

September 2012



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATION CHURCH

# The Good News

## The Pastor's Ponderings

Refrigeration is such a gift! During the past week, I have become acutely aware of how wonderful it is to live in the here and now, and I would gladly give up the riches of Solomon for a modest home with running water, central heat and modern appliances.

The story began when I moved into the parsonage and the refrigerator's compressor made itself well known. It seemed that every time that it went on or off, it would knock ... no ... **BANG** with such force that it sounded as if a Norse army with a battering ram was forcing it's way through my walls. (It took me weeks not to check the front door for guests every time that refrigerator "spoke.") But alas, there is no point in replacing something while it still works. For the first few weeks of my stay, sleeping became an issue ... but that is another story.

Last week, that refrigerator gave up the ghost (and a few hundred dollars worth of frozen food,) and so I went in search for a replacement of my noisy housemate. After purchasing a new refrigerator (for a remarkably great price) I found out that delivery would take place nearly a week later. (I did have the option to have it delivered on Sunday morning, but alas, Sunday is not such a good day for a minister to stay in his abode.) And so, it has been a week and I am patiently waiting on the delivery person.

Do any of us realize how dependant we have become on refrigeration? Without it, cold drinks consist of water from the tap. Without it, where does one store leftovers? Better yet, after burning oneself, where does one go for frozen peas? (Frozen peas make the best compress and since I am not overly fond of peas, it is the only reason they are found in my freezer.)

And so to my point, we are in a world of convenience and we most often take it all for granted. Being a twenty-first century American living in an area of comfort and means has been provided to us by a gracious and wonderful God. Rather than complaining about the minor incidentals, like a noisy appliance, we should be grateful and thankful for the appliance itself. Rather than bemoaning a minor loss, we should be praising God for our major gains. Praise and thanksgiving is more suitably Christian.

So hopefully, by the time you are reading this, I will have a cold beverage in hand and be more grateful for those things that I have than those things that I lack. By the by, I am grateful for the new found silence.

Blessings,  
Martell

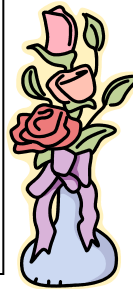
## Outreach news from the Berlin Prison

The Saturday morning prayer and share Kairos meetings are going strong at the Berlin NNCF. This is an outreach of our Church to allow inmates to meet, pray, and share with each other. They are not allowed to have this time unless there is volunteer from Kairos in attendance. I spend many of my Saturday mornings up there and am recruiting others within the State to be there. I always tell them the Brown Church is praying for them and it means a lot to many.

Kairos of NH is also very grateful to the Brown Church in supporting this prison ministry. Thank you for your support through publications being sent to the prison and your prayers.

Curt Reynolds

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



### **Conway Village Congregational Church**

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Church Sexton: Sandra Bridges

### **Deacon for Month of Sept.**

**Nancy Wiggin**

#### **Sept. Trustees of the Week**

2nd — John Edgerton

9th — Carl Vitters

16th — Peter Klomp

23rd — Carl Vitters

30th — Ed More

**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 collected \$335.53 in cash donation and 11 boxes of food during the Food Drive at Shaw's on the August 25th.

Again a "BIG " THANK YOU to all who helped. Gob Bless!

Outreach Committee



## Diaconate

September brings cooler weather, resumption of many fall activities, and a big "welcome home" to many who have been away for the summer months.

Thanks and blessings to all who have participated this summer by way of ushering, providing flowers, and hosting coffee fellowship during the summer months!

Please join the Brown Church, for the Rally Day festivities, to be held on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00 AM. Your church family welcomes you "home", and is counting on you for your prayers, your praise, your support, and your presence as we gear up for another year of serving God, and of doing His work within our church and community.

After worship services, we will be hosting a BBQ with burgers and dogs, and drinks being pro-

vided. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share and see what your fellow congregants have been up to this summer.

Many have been commenting on the integration of more contemporary music into our worship services this summer. We are very excited to be working on a monthly contemporary service that will premier this Fall. We welcome your insights and involvement with this undertaking. This summer we have introduced Prayer Cards, that are available in the pews. Should you be aware of the need to place someone on our prayer list, simply complete the card, and place it in the offering plate during the service.

We hope to see you there on Rally Day!

Faithfully,  
The CVCC Diaconate



Next month's Newsletter deadline will be Sept. 28. If you have anything to submit please see Bev or email your info to [bshelton@thebrownchurch.org](mailto:bshelton@thebrownchurch.org)

# September 2012

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

## AUGUST ATTENDANCE

Date	Total in Attendance	Weather	Special Day
8/5/2012	60	warm/partly cloudy	
8/12/2012	56	cloudy and humid	
8/19/2012	54	sunny	
8/26/2012	69	Sunny and warm	



### Coffee Fellowship



Sept. 2 - Linda Frechette, Nancy Wiggin



Sept. 9 - Ladies Bible Study



Sept. 16 - Sunday School



Sept. 23 - Laura Sorensen

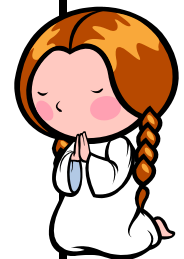


Sept. 30 -



Laurel Atwood  
 Evelyn Behnke  
 Gary Cole  
 Donna Danielson  
 John Eglit  
 Helen Garant  
 Thomas Garrity  
 Scott Hayman  
 Gary and Laura Keim  
 Jane Olsen  
 Jeanette Savalonis  
 Richard Wayman

Gloria Yeaton  
 Melanie and daughter  
 Maddie Bell  
 Ward Young  
 Dorthy Warren  
 Kale Webster and his bat-  
 talion  
 Helen Hutchins



## Tres Dias of New Hampshire

So what is this? A three day weekend that helps Christians in their faith journey by letting them discover where their journey has led them and where they want to go. It is not a retreat or a structured meditation regime. It is a weekend for you and Christ to get reacquainted. There are many talks given by other laypersons and clergy from throughout the state that will surely touch each of you individually. It is set up where you just need to show up on a Thursday and all your needs are taken care of until the closing on Sunday. You will have a sponsor that will take you there and bring you back. How much better does it get than that?

