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The Mission of the First Congregational Church of Hanover, United Church of Christ, is to make the love of God and the God of love known as both continue to be revealed to us. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church regardless of their age, gender, race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, class or economic standing, because we believe that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We gather people together in God's love that grounds us in a caring community and transforms our lives of faith. We send people out to make a difference in the world through compassion and justice.

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM REV. DON

I am sitting here basking in the glow of today. Your gracious celebration of 25 years of ministry was perfect. From the music of the choir, to the kind stories and memories, to the insightful reflections, to the delicious meal to the caring presence of so many friends from our church and community it was a beautiful gift. Though the details were kept a well guarded secret, I know how much time, energy and effort go into the preparations for a day like this. That, too, was part of the gift that I so deeply appreciate. THANK YOU!

Your kind gifts were also a treat. The robe is a wonderful and perfect fit. As I wear it I will feel the warmth of your spirit surrounding me.

This coming year I will have the opportunity to benefit from another Sabbatical. The card with the gift inside will help as I plan for this time of stillness, study and spiritual renewal. But, as I shared at the luncheon, the greatest gift is the privilege of being able to serve among so amazing a community of faith, a people who - as our Regional Minister Dale Hempen reminded us - are so willing to look into the eyes of Christ, leave our small boats on the sandy shore and embark on God's new adventures.

Thank you for letting me minister with and among you for most of my 25 years.

~ Rev. Don

REV. MEG'S THANKS

I am in awe of the hospitality and love that I have been shown by this wonderful community. You welcomed me, my family and friends at my ordination with open arms and a tasty meal! I am now the best dressed minister on the South Shore with all of the beautiful stoles that were chosen with loving hands by you for me.

I am honored to serve this community and I look forward to our shared future. Blessings,

~ Rev. Meg

CHURCH FAIR

November 8th – 9:30 am until 2:00 pm

On the last page of the *Spire* is a list of the tables we have for the church fair this year, with an explanation of what each table consists of. We hope this will be helpful to everyone, especially those who are new to our church, and have not had the opportunity to experience this wonderful day full of fun and fellowship. Members of the Fair Committee will be in the Vestry in October with sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to help with the fair. This year's fair, LAURA'S COUNTRY CHURCH FAIR, committee members include: Carole Osgood, Irene MacAskill, Ruth Hall and Linda Gilardi. Contact any of them if you are interested in participating.

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

Local, National & International Outreach

HURRICANE

RELIEF

We've all watched the news as hurricanes keep coming ashore on the Gulf Coast. The region our Youth Mission Trip worked in suffered from storm surge, tornadoes, wind destruction and flooding. And that story is repeated all along the Gulf Coastline. But, the Gulf is not the only place devastated by the storms. The Islands of the Caribbean have received direct hits. The toll of death and displacement is an often untold story. One of the members of our community comes from Haiti and has shared stories of the struggles and shock that have incapacitated the island.

We are going to offer an opportunity for church members to donate to the relief efforts. For the next few Sundays there will be a donation pot on the coffee table in the vestry after church. As you get your cup of coffee you are welcome to place a donation in the pot. 1/3 of the offering will be sent to Haiti, 2/3 of the offering will be sent to our UCC 2008 HURRICANE RECOVERY APPEAL. There is more information online at UCC.org and through our church's website.

MAINSRING

Our church provides meals on the first Sunday of each month and there are some empty spaces on our sign-up sheet in the coatroom! Please consider participating in this very worthwhile mission by signing up to help at MainSpring this fall. We will be glad to help you plan a meal and can provide menus with quantities to assist you. For help and/or information call Libby Ritchie at 781 826-5677 or ask any member of our Outreach & Service Committee.

NOTE: We are no longer collecting grocery receipts from Shaw's, as they will not be continuing that charity program.

Thank you to all donors who faithfully brought their slips for the benefit of Father Bill's MainSpring House. Our basket of donations was overflowing!



Community meetings continue the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month here at First Congregational Church.

If anyone is able and willing to donate in kind services such as electrical, carpentry, sheetrocking services or materials of all sorts: paint, wood, nails (everything you can think of that goes into a house) please contact Paul Vlassakis on his cell 617-347-1206 or at vlass273@aol.com.

O&S IN ACTION

Please take a moment to look over our updated "Focus on Community" bulletin board in the vestry. It shows how your Outreach dollars are helping others. Take special notice of the article on the UCC Steeple ad campaign that will be airing soon on your television networks. We also received a very personal thank you from Seafarers' for enabling them to rent a van for transportation needs. Please enjoy the photos of our church youth serving God in Mississippi this past June.

