

October 2012



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATION CHURCH

The Good News

The Pastor's Ponderings

I have had a dream for the entirety of my life. The dream is quite a common one, but mine has had a twist. I have always wanted to have my own, well-appointed home. I do not want a house. I want a home. My home is to be unique in that I would like it to be a self-sustaining, self-sufficient, off the grid, green, solar powered, wind-mill pumped, and geothermally heated and cooled. It also is to be Tolkien in philosophy and be placed in a Lothlórien woodland with the likes of Galdriel and Celeborn. So last week, when I joined my friend Gina at The Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener *Common Ground County Fair*, I found myself on a wonderful, organic pilgrimage.

I know that there are jokes abounding about New England's "crunchy granola" types, but these types are not much different from the generation who lived through the Great Depression and had victory gardens during the two Great Wars. These types understand the need to utilize the resources in this world with care and consideration for others. These types understand that energy comes at a cost and conservation is, in part, about being good stewards of God's gifts of earth, sea, and sky. These types recycle, reuse and repurpose articles, have compost heaps, can their own vegetables and fruits, weave their own materials, and the like. Could it be that I am one of these types?

There were many classes to take and many booths to see at the fair. The livestock was beautiful and the display of produce brought this former 4-Her back to his youth. The classes and articles on forestry were brilliant as I was reminded how we live in a uniquely gorgeous area of the globe. Also, this day rekindled a fire within me to save my pennies and make the dream of living a green life in the mountains a reality. What a beautiful place this North Country is. Please join me in keeping it that way by taking care of it. What the heck, hug a tree while you may, remembering that God creates this exquisite scenery and puts it in our care.

Blessings,
Martell

Moderator's Note

We are entering one of the best times of the year in the Valley. The leaves are starting to turn and paint our hillsides with beautiful colors. The wonderful aroma of apple crisp is filling the church, as we preparing for our busiest time in the Church with the Fryeburg Fair preparations. This is the largest fundraiser that we do. This one fundraiser brings in approximately 25% of our annual budget. I would like to say thank you all that will and have helped to make this a success. It takes the efforts of many to

make this a successful event. Again thanks!

The Cabinet is still working on the reorganization of the operation of the Church. It has entailed many meetings .We hope to have it ready for the Annual Meeting! We are asking for input from the membership as we move forward.

It is approaching the time of year that we need to be thinking about getting our different annual reports

together so Bev can compile them for the annual report. The deadline for this will be Dec.31, 2012.

Thanks to everyone who has helped the Church this year, whether it is financially or helping to beautify our property.

GOD BLESS ONE AND ALL

Paul



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

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Deacon for Month October

Suzanne Rancourt

October Trustees of the Week

7th — Carl Vitters

14th — John Edgerton

21st — Carl Vitters

28th — 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

The Food Pantry has been very busy this month. In fact, we served more family in September than any other month so far this year. The Pantry supplied 4,746 meals to 48 households consisting of 113 people.

Our totals for the year to date are 33,930 meals served to 810 people in 379 households. With colder weather approaching, we will see an increase in these numbers.

Diaconate

Greetings from your Diaconate!

Thanks to all who supported and participated in our Rally Day festivities.

Our new Bibles are here! We are providing you with the opportunity to purchase your own for only \$10.00 each (our cost), so that you can write in them, and have them for reading at home, as well as to use during worship services and Bible study. The Bibles the New Revised Standard Version, and area must for every congregant!

The Diaconate will continue to work with Martell to provide a more contemporary service each month. We continue to appreciate your feedback and insights, and we will strive to continue to incorporate your ideas, and integrate your suggestions to provide meaningful and enhanced worship services.

