

# Steeple Talk

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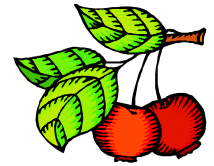
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## Pastor's Message



It's funny. I'm actually getting a little excited, waiting for the snow to start falling. The earth goes to sleep; the nighttime expands; the deer gather round the crab-apple tree; a hush falls over the world; a time of reflection, of pondering, descends. I'm getting ahead of myself. I know. I should be talking about the colors that are just beginning to appear on the tips of the maple tree in my back yard, but I'm thinking ahead right now.

The church has already started to get calls from people who will have to choose between heat and food this winter. Pat and I are doing our best to sort through the needs people bring to us. We don't attempt to meet every need. When the needs we want to meet are expensive, we encourage folks to call other churches, too, so we can share the burden.

When we do contribute to people in need, the Deacons' Fund is one of the main places we turn. Lately, the fund has been running low. Maybe that envelope has gotten lost in the many inserts on Communion Sunday. Maybe the pinch we're all feeling has made us anxious about digging any deeper. Maybe it's been a while since anyone explained what that envelope was for. That envelope is your chance to bless your struggling neighbors. Now you know.

There's another reason I'm thinking ahead to winter. January is the time some people have said they'd like me to schedule an Adult Bible Study. I've been promising some sort of study that would explore the basics of our faith. I've found some material I like. It's called: Your Bible! The Study Begins. It's organized in seven sessions, which is about the length of study most people seem to feel would work for them. The seven sessions explore the questions: *What Is the Bible? How Did the Bible Come to Be? What is the Old Testament About? What is the New Testament About? How Has the Bible Been Preserved and Handed On? How Shall We Study the Bible? What Is the Place of the Bible in Our Lives?* This study would offer a good foundation for someone who is just beginning to explore Christian faith. It would also offer more experienced Christians a chance to deepen and broaden our faith.

I have also been wanting to do some focused Bible Study with you. Beginning in November, most of our Sunday gospel readings will come from Mark. We might do a study of that book. I wondered if people would be interested in doing a Bible Study during Lent (February 22-April 7). I'd love to share a six week study of the Lord's Prayer.

I'm going to make up some sign-up sheets so you can let me know what you'd be interested in and what day, what time, what time of year would work best for you. These sign-up sheets will be in the sanctuary, in the fellowship hall and in the office. You can fill it out yourself or call Pat or me and we'll add your name and information to the list.

As I was making my tea this morning, I looked out the kitchen window and saw four red and yellow leaves—two here, two there—at the very tips of the branches of the maple tree that grows among the pines. The crab-apple tree is loaded with fruit. Rhett and Muffin are sleeping together in the sun. And we are beginning another year together. Thanks be to God. AMEN

blessings,  
david

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM - Harvest Supper and Silent Auction!
- ◆ Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10:00 am worship- *World Wide Communion Sunday*
- ◆ Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 10:00 am Neighbors in Need offering
- ◆ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> @8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Craxtons'
- ◆ Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> @4:30 pm- we host Dinner Bell @ All Saints
- ◆ Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM Ladies Society
- ◆ Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> after church Mission Fair with light lunch.

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# First Congregational Church

## October 2011

Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30am – 12:30 pm

Pastor's Office Hours: Tues – Fri. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Music Director's Office Hours: Wed. 6:00pm – 8:00pm – Sunday 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p><i>Neighbors in Need offering October 2<sup>nd</sup></i></p>				<p><b>1</b> 5:00 &amp; 6:30 PM- <b>Harvest Supper/Silent Auction</b>  7:30 PM-AA – Ladies Parlor</p>
<p><b>2</b> <b>WORLD COMMUNION DAY</b> 9:00 AM-Adult Bible study 10:00 AM-Sunday Worship/Communion &amp; Sunday School  11:15 AM-Coffee Fellowship  7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>  11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:30 AM-Clergy Group Meeting  11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall  <b>5:00 PM-Property Committee</b>  7:00 PM-AI Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall  12:00 PM-Store to Door  6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal  8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall  <b>7:00 PM-Deacons Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:00 AM-Men's Breakfast Group- at Craxtons'</b>    7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
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## Stewardship from the Heart

Many years ago, sitting in a hospital waiting room waiting for my daughter to come out of knee surgery, I found a pamphlet on the benefits of giving. I had just returned to Church and was not yet into "giving". It was all I could do to make ends meet much less give.

