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LENTEN SEASON: A JOURNEY TOGETHER

Our Lenten Season began with the Ash Wednesday service held on Feb 17 and will continue until Easter, April 4. This period of six weeks is an opportunity for our congregation, members and friends, to take a journey together as we seek to deepen our experience of the Sacred and explore the mystery of our faith as we prepare for Easter's transforming message of hope. Each week in worship we will listen to what God is calling us to as individuals and as a congregation. With the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, as suggested by the great reformer John Calvin, we will also strive to make our faith more visible in the world as we respond lovingly and creatively to the needs of the broader community.

This year's Lenten Journey invites us to participate in the "10,000 Hours Project" initiated by the Home and World Mission Board, a journey of hours not miles, of depth not distance. By listening to the needs around us we will rededicate ourselves to being followers of the One who came to feed the hungry clothe the naked, welcome the stranger and free the oppressed. Through our own acts of compassion and service we will experience the Holy in our midst, deepen our own sense of purpose, and find an even deeper joy as Easter shines into our hearts with a promise of healing and new life. May each of us find meaningful ways to mark this Lenten season and participate in a journey that leads to the very heart of life. Blessings on the way.
~ Pastor Mary

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In early March, members and friends on the church's mailing list will receive a packet about the annual stewardship campaign. If you are fairly new to our church you might not realize that our church relies on the generous financial support of our members and friends through pledges to this campaign. In fact, about 80% of our income is from annual stewardship. That financial support helps support our mission projects, pay the salaries of our staff, supply materials for Sunday school, provide heat in the winter, and maintain our facilities amongst other things. For the current fiscal year, we had 183 pledges which averaged (arithmetic mean) \$1410. All pledges, no matter their amount, are deeply appreciated. These pledges are seen only by the church's business manager, who passes on information about the number of pledges and the total amount to the board of stewards. The stewards use this information to create a proposed budget which may be modified and then approved at the church's annual meeting, usually on the first Sunday in May.

In the current fiscal year, we had more than expected costs associated with building upkeep. There were a few chilly days at church when the boiler was in need of TLC, and there was an exciting Sunday morning when our fire alarm sounded because of a problem with the sprinklers. Fortunately, these unexpected costs were offset by somewhat higher income from a very successful Church Yard Sale, renting portions of the building to various groups and renting parking spaces to UNH students. Barring unpleasant surprises, we will be very close to ending our year with a balanced budget.

The stewards realize that the church is not a business; we are not looking to turn a profit. But, we would like the church to be a sustainable organization. We would like to keep our church's vision and dollars working side by side. Please return your pledge promptly so that the church can work towards a reasonable and sustainable budget for next year.

~ Mark Chutter, Co-chair of the Board of Stewards



Confirmation
Class News

CONFIRMATION CLASS CONTINUES

Confirmation class next meets on **March 7th, 12:00 noon—1:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall for a brown bag lunch, followed by a panel of church members sharing about their lives of faith and the role spirituality plays for each of them. They will meet again on **Palm Sunday, March 28th at 10:00 am** for worship, followed by lunch and discussion about the meaning of this season, within Christianity and our own lives.

PARENTING SERIES CONTINUES ON MARCH 7TH

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.: Resources and Support for Parents Caring for Teens, a new community-wide series will meet again on March 7, 4:30-6:00 in the Activities Room of the Community Church of Durham. The series is designed to provide parents of teens an opportunity to explore important issues and continue to develop skills and strategies for supporting their teens through challenging and dynamic years. The theme of this month's program is "Teens and Emotional Health," facilitated by Ben Hillyard, M.Ed., LCMHC, of the Center for Collaborative Change. Launched by the Oyster River Teen Initiative, this series is open to all and encourages an atmosphere of honesty, support, and learning. Please feel free to spread the word. For further information please contact Oyster River Teen Initiative chairperson, Pastor Mary.

EVENING OF THE ARTS FOR HAITIAN RELIEF



On Friday, February 12th, the Community Church of Durham, UCC held an "Evening of the Arts for Haitian Relief." It was a wonderful concert which gathered a mix of community members. It was a joy to see and hear musicians from school-aged teens to experienced adults use their talents so generously. Over \$4,000 was raised to assist the United Church of Christ in its mission to restore lives and create new opportunity for the Haitian people.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this fabulous event. All who attended were moved and inspired, once again, by the wonderful generosity of our community of faith. Thanks also go to Phil Vaughn of Channel 22, DCAT for recording the event, airing it, and providing the church with a DVD. If you would like borrow the recording, please contact the church office.