Faithfully yours,
The CVCC Diaconate



Next month's Newsletter deadline will be Oct. 28. If you have anything to submit please see Bev or email your info to bshelton@thebrowchurch.org

October 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Apple preparation Fryeburg Fair	2 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00 Apple preparation Fryeburg Fair	3 Apple preparation Fryeburg Fair	4 Food Bank Delivery Apple preparation Fryeburg Fair	5 Apple preparation Fryeburg Fair	6
7 Sunday Service 10:00 Fryeburg Fair	8	9 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	10	11	12	13
14 Sunday Service 10:00	15	16 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday Service 10:00 1:00 Mineral Springs Service	22	23 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday Service 10:00	29	30 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	31			

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Date	Total in Attendance	Weather	Special Day
9/2/2012	62	cloudy	Labor Day Weekend
9/9/2012	60	sunny	
9/16/2012	63	Sunny and cool	Rally Day
9/23/2012	56	Sunny	



Coffee Fellowship



There are openings to be filled for Coffee Hour. See Nancy Wiggin or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Evelyn Behnke
 Donna Danielson
 John Eglit
 Helen Garant
 Thomas Garrity
 Scott Hayman,
 Gary and Laura Keim
 Jane Olsen
 Jeanette Savalonis,
 Melanie and daughter
 Kale Webster & his battalion
 Maddie Bell

Ward Young
 Dorthy Warren
 Helen Hutchins
 Bonnie Kimball
 Barbara Freeman



Fryeburg Fair Apple Preparation

What do the people in the kitchen do?

- Peel and core the apples using a commercial apple peeler/corer.
- Slice the apples into sections and finish coring/peeling.
- Measure and package dry mix ingredients for each crisp pan.
- Prepare apple crisp for baking.
- Bake apple crisps for 30-40 minutes.
- Store in refrigerator for pick up the next morning.

Then number of apple crisps needed each day varies due to the weather. The goal is to have a total of 200 apple crisps ready at the booth and the kitchen every day.



Fryeburg Fair Apple Crisp Fundraiser



What do the people in the booth do?

Someone bakes off the apple crisps in the oven at the booth.
Someone fills the crisps cups with apple crisps

Someone scoops the ice cream on the apple crisps. Also gets to have fun with the people.

Someone talks to people, yells out the order for all to hear, and takes the money.
(This person has all the fun.)

Working in the booth can be done with two people in the morning, four in the afternoon, and three at night, except on the weekends. We really need 5 people in the booth Saturday and Sunday of both Weekends.





Historian's Corner

The Conway Village Church was originally known as the Second Congregational Church. The First Congregational Church is in North Conway. We became a separate entity in the 1880's and met in the present day Methodist Church across the street. Having a mind of our own and wanting to hold our services on Sabbath mornings, we constructed our present brown edifice in 1906. Many supported the effort, especially A. Crosby Kennett, for whom our high school was named. A beautiful pipe organ was also purchased from a company in Brattleboro, Vermont and over the years our church has been especially known for its music. Our chancel choir, say many, is the best in the area.

The Brown Church has been noteworthy too in its outreach to the community. The congregation sponsored Sunday Schools both on the West Side and in Albany when distance hindered many rural youth from attending in the Village. We once even sponsored a bowling league! The Youth Groups have always been an integral part of our faith. There have been many members under several ministers start-

ing with Reverend Charles Moorhouse in the 1920's. Religion and just plain fun have always been cleverly intertwined.

Organizations for adults have been abundant too. The Kings Daughters was an early one for the ladies long ago. Later the Ladies Sewing Circle was established and these groups benefitted the church financially and spiritually. There have been Mens Groups, but generally the ladies have outdone us. The Congo Club was established for precisely that - married couples. It met monthly and held a wide variety of programs. The Litahni was begun right after World War II and lasted until the turn-of-the-century. This undoubtedly has been the most successful organization to date both in terms of membership and in help to the church. Our church has been the meeting place for starting congregations including the Unitarians and Anglicans. We were long the center of the Red Cross Bloodmobile and of the Elmwood Grange. We sponsored the Eleta Kindergarten and then sponsored our own pre-school. We have quietly helped those in financial distress and contributed to many

missions both in the United States and abroad, first as Congregationalists and now as a part of the United Church of Christ. We joined the latter denomination under the leadership of Reverend William E. Mack, in 1961, although not without controversy.

