drive will be.

Along with the Conway Girl Scout Troop, we will be providing a PB&J hand out to all client's that have children. This is a program that will help supplement a luncheon meal and a child can fix for themselves.

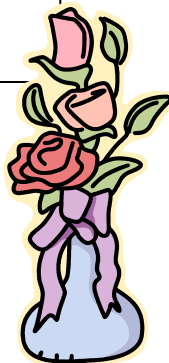
The Outreach committee greatly appreciates all who volunteer in the Pantry every Tuesday . We will be hosting a "Thank our Volunteers" on a Sunday afternoon this summer. It will be open to anyone who would like to help us. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

God Bless all,

The Outreach Committee.



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



## Prayer List

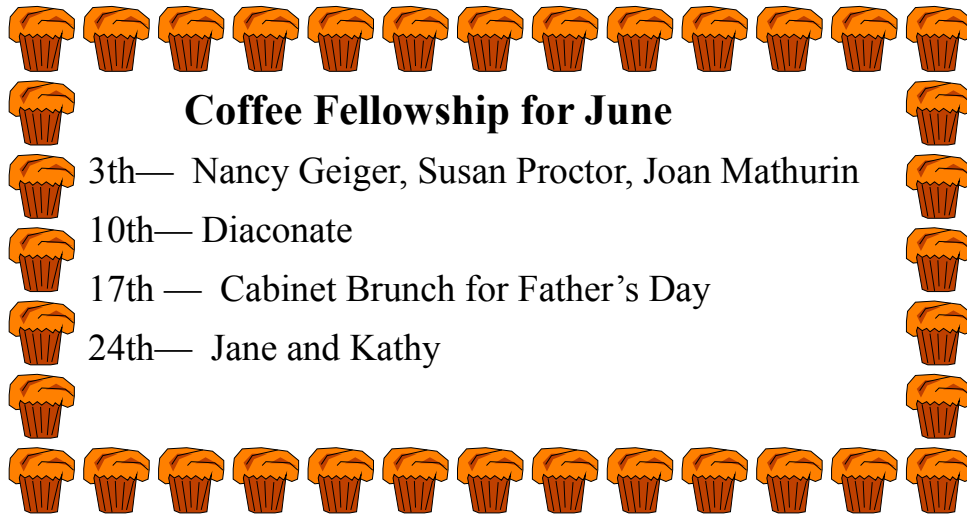
- Laura Keim
- Anna Hill
- Scott Hayman
- Donna Danielson
- Evelyn Behnke
- Laurel Atwood
- Berkeley Housell
- Jeanette Savalonis
- Gloria Yeaton
- Jane Olson
- Melanie and daughter
- Gary Cole

# June 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Church Wide Turkey Fellow- ship Dinner 6:00pm	2
3 Sunday Service 10:00	4 Diaconate 6:30	5 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day Sunday Service 10:00	11 Trustee 6:30	12 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00  Cabinet 7:00	13 Bible Study 7:00	14	15	16
17 Sunday Service 10:00 Mineral Springs 2:00	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	20 Bible Study 7:00	21	22	23
24 Sunday Service 10:00	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	27 Bible Study 7:00	28	29	30

## MAY ATTENDANCE

Date	Total in Attendance	Weather	Special Day
5/6/2012	55	Seasonal Partly Cloudy	5th Sunday of Easter
5/13/2012	72	warm/partly cloudy	Mother's Day
5/20/2012	64	sunny	6th Sunday of Easter
5/27/2012	68	Sunny/warm	Pentecost / Memorial Weekend



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

## From the Diaconate

The Diaconate continues work to promote joy-filled and meaningful worship services that support and enhance the spiritual growth and fulfillment of our congregation. We value your insights, and are thoughtful of all perspectives afforded us. In response to this feedback, we are working with Roger and the Music Committee to integrate some more contemporary and praise music into our traditional music programming. We are excited about these opportunities, and will keep you informed as our enhanced music program develops.

We have had a great response to our Prayer Card Request Program. Prayer cards remain available in the back of the church, or you mail call Bev at the church office, or email her to place someone on our prayer list. Please note: the prayer list will be "refreshed" every month, and individuals will remain on the list only with continued prayer requests.

Thank you to all who have ushered, provided flowers, and/or have served the delicious offerings for Coffee Fellowship! The good news

for you is that there are upcoming Sundays available to serve your church through ushering, providing flowers, and to serve as hosts and hostesses for Coffee Fellowship during the summer months. Please consider signing up for the date(s) that work best for you. See Suzanne Rancourt (for ushering), Marcia Hill (for flowers), and Nancy Wiggin (for Coffee Fellowship), or sign up on the sheets posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Faithfully yours,  
The Diaconate



## Note from the Secretary

We celebrate our fathers on the third Sunday of June. It is a time to honor the men who have been a great influence in our lives. I was interested in finding out just how Father's Day originated.

Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a "father's day." She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909.

Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to

their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state.

After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law which finally made it permanent in 1972.