If there is a special mission that you would like us to consider for next year's commitments, please speak to anyone on the Outreach and Service Committee. Your generosity is appreciated so we can continue to do God's work throughout the nation and the world!

OUR MINISTRY IS ONE OF CARING

Members of our church are donating their time and talents by creating hand-knitted, crocheted or sewn shawls, lap blankets or baby blankets. We also have members who are writing as part of their gifts to the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. We have already had an opportunity to give shawls to different people since our first meeting in the spring. All who knit, crochet, or sew are welcome. We also have work for those who don't work with yarn or cloth. If you have a WILLING HEART, we want you. If you would like a lesson we will arrange one.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet the first Wednesday, of every month in the Church Vestry. Coffee and desserts will be provided.

THE NEXT MEETING IS OCT 1st at 7:30pm.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Meaningful Worship

UPCOMING WORSHIP

October 2: Labyrinth Lecture

October 5: Communion service

October 19: Evening Worship

November 2: All Saints Day celebrated with Holy Communion

GUEST PREACHER

On October 19, Rev. Loring Carpenter, Executive Director of Seafarer's Friends in Boston, will join us for our Sunday morning experiences of worship. He will help with the liturgy and share God's message with us that morning. He will be around after church for an informal discussion and conversation. Please join us that day in worship to extend to him the hospitality of our church.

LABYRINTH

FIREWALKS are scheduled each Wednesday evening 7-9 pm at the outdoor Labyrinth. Each week weather permitting you can join us for a walk in the outdoor labyrinth by firelight at sunset. The fire and torches are lit for 2 hours for a moment to pause in your week, contemplate the events and direction of your life, let go of the stresses that you carry, rest in the heart of God, listen for the whisper of the spirit. All of this as the wind rustles through the leaves, the birds fly overhead singing a twilight song, the chimes ring melodious tones and the fire flickers. As the colder weather settles in we will be moving our labyrinth ministry inside, so join us for a firelight walk before they end for the year.

STEEPLES AD

Thank you! We did it! Together, we raised \$235,000 and will be airing *Steeple*s to a national audience! The ad will air nationwide beginning Monday, September 29 through Sunday, October 12 on CNN, Bravo, BET and TV One. So tune in and see your church live!

Again, thank you for your incredible outpouring of support. Because of you, the United Church of Christ's message of extravagant welcome will be seen by millions. For more info, check out www.ucc.org/allthepeople.

With peace, blessings and gratitude,

The Rev. John H. Thomas
General Minister and President

The Rev. Felix Carrion
Stillspeaking Ministry Coordinator
United Church of Christ

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

We will be continuing our opportunity for prayer and worship. Many folks can't join us early on Sunday's for worship. Schedules for work and school limit them. The hour is too early. Some are busy with our children in church school. So, we are continuing our opportunity for a meaningful moment of worship. We will be keeping our Sanctuary open following our 10 am worship for those who would like to come for quiet prayer and reflection. The bulletin and InSpire will be available for reflection. Music will be playing.

You can gather by yourself or with friends for a sweet hour of prayer. Each Sunday we will keep the Sanctuary open till 12:30 pm.

SPIRITUAL LECTURE AT THE LABYRINTH

Beginning in October we will return to our scheduled opportunities to experience the sacred while walking our indoor labyrinth set up in the Parish Hall:

- First Thursday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
- Second Saturday from 9-noon

This year we will be offering a series of speakers who will share insights around enriching our faith. Topics will include spiritual practices, grief and loss, aging and Alzheimer's, illness and wellness.

This month our speaker will join us on Thursday evening at 7 pm on October 2. The topic is *Recovering Christian Spiritual Practices for Healing and Wholeness* and is presented by Brita L. Gill-Austern, M.Div., Ph.D. Austin Philip Guiles, Professor of Psychology and Pastoral

Care Andover Newton Theological School.

In this presentation Professor Gill-Austern will lift up many Christian spiritual practices that have deep roots in the Christian tradition, but have been largely ignored in our time. She will show why spiritual practice has always been central to spiritual life and how it contributes to spiritual and psychological well-being. She will give suggestions for how one might begin to incorporate spiritual practice into one's own life to deepen one's spiritual life and to increase one's sense of wellbeing.