LOCAL AUTHOR CELEBRATED

On Sunday March 21, immediately following worship, we will hold a special celebration during fellowship hour for our own dear Matthew MacNown. Matthew and his mother, Lynn DeKraker, have been part of our church family for nearly 10 years. Most recently Matthew became a published author! We will celebrate this major accomplishment and provide time for people to check out his new book and even buy an autographed copy! Congratulations Matthew!

HOLY WEEK/PASSION WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

March 28 Palm Sunday Service, 10:00am With shouts of joy and the waving of palm branches the people proclaimed, "Hosanna," as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. How quickly the voices and energy changed as the darkness of holy week began to descend. What meaning might this hold for us in our own lives of faith?

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm Communion and Service of Lights. As Jesus met with his disciples he broke bread with them and shared the cup, offering these as symbols of healing and new life. The evening, however, led to betrayal, denial and suffering. How do we understand these events and how do they inform our sense of ourselves, our faith, our God?

April 2 Good Friday Service, 7:00pm Remembrance and Reflection Through Word and Music. The darkness of Holy Week becomes fully realized as Jesus is taken out and crucified. In the lengthening shadows of fear and death, disciples then and now seek to discern the presence of God in the face of suffering. Does the darkness hold a deeper meaning and message for our lives and times of trial and difficulty? (Musician: Pam Langley)

April 4 Easter Celebration, 8:30/10:30am Death and darkness do not have the final word, and on the third day, new life emerged! The promise of resurrection confounds and compels, as we seek to claim this good news in our own lives and world. Join with others who know of darkness, to experience the light of a new day and the promise of God's enduring love.

Easter Celebration Sunday April 4 Between the two Sunday morning worship services we will hold a special Easter Celebration instead of our usual fellowship hour. Whether you are going to the early or later service you are warmly invited to come enjoy baked good, hot coffee, and time with old friends and new.

Those wanting to share a favorite baked good are invited to do so by dropping them off Saturday after noon, or early Sunday morning. All items can be left in the church fellowship hall kitchen. Come enjoy the celebration!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ~ MARCH 14TH

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, administered by Wider Church Ministries, is the refugee, relief, and development fund of the UCC. It provides support to people in more than eighty countries.

The 2010 OGHS 2010 theme is inspired by John 21: 15 - 17. Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me? When Peter responded that he did, Jesus told him, "Then feed my sheep."

Through One Great Hour of Sharing our gifts meet compelling needs, while also bringing the blessing of compassion into our own lives.

In conjunction with OGHS, there will be five, weekly, live sessions on the UCC website. These Lenten sessions will feature guests from around the world and around the corner and will be held from 7:15 to 8:00 PM on Wednesdays, starting on Feb 24. To join in, go to www.ucc.org and follow the links to OGHS Live 2010. The UCC site suggests you register and follow the directions ahead of time to assure you will be able to access the sessions on your computer.

DID YOU KNOW...???

*4TH INSTALLMENT IN OUR SERIES ON THE HISTORY OF THE
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM, UCC . . .*

About church discipline? For New England Congregationalists over at least three centuries church membership was a very serious business. Members signed a church covenant, which usually included articles of faith and a promise to live harmoniously with one another in what our spiritual ancestors often called a “church way.” The covenant was at the heart of Congregationalism, and the local churches enforced it.

The Durham church was no exception.

In 1818, for example, Ebenezer Parson was accused by one of the Durham brethren of “the immoderate use of ardent spirits,” of “improper conversation and unchristian deportment,” and of other unspecified violations of the covenant. After an elaborate sequence of actions, carefully following Biblical instructions about dealing with grievances, the church first admonished Parsons for not appearing at a meeting and for asking the church to “let him alone.” Parsons eventually relented, his “satisfactory confession” was read publicly in the meeting house, and the church voted to restore him to “regular standing.” He immediately then asked for, and was granted, a letter of dismissal so that he could be admitted to another church in good standing.