Now I find myself in charge of the Stewardship campaign. In the intervening years I have found that giving is beneficial. Since increasing my giving - of time and money - I have always found time for what needs to be done and time for me. I have also found that there are always enough funds to pay the bills. The best benefit, I no longer obsess about where the money will come from. I know that, while I do not have an excess, there is always enough to pay the bills and for my contributions.

Currently, in preparation for leading the Stewardship campaign I am reading 'The power of giving: How Giving Bank Enriches Us All' by Azim Jamal and Harvey McKinnon. They write about all the ways one can give, not just with money, and how giving enriches both the giver and the receiver. They write about "giving cheerfully" which reminds me of Mary Menzie's request in the midst of the Capital campaign to "Give until it feels good".

As we begin this annual Stewardship campaign I would ask that you prayerfully consider how you might give, and perhaps increase your giving, so that the work of this church may continue and may increase the benefits it brings to us, its members, and to the community.

Tina Peabody, Stewardship Chair

## Neighbors in Need helps out close to home!

On August 28, the members and friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church arose to thoughts of an exciting day ahead. Very few churches have the opportunity to install a new pastor and at the same time celebrate a 175<sup>th</sup> birthday. That is what lay ahead for them. Then the rains came and kept on coming. The installation service was held, the festival of food and fellowship was held, the music concert was held. And still the rains came. By 2 a.m. a phone call came to the Pastor that the Sawyer River had overrun its banks and had decimated the church's basement - including their new boiler - and destroyed their new boiler. By the time the water receded, the yard and parking lot were destroyed. The force of water was so strong that a huge dumpster filled with debris was moved 25 feet. That was the physical damage and now it was time for the emotional healing to begin.

TWO DAYS following this damage, a check was sent from the UCC National Headquarters for \$2000 in emergency funds to start the process of healing inside and out. That money came from the fund called NEIGHBORS IN NEED. On OCTOBER 2 (World Communion Sunday) an offering will be taken for local, national, and international needs.

The Conway Village Congregational Church is grateful. They never imagined a helping hand would need to be extended to them. They hope we will keep them in their prayers as they use this money to start the lengthy process of healing and reconstruction.



Submitted by Barbara Holland

## Notes from the Deacons

† Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is World Communion Sunday. Pastor David will be officiating at a wedding out of town so the service will be led by Ann Craxton as liturgist and deacon-for-the-day. Ed Craxton will lead communion and the guest preacher will be Amy Welch. Amy lives in Franconia with her husband, Pastor Barry Jacobson, and her cat, Gracie. She has academic training in religion and psychology, including an M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Vermont. Amy is currently the Church School Superintendent and primary Church School teacher at the Franconia Community Church of Christ, and has been asked to serve on the Commission for Congregational Life. She enjoys life in the North Country, and always delights in seeing and learning new information about local bird life.

† Barbara Holland will take over as lead deacon for the rest of October.