In the 1980's, under the leadership of Reverend Lee Bayer, and later with the encouragement of Dr. Larry Fairchild, we established a Food Pantry and the first Dinner Bell in the area. Thousands of people and tens of thousands of people have benefitted. It is perhaps our most visible outreach program at present. We now too have active Bible Study groups and there is even a Zumba class!

Membership has fluctuated over the years. We at present have slightly over 200 members. Church attendance under Reverend "Martel" Spagnolo, has significantly risen. We invite you to join our congregational worship and become part of a church that has seen over 1000 baptisms, 1200 funerals and 1500 weddings over the years.

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 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.



THE DREAM TEAM
626 Eastman Road
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September 7, 2012

The Conway Village Congregational Church
The Reverend M.G. Martell Spagnolo, Pastor
132 Main Street
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Dear Pastor Spagnolo and Members of *'Little Brown Church'*,

As president of the Dream Team, I would like to thank you personally on behalf of our advocacy group for your generous support of our Chinese Auction. The donation of such a comfortable space made it possible for all team members to participate. I sincerely appreciated your facility.

Because of your generosity, as well as many businesses, we were able to raise almost \$900 with this fundraiser. This was an increase from last year!

As explained when we first requested the use of your church hall, the money raised will be used to purchase holiday gifts for all the individuals *locally* served by Northern Human Services. It is sad to realize, and only came to our attention last year, that some individuals do not have a gift for the holidays at all.

Again, thank you for supporting our local advocacy group, and the community at large.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Tobin

President

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

For Immediate Release

May run as brief through November 6, 2012

**Contact Persons: Dan Andrews Phone: 603-383-4998 E-mail: jxndan84@msn.com
Jill Reynolds @ Gibson Center 603-356-3231**

The AARP Driver Safety Program has designated November as the month to recognize and thank veterans for their dedication and commitment to service. The six hour driver safety class will be offered FREE to ALL veterans, regardless of age, their spouses and active duty military personnel on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Gibson Center, Main Street, North Conway.

The entire course will be held in one day. A lunch break will be taken. Participants are encouraged to have lunch in the Gibson Center dining room.

AARP developed this classroom refresher to ensure that drivers 50 years and older stay safe behind the wheel. The course's curriculum has been updated to reflect the most current driving information and safety tips available. The driver safety course is designed to educate participants about how best to reduce traffic violations, crashes, and chances for injuries; update drivers' knowledge about relevant laws; and provide safe driving strategies to compensate for age-related changes that affect one's driving ability. Upon successful completion of the course, participants may be eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance.

AARP volunteer instructor Dan Andrews of Jackson will be presenting this course through a combination of group discussion and video. For more information or to register for the course, please call the Gibson Center at 356-3231.

Veterans can present any valid form of military ID, discharge papers (DD Form 214), or membership card to an organization such as VFW or American Legion in order to receive the class for free. The fee for non-veterans is \$12.00 for AARP members who show their membership card. Cost to all others is \$14.00. For those choosing to lunch at the Gibson Center, donations are accepted for that lunch. #####

Thank you!



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Monthly Calendar of Events

CVCC October Events

Sept. 30th– Oct. 7th— Fryeburg Fair

Oct. 8th—Diaconate Meeting @6:30pm

Oct. 8th —Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm

Oct. 12 —Outreach @ 6:30pm

Oct. 16th —Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00pm

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

Ladies Bible Study @9:30am

Zumba @6:00pm

October Birthdays

3rd Leo Clark
4th Ralph Freeman
7th William Kane
12th Richard Quint
14th Doug Heller
16th Julia Heighe
18th Cindy Thibodeau
19th Edna Hill
21st Bruce Johnson
21st Chris Getchell
22nd Eve Diegoli
24th Emily McLlarky
25th Carl Vitters
28th Charlyne Gray
28th Diane Durkee
30th Donna Howard
31st Evelyn Albert