In 1828, Nancy Doe was readmitted to the church after the public reading of an elaborate signed confession in which she admitted that she had “greatly displeased my God, wounded the feelings of the church & brought reproach upon the name and religion of Jesus previous to my being married,” and thus had stayed away for six years. As one might easily guess, her offense had been “criminal connexion with the man who is since my husband.” Although signed by Nancy, the confession seems have been composed by her pastor, the Rev. Federal Burt.

Neither of these two cases could match in complexity or intensity that of Dr. Richard Steele. It started when Deacon Abraham Perkins sought to collect a debt from Dr. Steele, a fellow church member, by filing a civil lawsuit. Steele was angry and took his grievance against the deacon before a church meeting, where he was told he must first seek reconciliation with his “brother” according to Biblical precepts. Steele refused. The subsequent proceedings were long and complicated. At one point, the church agreed to dismiss him to the church in Newmarket, which refused to take him until he had settled his grievance. So the matter was back in the hands of Durham.

Seventeen months after the initial complaint, in October 1829, the church imposed the ultimate sanction: “Whereas our brother, Richard Steele, has for a long time forsaken the Communion and worship of the Church; whereas he has continued obstinate against all means to reclaim him . . . ; whereas he has . . . publicly slandered the Church, its Pastor, and individual members thereof; and whereas there seems to be no longer hope of his being brought to repentance:--Therefore, that he be excommunicated from the church.”

It’s all in our records. Church discipline, nineteenth century style.

~ Charlie Clark, Diaconate

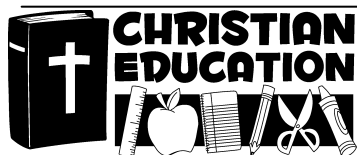
MOMENTS WITH MARY. . . FROM 3 CUPS OF TEA TO 10,000 HOURS: A PARTICULAR LENTEN JOURNEY

The seven year old came up to me during Fellowship Hour that February morning, with bright eyes and irrepressible eagerness. “Pastor Mary, Pastor Mary. We finished the book today, the one about Greg Mortensen, the one about building schools where there are kids who don’t have any, and don’t even have pencils and about not letting challenges stand in your way when you are trying to help people, and how you have to listen a lot, and now I want to go to Pakistan and do that too.” She spoke in one long energetic sentence as her heart poured out an honest, compassionate response to a story about hope and transformation. The book of which she spoke was, of course, “Three Cups of Tea,” that our congregation was spending time reading, reflecting upon and discussing. Her response was not unlike that of so many others who upon reading of one man’s courage and conviction, dedication and vision, persistence and patience, become inspired to contribute to the world with a similar kind of passion and purposefulness. His compelling story has allowed both young and old in our family of faith to reconsider how we create peace in far distant places and what is the best use of our time and resources in a world of such need.

Building upon both that innate impulse to make a positive difference, and taking the learning of the past month, our congregation will now have the opportunity to take that desire and put it into tangible action. Beginning this Lenten Season and continuing until Pentecost, the Home and World Mission Board is inviting the congregation to participate in the 10,000 Hours of Service Program, designed to connect each of us to meaningful and life-giving opportunities to bring healing and hope. This program is truly the next stage of our journey together, from 3 cups of tea to 10,000 hours of service, a journey of depth and dedication rather than distance, a journey of meaning instead of miles, a journey of transformation in which we take to heart the call to “feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, to help liberate those who are oppressed.” The program, detailed elsewhere in the Chronicle offers each of us the opportunity to take a very particular Lenten journey as we extend ourselves to others, moving from being stranger, to friend, to family. This is more than a program, for this is truly an invitation to a way of living, an opportunity to come to see ourselves and others in a new light, as truly members of one family, and through it all to run the joyful risk of experiencing the Sacred in new and life-giving ways.