## “Classifieds and Notices”

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Harvest Supper and Silent Auction October 1<sup>st</sup></b> Seatings at 5:00 PM &amp; 6:30 PM Take out &amp; delivery in Littleton available</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and Eat.. Come and Bid.. Come for fellowship.. Come to support the missions of our church.. Come and bring a friend, or two.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words be without heart.”</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>John Bunyan</b> (1628-1688)</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Worship Planning Opportunities</i></p> <p>Perhaps you've always wanted to tell your minister what you'd like to take place in a worship service but you've never been asked? Well, now's your chance to share in worship leadership.</p> <p>You can sign up for one week, two weeks, a month or more!</p> <p>Call David or Pat in the church office to sign up</p>
<p><b>Wanted and Needed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Ushers and Greeters</li> <li>• Coffee Fellowship hosts</li> </ul> <p>Please sign up on board in front of church or Ginger Miller at 444-5565 Coffee Fellowship and Greeters and are an important ministry and create a more welcoming atmosphere for members and visitors!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Ladies Society Pecan Sale</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">♥♥♥♥</p> <p>Pecans are now available for and are selling for \$8 per package. Sale continues until all pecans are sold! Contact Marlene Baker or any member of the Ladies Society. This annual event is to benefit their mission projects.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Rumi, a thirteenth-century Persian mystic, told of a man who walked past a beggar and asked, “Why, God, do you not do something for these people?” God replied, “I did do something; I made you.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honduras Hope Fundraising Event October 15<sup>th</sup> Littleton Elks Lodge on Rt. 302</b></p> <p>Doors open at 6:00PM. Music by The Wicked Smart Horn Band will be provided from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple.</p> <p>Contact Bill Briggs at 444-7618 for tickets or more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Financial Report</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center;">AS OF August 31, 2011-YTD</p> <p><i>Pledge Income:</i> \$84,661.64 <i>Other income:</i> \$5454.23 <i>Transf. from Trust Funds:</i> \$13,514.72 <i>Total Income:</i> \$103,630.59 <i>Total Expenses:</i> \$100,563.93 <i>Net:</i> \$3066.66</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is <i>Mission: 1</i> Food Collection Sunday -</b></p> <p>The Food Cupboard suggests the following items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/bath soap, toilet tissue, baby diapers, coffee, teabags, hot chocolate mix, canned milk. Dry milk, Jell-O puddings &amp; gelatins, soups, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, tuna corned beef, Spam). Dry cereals, instant oatmeal, rice mixes, pasta, canned beans, canned vegetables, cake mixes, frostings, crackers. Dog and cat food- canned and dry.</p>

## Church Council Report from the Moderator

The church council met on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> opening with devotions led by Tina Peabody reminding us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus at all times. Pastor David reported on his activities. He will be offering an adult basic Christianity course based on Your Bible: the Study Begins. He also has been working on ideas for a possible Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, a Lenten study, and maybe finding a new focus for the men's group. He is very involved with area clergy looking at ways to meet community needs ecumenically.

As we move into October, the calendar is full of exciting things. Choir has started. Sunday school has begun. The Harvest Supper & Silent Auction are Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. World Communion Sunday is Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> as well as the Neighbors in Need offering. There is a Mission Fair and Luncheon Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to have you join us! Check out the calendar and come and join us.

A subgroup of the council looked at our mission statement in view of the work we did at the retreat and found that it still expressed what we think God has called us to be. We are looking at the vision statements which give us direction to go in and hopefully will have a plan to present these to you soon. These express our values and give us guidance as we figure out what God's plan is for our church in this place and time.

We are excited the lift is in and functional. We are experiencing delays with the offices as the carpets were flooded early on and really need to be replaced. The tiles under the carpet are asbestos so the process will not be simple. This will cost extra and we are gathering estimates and will then need to find the funds to pay for the work. Such are the joys and burdens of having a historic church building.

Shining Lights was granted permission to build a shed at the base of the stairs in the lower parking lot.

The 2012 expense budget is nearly complete. We are trying to hold the line and/or trim expenses. The trust funds have dropped dramatically in this unfavorable market and we will need to be very careful in how we use them. Financial reports are available in the church office for those who wish to see them. Please pray for the council and the church as we go through the budget process.

Stewardship time is about to begin. Watch for mailings. The theme is *I Believe in Tomorrow*- certainly very appropriate for our church. We know you get tired of being asked for money, but the reality is that we are a member supported organization and only together, giving from the heart, can we truly be an effective Body of Christ.