CONVERSATIONS to GROW IN FAITH

BOOK CONVERSATIONS

Each month we are offering a chance to gather after church for a conversation rising from a bestselling book. You are invited to join us as we reflect on the ways that our readings and our faith intersect with the world, nation and neighborhood in which we live. Feel free to join us whether you have finished reading the book or not.

All of the books on our list are stocked at Borders Express across from the Hanover Mall, and if you mention you are from the First Congregational Church of Hanover, UCC and you will receive a 20% discount.

On **October 12th** we will talk about Jim Wallis' book, *THE GREAT AWAKENING*. There is something profound happening within the religious community that has too often been divided by extreme theological and moral viewpoints. There is a new effort to get back to common dialogue and action on the basics. As one reviewer noted: "Poverty, global warming, environmental degradation and terrorism are some of the most pressing global issues of our time. While Washington offers us only the politics of blame and fear, Jim Wallis offers hope by helping to change the national conversation on faith and politics. By helping a

nation hungry for hope and positive political solutions, Wallis shows us that a revival is happening, as people of faith and moral conviction seek common ground for change."

On **November 2nd** we will look at the book: *THREE CUPS OF TEA* by Greg Mortenson. This book tells the story of a mountain climber who almost loses his life in an attempt to top K2. His interaction with the impoverished Pakistan village that nurtured him back to health will lead him into the world of politics and faith in current Afghanistan and Pakistan as he attempts to build schools in the region. It will bring you new insights into the practice of Islam in a fascinating part of our globe.

Looking ahead we will be reading:

DECEMBER: *Creating True Peace* by Thich Nhat Hanh

JANUARY: *Half Time* by Bob Buford

FEBRUARY: *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle

MARCH: *Traveling Light* by Max Lucado

MAY: *The World is Flat* by Thomas Friedman.

FAITH CONVERSATIONS

This year we will be using the Gospels as our framework to encounter God in our scripture. We will look at and listen to the stories, parables, teachings, insights, approach and style of Jesus as we walk through the verses of the ancient text which forms the core of our faith and our understanding. We will tie these teachings, words and insights into the tradition and framework of all the Bible. We will use discussion, prayer, contemplation, and creativity to allow the words to speak to us and shape our souls. Join us any Monday evening beginning at 7:30. We will start with the first verses of Mark (the earliest of our Gospels) on September 29th. As a companion to our sharing of scripture, folks are also encouraged to read *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and of a Religious Revolutionary* by Marcus Borg.

BREAKFAST AND

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Linda Gray Kelly is performing her one-woman, 11-character act, *Women of the New Testament* on Saturday, November 1, at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 77 Rockland St, Hanover. Her presentation is from 10-11 am.

A breakfast of quiche, fruit and muffins will be served at 8:30.

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and are available at our church office. This event is for both men and women, although Rev. Don says that real men don't eat quiche. Bring a friend!

Empowering Leadership

UNBINDING THE GOSPEL

A group of nearly a dozen folks from our church are planning to attend a workshop by Martha Grace Reese author of *Unbinding the Gospel*. This exciting book offers some insights into living faithfully as a vibrant family of faith with your community. The workshop is being offered on Saturday, November 15th.

Because we are a Timothy Project Church in partnership with the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ the normal \$25 per person fee is waived. So join us for a fun day that will deepen your faith and help us work together to bring alive our church's Mission and Vision.

AN INVITATION TO ALL CHURCH WOMEN

Have you ever wondered how Pilgrim District Women, Pilgrim Association, and our neighbors in the Southeast District connect to one another? Learn how these connections support us, our home church families, neighboring communities, and the UCC worldwide.

Join us on Tuesday, **October 28** at Halifax Congregational Church, 503 Plymouth St, Halifax. Coffee fellowship at 9:30; Worship and program at 10:00; Luncheon at 12:00. Mark your calendar now and hold the date! You're welcome to bring a friend.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BOOK STUDY

COMING SOON! One Saturday morning a month Rev. Don will host a men's breakfast to discuss best-selling book, *Wild At Heart*. Be watching the *Spire* and *InSpire* for a date and time. Before we can have the study, we need to have men sign up to cook the breakfast.