For most of us, our father's have played a large role in our lives. I was truly blessed to have had a loving Christian father, who was such a great role model to me.



## Trustee's Comments

There are great opportunities for everyone to step up and make a contribution to the beautification and renovation of the Little Brown Church. If you ask, "What Can I Do?" give me a call and we'll work something out. We have begun with the removal of several trees and I suggest some trimming of the maple tree out front will complete the tree issue. Here's a suggestion of ways you can support our endeavors with; **your time, your talent, or your treasure:**

1. Relocate the church sign to where the birch tree stood
2. Remove the playground and fence

3. Clean up the cinderblocks and other trash where the trees were removed
4. Help pay the \$500 to remove the stumps
5. Put a team together to paint Fellowship Hall or offer to pay the cost of having it painted. \$850.
6. The sanctuary carpet needs to be removed and the pews carried out to refinish the floors. \$3,500 and some manual labor will lead the way.
7. If you really feel ambitious help us raise \$40,000 to make the renovations to the sanctuary.
8. Here's a thought; someone to paint the trim around the doors out front.

These are the things that need action now. We'll tackle the outside projects later, i.e. repairing and staining the shingles as well as any remaining roof issues. The point is we have begun and we cannot stop now. If we don't leave our legacy for those who follow us, who will? The Brown Church is 108 years old. Will it be around to serve Christ in this community for the next 100 years? We can have a lot to say about that. Let's do our part!

Peter Klomp



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.



# Morning Muffins

*Come celebrate Bike Week*

*At The Brown Church*

*Conway Village Congregational Church*

*On Sunday June 10, 2012*

*7:30 AM in front of the church*

*132 Main Street, Conway NH*

*All Bikers Welcome!*



*Serving:*

*Assorted Muffins*

*Fruit*

*Coffee and Juice*



*Free will donations accepted*





## Historian's Corner

### THE MEETINGHOUSE

Many are confused over the relationship of the White Methodist Church to the Congregationalists. We understand that the Methodist Church is fighting for its survival which is indeed a tragedy. We hope that this little article will be of benefit.

The church at 121 Main Street was built back in 1826. It was the first public building in the village. It was financed by the selling of pews. Congregationalists had the majority of members but there were Methodists as well. It was thus agreed that no denomination would have sole use of the building. For sixty years, until 1886, the "meetinghouse" in Conway had no Congregational minister of its own. The pastor of the North Conway was the pastor of the Conway church also. During the latter part of this time, the pastor was the esteemed Girard Norcross. At his recommendation and upon his retirement, a separate organization was formed and called the Second Congregational Church. Meanwhile, the Methodists had

their own pastors from the end of the Civil War on: Isaac S. Cushman (1866-1868); George W. Barber (1868-1870); S.F. Strout (1870); Joseph Hawkes (1871-1872); W.H. Turkington (1873); Charles W. Bradley (1874); H.B. Mitchell (1875-1876); Frank W. Smith (1877); John Collins (1878-1880); Daniel W. Waterhouse (1880-1883); and J. A. Woodbury (1885-1887). Imagine - all of these pastors served during the service of the one Congregational minister! The late Ruth (Towle) Morrill gave the aforementioned information

The Methodists and Congregationalists split over a political issue from the Civil War. Billie Eastman, a staunch Copperhead, stomped out of the meetinghouse when the Congregational pastor prayed for the soldiers. Billie (owner of the present Historical Society home), was the first to offer to help to finance a Methodist pastor. Eventually the Methodists held their own services on the Sabbath morning while the Congregationalists held services on alternating Sunday evenings as the trip was difficult for Reverend Norcross. The joint use of the church existed until 1906 when our struc-

ture was built. We had offered to buy out the Methodists' share in the pews or to sell our own. The Methodists decided to remain in the white meetinghouse and we decided to build. Incidentally, the church steeple, according to historian Janet Hounsell, was originally 110 feet. It was lowered to ninety feet after lightning struck it in 1921.

Thankfully, the Methodist and Congregational Churches have cooperated beautifully for many decades. We have had joint youth groups as well as joint Vacation Bible Schools. We have worked together on many community programs to benefit the citizens of Conway. Many individual pastors have formed great friendships with each other as have our communicants. Here is a toast to both denominations!

Submitted by:  
Brian Wiggin



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## Monthly Calendar of Events

### CVCC June Events

**June 3** – Last day of Sunday School for the summer - Ice Cream Social

**June 4** – Diaconate Meeting @6:30pm

**June 6** - Outreach Committee @6:00pm

**June 10** - Morning Muffins @ 7:30am in of the church. All bikers are welcome!

**June 11** –Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm

**June 19**— 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

## June Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> Peggy Diegoli  
7<sup>th</sup> Lois Yeaton  
9<sup>th</sup> Frank Hackett  
14<sup>th</sup> Elaine Cabot  
15<sup>th</sup> Bob Bernhardt  
15<sup>th</sup> Curt Reynolds  
17<sup>th</sup> Brianna Moore  
25<sup>th</sup> Bruce McLlarky  
30<sup>th</sup> Jean Hamilton