## Capital Campaign Construction Update

### NEED A LIFT?



Come see our new entry, renovated bathrooms, and fully operational lift. We offer A BIG THANKS to Phil Krill and Eric Pospelil for overseeing the project!

The offices will move as soon as flooring issues have been addressed. There is still an opportunity to give to the Capital Campaign and help cover additional costs.

Please consider a gift if you haven't done so yet or an additional gift if you have.

## All Jazzed Up!

On Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, our congregation was blessed to have Rev. Bill Carter and Warren Cooper lead us in a jazz worship service. The service was traditional in format, uplifting and inspiring in content. We learned that God loves all kinds of music used to praise his holy name: gospel, jazz, the blues, new hymns, old hymns, and old hymns with a jazzy twist. Rev. Carter and Mr. Cooper are using their musical gifts to spread the Good News in a new way. Introducing jazz into worship certainly makes you wake up and pay attention, listen to the Word, and be inspired to then act on it.

The afternoon concert was equally stirring and Christ-centered. It was wonderful to see so many people from the community attend. Thank you, Ann and Ed Craxton, for bringing us wonderful gift of music.

(sorry, no pictures- too busy snapping and clapping!)

## Communication Systems Update

Ed and Ann Craxton have agreed to oversee the updating of the communication equipment in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Currently they are researching options, talking to primary users, and listening to whomever has an idea on what should or should not be installed. They are also investigating options for new outside signs for the church and Shining Lights. What are your thoughts and impressions on what is needed? You can contact them by calling 837-9219, talking to them in church, or writing them at [ascraxton@yahoo.com](mailto:ascraxton@yahoo.com).

This work will not be completed until 2012. \$7,000 for this project was included in the Capital Campaign.

## Christian Ed. Update

“Rally Day” was a really rocking time!!!! The whole congregation joined our seventeen students and the choir to give praise to God using tambourines, kazoos, maracas, rattles, castanets, triangles, piano, guitar, and more. Wonderful voices were lifted to the Lord. We sang “This Little Light of Mine”, “Praise Him, Praise Him”, and “A Place in the Choir”. Everyone was out of their seat and swaying to the music.

Pastor David offered a dedication prayer for all the teachers in our church. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your prayers, support, and guidance for us as we help students to grow in their faith and love of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

The morning ended with a parade to the *Main Street Piano Project* piano in front of *Smooch's* to sing some favorite hymns. What a grand finale it was! We give special thanks to Dottie Morton and Pastor David for making the first day of Sunday school so very special.

Patty Cake  
Patty Cake  
Baker's man  
Bake us a cake  
In November....  
If you can!!!!!!  
It can be a cookie,  
It can be a Pie,  
Anything: sweet or savory;  
It will get you by.



You guessed it. We are having our annual mission “Cake Walk” on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This event will be part of the UCC “Mission:1” initiative. Churches from all around the USA will be raising funds from November 1 to November 11, 2011 to stamp our hunger in their hometowns and around the world. Please join us in fellowship hall for this fun event.

Sunday school is off to a great start. The students are looking forward to sharing some of their lessons with you at “Adult Time”. Stay tuned!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,  
Christian Education Committee

***“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.”***

**Mathew 5: 14-16**

## Announcing the Annual Harvest Supper and Silent Auction Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011



The Harvest Supper and Silent Auction are coming right up. Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> will mark our 32<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Supper. Seatings are at 5PM and 6:30 PM and tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-12 and free for children under 5. The Silent Auction has been an important part of this for more than 10 years. There are many goods and services to bid on. Thanks to all who have donated items. Chairing the Harvest Supper are Bob and Alice Muh. The Silent Auction is chaired by Emily LaFlam and Marlene Baker.

The Harvest Supper proceeds are put toward our mission projects which make up a substantial part of our annual budget.

Remember that the key to the success of these events is your participation! Don't forget to come and eat and bid.....and bring some friends!