I have been blessed to lead this weekend. There is a

team that has been formed and we will be ready for the weekend to show Christ's light to all that attend.

I am inviting anyone that wants to attend to speak with me and I will tell them more about what to expect. There are two weekends this fall, one for the men and one for the women. I will be leading the men's weekend.

To find out more about Tres Dias of NH, just go online and check it out.

God Bless.....

Curt Reynolds

## Fryeburg Fair Apple Crisp Fundraiser

Just an update-

Plans are in the works for the next major fundraiser....The Fryeburg Fair Apple Crisp Booth! The fair is September 30<sup>th</sup> -October 7<sup>th</sup>; please mark it on your calendar.

There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall to allow everyone to get a chance to sign up to help. This year we have had a few people step up and volunteer to be shift leaders at the booth! So now you just need to

show up and just have fun at the booth.

There will be some exciting 'incentives' to anyone that signs up. This will remain a surprise until the first of September. Don't you want to be in on the surprise and get.....oops, I almost let out the secret! You better sign up!

This is a FUNraiser and we are again looking forward to seeing the whole congregation sharing and working together with smiles.

When I see the smiles, I see Christ in each of you doing for others.

God Bless...Curt Reynolds





## Historian's Corner

One is now a Chicago doctor; another a California engineer; yet another, a ski whiz in Montana and yet another a college lacrosse coach. What do they also have in common? They were once members of the Conway Village Church Sunbeam Choir back in the mid 1990's.

June Wiggin formulated the children's choir and their theme song "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam" became the basis for their eventual nomenclature. June had been a member of the children's choir in

the Methodist Church. In high school she was a member of the Bartlett CUnion Congregational Church Choir and formulated a children's choir there. She decided that the Brown Church needed one, took the bull by the horns, and formulated one. It lasted several years. June herself was a member of the Chancel Choir for half a century but she still fondly remembers the Sunbeam Choir. Shenanigans did occur but raising three boys helped her handle any situation. She likely was demanding but the finished product was always enjoyable and

the appearance of the group always greatly enlarged the congregation with proud parents and grandparents.

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.





## Holiday Fair

Save the Date: November 15, 16, & 17, 2012: That's right the Holiday Fair is right around the corner. We have a number of people who have stepped up and going to be the chair of a table. It is not too late if you would still like to help with a table. We still have a couple in need of a chair person.

We have the menu's planned, precise menu to follow in October, but keep in mind that we will be asking for assistance in that area. Friday Night will again be Dinner and a Concert, or what I called it last year, dinner and a movie. Stanza 21 will be our entertainment for the evening. Saturday Luncheon will be the famous Hot Turkey Luncheon.

October 14<sup>th</sup> after church will have a brief meeting for anyone interested in the Holiday Fair. At that meeting will be discussing dates to hold crafting sessions, don't worry you do not have to be crafty to come and participate. We have several projects in mind that need two people to complete them, something for everyone.

So again save the date: November 15-17, 2012. Please see Dawn or Nancy if you have any questions. See you there.



## Moderator's Minute

As I sit reflecting on what I spoke about last Sunday, I find it difficult to keep my message sounding positive. As I think about it, the positive seems to disappear. My negativity comes because, for some people, there seems to be a lack of commitment to this church. The entire church needs to be committed in supporting the CHURCH, whether it is financially, or giving of time, or assistance in maintaining our MEETING HOUSE or doing the MISSION work of our CHURCH. We have some people stepping up to do the work, but do we have enough people willing to help? Should we just be satisfied to leave the work to those who are willing to do it all?

The financial information that was included in the bulletin this week, shows you where this church stands. If we continue on the path of non-commitment, we could be left without any funds. With this in mind, please be aware that we are approaching the time of year when the Trustees are creating a budget for the coming year. They would like your input as how to be fiscally responsible and maintain a balance budget.

So please, be aware of my intention to continue all of the good things that this church provides to us and to the community. Please consider helping the people who aid in the mission of this church and how you can be one of those who can share in the mission of Christ in the world.

God bless you all.

Paul Weld







***Welcome Home!***

***The “Little Brown Church” Homecoming***

***September 16, 2012 at 10:00 am***

***Please join us for Rally Day Sunday for all  
and a Contemporary Service***

***Potluck Luncheon to follow after church  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, and Drinks will  
be provided***

***Please bring a salad or dessert to share***

***The Deacons and Christian Education***

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## Monthly Calendar of Events

### CVCC September Events

TBA—Diaconate Meeting @6:30pm

Sept. 4—Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00pm

Sept. 5—Outreach @ 6:30pm

Sept. 10—Trustee Meeting @ 6:30pm

Sept. 18—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

## September Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Christina Sell  
6<sup>th</sup> Russell Hunter  
9<sup>th</sup> Anna Hill  
9<sup>th</sup> Alice Grindle  
14<sup>th</sup> Margaret Marshall  
15<sup>th</sup> Brian Wiggin  
17<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Pratt  
18<sup>th</sup> Peter Klomp  
19<sup>th</sup> Richard Bryant  
19<sup>th</sup> Louise Saxby  
21<sup>st</sup> John Edgerton  
24<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Hackett  
27<sup>th</sup> Marcia Heath