Amazon Review: If Christian men are going to change from a pitiful, wimpy bunch of "really nice guys" to men who are made in the image of God, they must reexamine their preconceptions about who God is and recover their true "wild" hearts, writes bestselling author John Eldredge in *Wild at Heart: Discovering a Life of Passion, Freedom, and Adventure*. Eldredge throws down the gauntlet--men are bored; they fear risk, they refuse to pay attention to their deepest desires. He challenges Christian men to return to authentic masculinity without resorting to a "macho man" mentality. Men often seek validation in venues such as work, or in the conquest of women, Eldredge observes. He urges men to take time out and come to grips with the "secret longings" of their hearts. Although the book succeeds best in its slant toward a male audience, it also strives to help women understand the implications of authentic masculinity in their

relationships with men. Eldredge frames the book around his outdoor experiences and appealing anecdotes about his family, sprinkling the text with touches of humor and overlying everything with heartfelt passion. Even as he mixes eclectic ideas about masculinity from popular movies such as *Braveheart* with classic words from Oswald Chambers, and lyrics from the Dixie Chicks with stories from the Bible, he points to only one answer for men searching for their true wildness of heart. Writes Eldredge, "The only way to live in this adventure ... with all its danger and unpredictability and immensely high stakes ... is in an ongoing, intimate relationship with God."

NEEDED:

- Men interested in reading the book and attending the discussions. Sign up sheet is in the church vestry.
- Men interested in cooking breakfast for the group. Sign up sheet is in the church vestry.

INSPIRE, BULLETIN AND SPIRE DEADLINES

To publish announcements in the Sunday *InSpire*, please e-mail articles to the church office by Wednesday at 9 am. Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 9 am (names of volunteer greeters, lay readers, acolytes and flower donations). The November *Spire* articles are due on Monday, October 20 at 9 am. Please e-mail to the church office: office@fchanoverucc.org

WILL YOU PRAY WITH ME? AGAIN!

That is the question that Jesus poses to his disciples. It was particularly poignant on the eve of his death when Jesus takes his closest disciples into the garden for prayer. They couldn't stay awake.

We hope that you will join us for an hour – a *Sweet Hour of Prayer* – for our church. Everyone who participated last May found this to be an amazing experience - amazing and surprising as they paused their lives and rested in the presence of God. Some took a whole hour all at once. Some split it up over several periods during the day.

We are again asking EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH to spend another special hour in prayer on one of the days in October. We are moving into God's future as we take all the comments, dreams, ideas and visions of our church members and leaders and listen within them for the voice of God. We are inviting you to pray that God's Spirit may come alive in the hearts, ministry, mission and community of our church. Our hope it so have several people praying for the church each day of the month.

In the church vestry you will find some additional prayer ideas and guidance throughout the month along with a calendar on which you can sign up.

30 DAYS OF PRAYER

This month we are asking you to join everyone in the church in an hour of prayer for our community of faith. Pick one day this month and set aside some time to pray for the church. You can spend one whole hour in prayer or split it up throughout the day. You can read our Mission and Vision 2008 and use the words there as a beginning for your prayer. You can read our booklet on prayer and use the suggestions you find there. You might also enjoy this story from <http://www.new-life.net/favrt075.htm> as part of your reflections and meditations.

ANSWERED PRAYER

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like

magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island.

The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

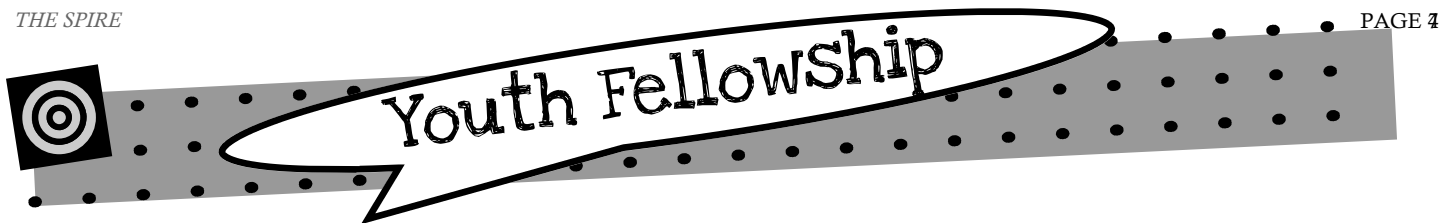
"Tell me", the first man asked the voice, "What did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