During the coming months I invite each of us to find the courage and openness to reach out whether in our neighborhood or far beyond, that in building bridges of compassion, and constructing relationships of justice and care, we might experience the deep joy and sustaining peace that makes life such a gift and blessing. The Lenten season provides the space for us to go deeper into that which is lasting and life-giving. May we all take this journey together with openness of heart and willingness of hands, with the same beautiful energy and eagerness of that young child who was ready to head to Pakistan! May God’s spirit inspire and bless us on the way!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

In the past few weeks, some of our students have helped to decorate boxes to collect pennies for the Pennies for Peace collection we are launching during the season of Lent. There are colorful bins with boxes on the CE wing and in Fellowship Hall, and we invite all of you to pick up a box for your home to begin to collect your pennies!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and marks the beginning of the six weeks until Easter. Our teachers will be talking about the season of Lent with their students and weaving in lessons from the books Listen To the Wind and Three Cups of Tea. There are wonderful materials and information on the website Pennies for Peace.org for anyone who would like to read more about the schools and the pennies for peace campaigns.

We have colorful Lenten calendars which we will be distributing to all of the children in the classes. There are extras available on tables in Fellowship Hall and on the CE wing for anyone who would like a simple calendar to help them mark the season of

Lent in a special way. We invite all of our families to think of ways to mark Lent as a prayerful and giving time. Some people “give up” a special treat during this time to make them aware of how fortunate we are in the world. Others make a special effort to reach out to others. We hope that the Pennies for Peace campaign will be one way we can help our church community to think about our brothers and sisters in the world in a special way during this time.

The Pathfinders group has held some fun activities this winter, including snow tubing in early February. The high school group continues to meet and learn carpentry skills as they design a shed to build for our church. The high school group held a successful fundraiser with the Super Bowl Subs on February 7.

Enjoy the days ahead as we move from winter into spring. May Lent be a blessed and special time for each of us.

~ Peace, Paula Norbert,
Director of Educational Ministries

ALLELUIA CHOIR

All children in grades 3-8 are invited to join the Alleluia Choir. We meet approximately once a month during Sunday School, and then sing during the worship service the subsequent Sunday. On days when choir meets during Sunday School, children should go to the Chapel instead of to their regular classrooms. If you have any questions, please call Lorna Ellis at 868-5831. Our schedule for this spring is:

March 7:	Brief rehearsal at 11:15 am
March 14:	Sing during the Worship Service
March 28:	Rehearse during all of Sunday School
April 4:	Sing during the Worship Service (10:30 am)
May 9:	Rehearse during all of Sunday School
May 16:	Sing during the Worship Service
June 6:	Rehearse during all of Sunday School
June 13:	Sing during the Worship Service



LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR MARCH 2010
 REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY
 (YEAR C)
SEASON OF LENT

March 7 Open Invitation

Focus: To respond to the invitation of God's generous and empowering grace.

Focus scripture: Isaiah 55: 1 – 9

Additional readings: Psalm 63: 1 – 8
 1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13
 Luke 13: 1 – 9

March 14 Embracing Love

Focus: To live into God's forgiving love that seeks to reconcile everyone.

Focus scripture: Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32

Additional readings: Joshua 5: 9 – 12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

March 21 Something New

Focus: To celebrate that God continues to make a new way in our lives and in all creation.

Focus scripture: Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Additional readings: Psalm 126
 Philippians 3: 4b – 14
 John 12: 1 – 8

March 28 Into Jerusalem

Focus: To lay ourselves open to Luke's story of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem.

Focus scripture: Luke 19: 28 – 40

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a
 Psalm 31: 9 – 16
 Philippians 2: 5 – 11
 Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

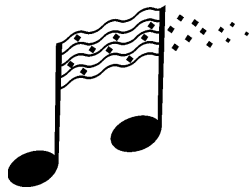
Season of Easter

April 4 Resurrection Joy

Focus: To be immersed in the mysterious, glorious power of Easter.

Focus scripture: John 20: 1 – 18

Additional readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43
 or Isaiah 65: 17 – 25
 Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24
 1 Corinthians 15: 19 – 26
 Luke 24: 1 – 12



REJOICE CHOIR

Children, ages 3 through grade 2 who like to sing, play games, and share snacks, are invited to join the Rejoice Choir. Rejoice Choir meets on Monday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Activities Room and follows the school's calendar. This choir also sings approximately once a month during worship. For information, please call Nancy Miner at 659-3701.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The high school group will focus this year on meeting together to share conversation, good food, and to learn some basic carpentry skills. Our hope is to use these important skills for two projects: one is to design and construct a shed for our church; the other is to work on a service project in the spring (hopefully for several days over spring break).