## Ladies Society

### Salad Supper

The Salad Supper was a huge success. This annual event was for all the women in the church and included dinner and Yankee Swap. There were 29 women present with almost as many salads. The young mothers in our congregation were advised to come with only their appetites since there would plenty of food to share with them. It was our way of saying “we appreciate you.” Marlene Baker and Judy Warden conducted the Swap...and the laughter continued throughout the night. Just ask Emily LaFlam! This is an annual event so if you missed it this year, you have something to look forward to enjoying next year.

### Rummage Sale

Put this date on your calendar: **NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is the time for the Annual Rummage Sale. It runs from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am to Noon on Saturday. This is the MAJOR fundraiser for the Ladies Society. Our funds are used for mission and specific projects for the church - especially the Ladies Parlor. Start collecting your good used clothes and watch for announcements as to dates for bringing them to the church. More details will follow.

**MISSION FAIR**

**& Luncheon**

**October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**After church**

*You are invited!*

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday **October 30<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service and dedication of the universal access construction project. Displays and representatives from a number of our mission partners and other community service organizations will be in the church hall and a light luncheon will be served.

**DINNER BELL**

The first Dinner Bell community meal to be hosted by the First Congregational Church will be on Tuesday, **October 11**. Needed are: 10 casseroles, 2 salads, 7 desserts, 6 dozen rolls, 1 gallon milk, and about half a dozen volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee fellowship on Sunday, October 2 and Sunday, October 9.

*(Please note: casseroles should be either dropped off early enough for reheating or delivered hot just prior to the 5:00 p.m. serving time. The kitchen at the All Saints Episcopal Church will be open no later than 3:00 p.m.)*

**LIFE BRIDGE FUNDRAISING BANQUET**

The *LifeBridge* fundraising banquet will be held on **Friday, November 4, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Littleton Elks Lodge on Route 302, Bethlehem. *LifeBridge*, one of our mission partners, is a Christian mentoring program which seeks to facilitate long-lasting intentional relationships between students ages 12-18, their families and committed adult mentors who will guide, support and encourage them as they navigate the sometimes treacherous course from youth to responsible, productive adulthood. For additional information about tickets or for serving as a volunteer mentor, contact Dave Coronato at (603) 387-3472.

**WALK FOR LIFE**

Pathways Pregnancy Care Center will be sponsoring a walkathon on Saturday, **October 8** to raise funds in support of its mission to support, educate and equip people to make life-affirming choices related to pregnancy, parenting and relationships. For more information, call Leslie Wotton at Pathways (444-3991) or contact Pat Whipple in the church office. Should you not wish to participate in the walkathon but would like to make a donation, Pathways' mailing address is 70 Redington Street, Littleton, NH 03561.



**NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

The annual Neighbors in Need offering, which supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S., will be taken on Sunday, **Oct. 2**. Offering envelopes will be placed in church bulletins both on **Oct. 2** and **Oct. 9**.

**MISSION: 1: 11.1.11 – 11.11.11**

On November 1, 2011, the United Church of Christ will embark upon "Mission: 1", a shared 11-day mission to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.

Our **October 30<sup>th</sup> food collection** will constitute our "Mission: 1" food offering. Food/household items collected will be donated to the All Saints Church food cupboard and donations by cash and check October 30 will be contributed to "Mission: 1". Please consider an especially generous contribution on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Christian Education Committee has pledged the proceeds of the church school cake walk on November 6<sup>th</sup> to "Mission: 1" as well.

For information on the "Offering of Letters" campaign, go to [www.breadfortheworld.org/ol](http://www.breadfortheworld.org/ol).

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#### **Church Staff**

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#### **Shining Lights Learning Center**

Board Chairperson: Suzanne Schott  
Director: Dianah Hale



## **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Harvest Supper and Silent Auction**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:00 pm and 6:30 pm**

**Come and bring your family  
and friends!**

*Proceeds support the missions of the church!*