Author unknown

~ Rev. Don



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Oct 5: Go to beach (JH) and Car Wash (SH)
Oct 12: Apple Picking (Both JH and SH)
Oct 19: Apple Sauce for Seniors (JH) and Evening Worship (SH)
Oct 26: UNICEF (Both)
Nov 2: MainSpring House Dinner (JH) and Wizard of Oz (SH)
Nov 16: Toy Drive for VNA (JH) and Bake Bread for VNA (SH)
Nov 23: Relationships and Faith (JH) and Evening Worship (SH)
Nov 30: Green Sales (Both)
Dec 7: Babysit for shoppers (JH)
Dec 14: Relationships and Faith (JH) and Ministry on the Common (SH)
Dec 21: Christmas Caroling (JH) and Christmas Party (SH)
Jan 4: Getting to know God (JH) and Feeding the Poor (SH)
Jan 11: Bowling (JH) and Feeding the Poor
Jan 18: Getting to Know God (JH) and Evening Worship (SH)
Jan 25: Tubing (Both)
Feb 1: Souper Bowl (Both)
Feb 8: Getting to Know God (JH)
Feb 15: Skating on the Frog Pond (JH)
Feb 22: Getting to Know God (JH) and Evening Worship (SH)
Mar 1: Host Family Movie Night (JH)
Mar 15: Laser Tag (SH)
Mar 22: Easter Planning (SH)
Apr 5: Easter Baskets for VNA (JH)
Apr 12: Easter, no meeting for JH, Easter Morning Worship (SH)
May 3: Clothing Drive (JH) and Evening Worship (SH)
May 9 & 10: Lasagna Making (SH)
May 17: Clothing Drive (JH)
June 7: Video of the Year (JH)
June 14: Show video at church picnic
June 21: Mission Trip (SH)

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

The first Sunday of each month we have a church wide gathering to share our reflections regarding a book everyone has read, Book Conversations. While this is not one of our regular classes you are encouraged to join us for the conversation. The books are listed below so you can read them if you would like.

Our Regular Classes begin with worship at 10 am and end at 1 pm. Please take notes during worship of any insights or questions you have.

October 12: Book Conversations (*The Great Awakening* by Jim Wallis)

October 19: Back to the Bible Basics (Regular Class)

October 26: Photography Workshop (Regular Class)

November 2: Book Conversations (*Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson)

November 9: Stewardship Caretakers of God's Gifts (Regular Class)

November 16: Join us for Evening Worship at 7:15 PM

November 23: Interview a Leader

December 7: Book Conversations *Creating True Peace* by Thick Nhat Hanh

December 14: Helping with the Christmas Pageant or Ministry on the Common

December 21: Holy in the Holidays (Regular Class)

January 4: Book Conversations

January 11: Prepping for Worship I (Regular Class)

January 18: Prepping for Worship II (Regular Class)

January 25: Prepping for Worship III (Regular Class)

January 30-31: RETREAT! At Craigville Conference on Cape Cod

February 1: Book Conversations

February 8: What is an Ethic (Regular Class)

February 15: What is a UCC (Regular Class)

February 22: What is a First Congregational Church (Regular Class)

February 25: ATTEND ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (supper at 6:30pm)

March 1: Book Conversations

March 8: How do we make a difference? (Regular Class)

March 16: Going Deeper (Regular Class)

March 28: SATURDAY RETREAT AT GLASTONBURY

March 29: Join us for Evening Worship at 7:15 PM

April 5: Book Conversations

April 12: EASTER Join us for church and help out with the "Sunrise Service"

April 19: Key Points (Regular Class)

April 26: Key Points (Regular Class)

May 3: Book Conversations

May 10: Mother's Day...wrap up class possibility

May 17: Confirmation Sunday

FACEBOOK GROUP

Stay connected! Join our new Facebook group, First Congregational Church of Hanover—Youth Fellowship. Schedules and fun stuff will be found here, plus broadcast e-mails will be sent by me.

Rev. Meg



CHURCH SCHOOL

We have started off the new Sunday School year so very well. We are learning about R-E-S-P-E-C-T! along with the Golden Rule. If you have been in Riley Hall you have seen the wonderful wall of Golden Rule posters that the classes have done. Don't miss it, it is worth a trip across the street!

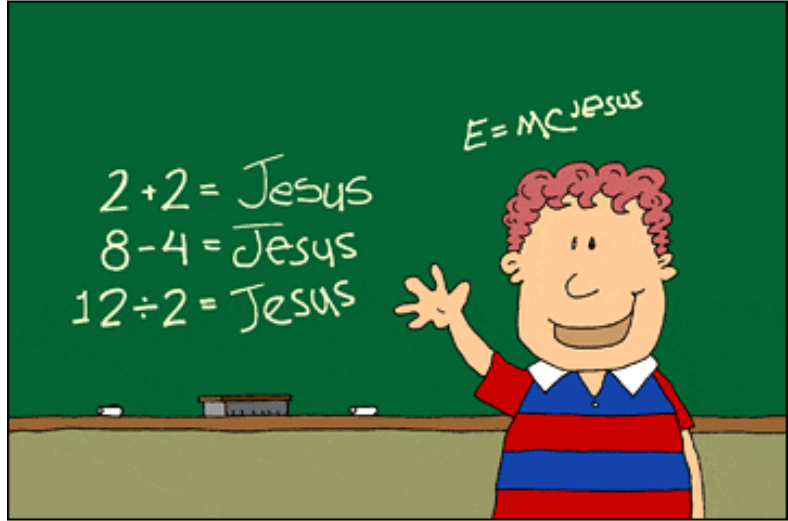
We welcome the new families that have joined us. It is always great to see new faces and have new children in our group. I hope they all enjoy this year.