We continue to welcome new and continuing high school students. Here is our schedule for the coming months:

Sunday, March 7-10:20-11:30am

Sunday, March 21-6-7:30pm

Sunday, April 11- (changed from the 4th, Easter Sunday) 10:20-11:30, followed by car wash fundraiser

April Vacation-Service Trip to be announced!

Sunday, May 2-10:20-11:30am



PATHFINDERS ~ UPCOMING EVENT!

Pathfinders Pathfinders, our middle school youth group, will meet Saturday evening, **March 13th at 5:30 pm** for pizza and game night in the library at the church! For more information, please contact Lorna Ellis (Lorna.Ellis@myfailpoint.net) or Lisa Taylor (lisa@LowellTaylor.com).

FROM OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library has received a collection of poetry, prayers and meditations by Donald C. Babcock, who served as the associate minister of our church from 1960 to 1970. Prior to his work in our church, Dr Babcock had served as pastor in various New Hampshire churches. In 1918, he became a professor of history at New Hampshire College and the University of New Hampshire. He then left the History Department to organize a Department of Philosophy at UNH. He retired from the University in 1956, and was recognized as Professor Emeritus of Philosophy in 1962. Dr. Babcock began publishing his writings during his professorship in the History Department, and continued to write, especially poetry, throughout his career as a professor of Philosophy and as associate minister in our church.

For Those I Taught, Durham Chapbook No. 4. 1947
New England Harvest. 1953
Poems for my Students. with Dayton Henson, 1956
In the House of my Friends, a graduation sermon, Oyster River High School. 1964

Late Harvest. 1967

Prayers. 1960-70

Prayers and Meditations. 1960-1970

Prayers and Meditations. 1970

So in my Heart. 1972

This collection will be housed near the hymnals in the reference corner.



Other New Titles

Caregivers

Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal, by John Sipola et al, gift of Gloria Singer, friend of the church

Non Fiction

We Went to War, New Hampshire Remembers, by Meg Heckman and Mike Pride

Mountains Beyond Mountains, by Tracy Kidder

Enemies of the People, by Kati Marton

OFFERING TWO TEACHER-LED MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH!

Please join us for a few hours of quiet, a chance to slow down and be fully in the present. In this way we can enrich our daily lives, find peace, and, if we wish, deepen our spiritual journey. Please pre-register with Judith Moyer (jnmoyer@unh.edu or 603.868.3538). See you there!

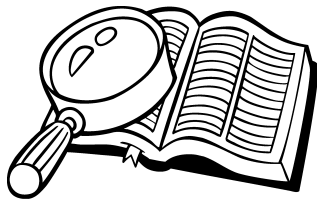
March 13, Guided Mindful Silent Retreat, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Durham Community Church Fellowship Hall –Holding the silence, we will sit, stretch, walk, and eat while paying mindful attention. Please join us and give yourself the gift of quieting down and slowing down! Bring a yoga mat or blanket, clothes for a brief time outside, any drinks or snacks you need, and a vegetarian lunch. Cost: \$15. Scholarships available.

March 21, Equinox Silent Sit-and Soup, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Durham Community Church Parlor – Here's a chance to quiet down and connect with the season's change from Winter into Spring. In mindfulness and silence, we will sit, walk briefly outside, and eat a simple meal. Bring your own eating dishes and utensils. Talk to Judith about what food to bring. Cost: \$10. Scholarships available.

GUILD NEWS

The next meeting of the Women's Bible Study Group is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th at 10 AM. We will be discussing the March chapter of *may I have this dance?*, titled Leaning On God. The exchange of ideas and experiences is always lively and all are invited to attend. This will be followed by a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall; coffee, tea and dessert are provided. A brief Guild meeting will follow lunch. This supportive group always welcomes new or returning women. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Fair All Year! Love to sew? The Christmas Fair has a large craft table for stuffed animals, hand-crafted toys, pin cushions, pot holders, place mats, tote bags, cell phone cases, polar fleece scarves, Christmas tree ornaments, and more. Showcase your talents – we love creative people!



EXPANDING YOUR MIND!

This spring, the Tuesday morning "read and discuss" group will investigate the thoughts of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. Although considered among the most influential thinkers of the 20th century, today many have not even heard of him. Yet he is also being called "Obama's theologian" and the 21st century, a "Niebuhr century". We will read his short 1952 book, "The Irony of American History."

All are welcome! We plan to meet in the parlor at 10 on Tuesday mornings from March 2 for six weeks, until April 6. The book will be available at the church office for \$13.60. For further information, call discussion leader, Marion Ellis, 659-1123, or convener Joanne Sasner, 942-5054.

BOOK REVIEW: **THE BOLD ALTERNATIVE: STAYING IN THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY**, BY GARY W. CHARLES, PASTOR OF THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

In support of our strategic planning process, the Diaconate decided to read, review, and discuss books on current trends on worship in mainline churches. We hope to review one of these books in each of the next several editions of the Chronicle as a way of sharing our findings with our church community. The author of this book went to several different churches across the country and interviewed new and long time members to find out what keeps them coming to church at a time when mainline churches are experiencing a membership decline. He looked at six different areas and divided the book into chapters to address those areas. They are: Why They Come, Why They Stay, Why They Worship, What They Believe, Why They Pray, and How They Live. The book concludes with What Next? As I read the book I noted several ideas that are shared below.

Why They Come:

- Church is a place of hope.
- Church is a place where people can re-evaluate and transcend our “consumptive ethic and material definition of success.”
- Church is a place where people can be part of a community of meaning, purpose and intentional choice that challenges our thinking.

Why They Stay:

- When church provides a safe and supportive place to live out their faith.
- When church encourages people to grow and explore their own faith.
- When church is a welcoming place where significant relationships can be formed.
- When differences are honored in an atmosphere of mutual respect and regard.
- When members are encouraged to think for themselves.

Why They Worship:

- Members feel a desire and need to worship both alone and with others.
- There is a “well reasoned and carefully executed worship service that includes music of many types, the sacraments being offered fairly frequently, opportunities for silence and occasional elements of surprise.

What They Believe:

- This chapter is divided into two essential questions – What do churchgoers today believe to be true about Christianity? What are two or three essentials of Christianity, of being Christian?

Why They Pray:

- This chapter compares secular and sacred interpretations of spirituality acknowledging that it can mean different things even to those who do attend church.

How They Live:

- Daily life is based on the teachings of Christ as a foundation from which to draw.

What Next?

- In today’s society many people come to church more out of personal desire than habit, guilt or tradition. The church and culture are no longer closely tied. In order for the church to grow it must look at the population that has left and find ways to attract new members. It must be willing to change and adapt while maintaining its foundation of faith.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please hold David Draves and family in your thoughts and prayers. Jane Draves, long-time church member, passed away in early February after a period of declining health. A memorial service will be held later in the spring to remember and celebrate her life.

Please, also hold in prayer George and Meg Fairbairn, their daughters and extended family. George's younger sister, Jean, recently passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia. She leaves a loving husband and three young children besides many friends and extended family. A memorial service was held March 6 in Merrimac, NH.

May God's healing love be present with all who mourn.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TEDDY MCARTHUR

For many decades Teddy McArthur worked faithfully and creatively as a Sunday School volunteer with the youngest members of the Community Church family. A memorial service of remembrance and celebration of her life will take place on Saturday March 20 at 1:00pm in the church sanctuary with reception to follow. All are welcome to attend. Please continue to hold her daughters, Sandy, Betty and Linda and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO
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IS **SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST**

WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to provide worship flowers for the altar one Sunday in March, please sign up on the "flower" poster board in Fellowship Hall.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Community Fellowship group will next meet on March 4, and again on March 18th. The group typically meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, in the Parlor at 7:30 am. All men of the community are welcome to come and discuss spiritual and other topics of interest.

COLLEGE OF WOOSTER SCOT BAND CONCERT! FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

On Sunday March 8 at 7:30 p.m., the College of Wooster Scot Band will perform in the Oyster River High School (ORHS) Auditorium. This concert promises to be quite lively, the band performs in Scottish dress military regalia (kilts!) and the concert will include Scottish pipers, drummers and dancers. Freewill donations accepted at the door. All are welcome. Our Church is hosting the band members by providing dinner at ORHS prior to the concert as well as providing overnight accommodations.

If you'd like more information or would like to help, please call Ann or Chuck Hotchkiss (their son John plays in the band) at 868-1028 or hotchxxx@earthlink.net, or contact the church office at 868-1230.

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