We still need teachers for many of the rotations. In October I need an Arts and Crafts teacher and two Bible Adventure teachers. Don't forget, Dads are welcome as teachers too! It is always good for our kids to see Dad helping out! Please talk to me on Sunday or call me at 781-826-4909 if you can help.

See you all on Sunday!

~ Deborah Bowen

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Thanks to Gert-Jan van Heugten

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IN BIBLE CLASS WE LEARNED THAT JESUS IS
THE ANSWER

2008-09 Rotation Themes and Special Event Dates

October: *David, the Boy*

March 29 - 5th and 6th graders assist with worship service

November: *Ruth*

November 16 - Thanksgiving Ingathering

April: *Symbols of Holy Week*

April 5 - Confirmation for 6th graders, 10-11:30 am

November 30 - Christmas Mission Project

April 5 - Palm Sunday Parade
April 9 - Maundy Thursday, 6th graders receive communion at evening worship service

December:

December 7 - Christmas Mission Project

April 12 - Easter, Youth Choir, no Sunday School

December 14 - Christmas Pageant, White Gifts Sunday

December 21 - Group Sunday School, Cantata (Youth Choir)

December 28 - No Sunday School

May: *Paul*

May 17 - Kindergarten Graduation
May 31 - Preparation for Children's Day

January: *In the Manger*

February: *Daniel in the Lions' Den*

June

June 7 - Preparation for Children's Day
June 14 - Children's Day, All Church Picnic

March: *Zacchaeus*

March 8 - Bible Sunday, Third Graders receive Bibles

March 22 and 29 - Confirmation for 6th graders, 10-11:30 am

CALENDAR

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Where God is still speaking

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LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

Dear Church Family, I just wanted to thank you for both the generous scholarship and the many wonderful opportunities you have given me. Never did I imagine that I would be able to travel to states in need and really make a difference. The experiences I have had on the mission trips have changed my life forever, in a positive way. With your contribution to my next four years at Boston University, I hope to continue my community service and also be able to participate in future mission trips. I am so thankful that I have been able to be a member of such a wonderful church community. Thank you for everything you have done for me, and I'll see you next summer!

Thank you, Eleanor Botelho ++++++

Dear Christian Education Committee, Thank you for the Educational Scholarship. I will not let God or the church down. I will work my hardest in college. Again, thank you.

Sincerely, Brianne Greland ++++++

Dear CE Committee, Thank you very much for the scholarship you awarded me last year. I was able to use a large portion of it to pay for expensive text books. I had a great first year at UNH and am excited for my next 3 years. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Marc Scribi ++++++

CHURCH FAIR TABLES

FOOD TABLE-Homemade cakes, cookies, breads, beans, pies

CANDY/CHEESE TABLE-cheeses, homemade fudge, candy

PLANT TABLE- home-grown plants including our Special Christmas Cactus

JAMS AND JELLIES TABLE- including homemade relishes and pickles

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE- new and used treasures.

SNACK BAR- fried dough, coffee, hot chocolate, chowder, sandwiches, subs, hot dogs grilled cheese

KNITTED WEAR TABLE- homemade knitted/crochet items including mittens, hats, scarves, sweaters, afghans, slippers,

CRAFT TABLE- Dishtowels and other craft items

WOODCRAFT TABLE-homemade wooden items

CHILDREN'S ROOM-Games and prizes for young folks

HOLIDAY TABLE-holiday decorations and household crafts

JEWELRY TABLE-antique and newer used jewelry, accessories

BOOK TABLE- assortment of paperback books, DVDs, tapes, movies, sound equipment etc.

SILENT AUCTION TABLE- This table has a variety of homemade items. Minimum bid for each item is displayed. Bids, placed in a special silent auction box, will be taken all day. The highest bidder, will be notified at the end of the fair.