



# The Deaconer June 2007



## Worship Services – June

### June 3 – Trinity Sunday - Communion

**Scripture:** Psalm 8

**Lay Reader:** Donna Docekal

**Sermon:** *Earth Day*

**Usher:** Marie & David Marr

**Greeter:** Jeff Sonnega & Charlie Berry

**Deacon of the Month:** Sue Chatwin

### June 10 – Sunday School Recognition Sunday

**Scripture:** Galatians 1:6-10, Luke 7:11-17

**Lay Reader:** Alice Zwart

**Sermon:** *Whose Good News?*

**Usher:** Jane Hannon & Sue Campbell

**Greeter:** Ken & Sandy Harding

**Deacon of the Month:** Sue Chatwin

### June 17 – Father's Day

**Scripture:** Ephesians 5:21-6:4

**Lay Reader:** Susan Casey

**Sermon:** *Family Values*

**Usher:** Marcie Miller & Jeanne Norwood

**Greeter:** Charlie & Carlene Eicher

**Deacon of the Month:** Sue Chatwin

### June 24 – Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCC

**Scripture:** Isaiah 63:15-64:4

**Lay Reader:** Sue Chatwin

**Sermon:** *What have you done for me lately?*

**Usher:** Anita & Charles Phillips

**Greeter:** Doug & Linda Stather

**Deacon of the Month:** Sue Chatwin

## *Celebration of Discipline*

Our discussion group has been working with Richard J. Foster's renowned book, *Celebration of Discipline*, for several months, and we are finding our time together to be spiritually uplifting as we explore the classic disciplines of the Church and put them into practice in our lives. If you would like to be a part of this exciting journey, it's never too late to start. We meet once a month for about an hour, and our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 26**, at 7 pm. We meet in the Sunday School room. If you'd like to check it out, there's always room at the table!

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## *Common Grounds Coffeehouse*

**Our last concert of the season is Friday, June 8 at 8 pm.**

**Ticket price: \$10**



### **Featured Artist: Lissa Schneckenburger**

New England fiddler and folk singer Lissa Schneckenburger grew up in Maine as an active member of the contradance community, where she cut her teeth as a musician at a very young age. She has continued to explore music throughout her life, leading to her graduation from The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Her list of mentors includes Greg Boardman, Alasdair Fraser, David Kaynor and Hankus Netsky. While embracing a diverse pallet of musical influences, she still stays true to her New England roots.

Lissa's newest release, on her own label Footprint Records, shows just that. It's a rich and cohesive mix of traditional and original material brought together by the warm tones of her fiddle and sweet vocals throughout. Add to that the energetic buzz of a top-notch band and you've got a match made in heaven. Acoustic guitar, double bass, mandolin, viola, cello, and percussion all add to the traditional fiddle tunes and ballads.

Lissa already has two solo albums under her belt (*Different Game* 2001, and *The Mad Hatter* 1997) and three band collaborations (*Spin* 2003, *Halali* 2003, and *Phantom Power* 2003). Past praise of Lissa's work includes Jay Ungar (composer of *Ashokan Farewell*) who says "Lissa Schneckenburger's CD, *Different Game* is a knockout. Lissa's fiddling is artful, skillful, inventive and full of feeling. I had to listen again and again!" Folk Roots raved "Lissa blows out the cobwebs in no uncertain fashion... Lissa Schneckenburger's name is one we ought to be hearing more of."

Lissa has played all over the world as a fiddler and vocalist, including appearances in Russia, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Canada, and of course, the United States. She has opened for artists such as Alasdair Fraser, Skyedance, Karen Casey, Kate Campbell, and Judy Collins. She has been featured in countless radio broadcasts including "Bound For Glory" broadcast from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, KPIG radio in Watsonville CA, WBZ Boston, and annual features on Maine Public Radio's "Live at 11". Her television appearances include the PBS specials "A Taste of Chanukah" and "A Taste of Passover" filmed in New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall.

To find out more about Lissa, visit her website at [www.lissafiddle.com](http://www.lissafiddle.com)

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## **Welcome Baskets**

The Membership Committee has Welcome Baskets available. If you have a new neighbor this would be a nice way to introduce yourself and the church to them. They may be picked up at the church or speak to any member of the committee (Susan Casey, Steve Henrikson, Lois May and Marcie Miller).

We would like to Thank all who participated in the

### **TOWN-WIDE YARD/GARAGE SALE**

The event was well attended and we had a very productive day. Many people were involved and their efforts helped to make the day successful.

### **Country Fair & Flea Market**

We have rescheduled our July Country Fair & Flea Market to **September 8th** due to a conflict with a town activity. We hope that you will reserve this date and join us for a fun-filled day. As usual, we will be looking for a "few good men and women" to help with the activities. If you would like to help or to reserve a space on the Common, contact Jane Hannon (899-5789) for more information.

### **Second Annual Deep Sea Fishing Trip**

Hosted by the Men's Club.

Date: Friday August 17th

Depart at 5:00a.m. Return 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$50.00 plus \$5.00 rod rental

Boat: Sundance two of the Clipper fleet ([www.clipperfleet.com](http://www.clipperfleet.com)). A different and better (we hope) boat than last year.

Get your reservation in soon - the boat is filling up fast.

Call Dave 899-6430

### **Pledge Plus**

Reminder: If you have not already replied to Pledge Plus, we would appreciate your response as soon as possible. We would like to update the budget and be able to restore funds to committees.

Thanks --The Trustees

### **Electronic Deaconer**

We are still looking for people who would like to receive the Deaconer via e-mail. We are trying to control our postage costs and this is a great way to begin. (it will cost **97 cents** to mail this Deaconer)

Thanks --The Trustees

### **DEACONS NEEDED**

We are aware that you as a congregation see the same Deacon's faces over and over again. Did you ever wonder why? Our committee can have 12 members, and we only have 6, at the moment. **WE NEED MORE!**

We meet once a month, 2nd Thursday, and make a commitment to be a Deacon of the month twice a year - if we had 12 Deacons, we would only have to be a Deacon of the month once a year. We have other duties which each of us share - like flowers cards, coffee hour, pulpit supply, Council Rep, etc. We are serious regarding our worship responsibility, but share with each other and laugh often.

Please think about joining the Deacons. You can speak to any one of us - Barbara Wells, Jean Raymond, Sandy Harding, Phyllis Groezinger, Sue Chatwin and Sue Campbell, or one of us on the Nominating Committee.

Thank you,

Sue Campbell, Alice Zwart, Jeanne Norwood

## Church Council Minutes May 17, 2007

**Present:** Janet Goodrich, Burt Goodrich, Pastor Jim Melhorn, Phyllis Ames, Sue Campbell, Marcie Miller, Margaret Morabito

Following the opening prayer by Pastor Jim, the minutes of the April meeting were approved. No changes. See May Deaconer.

**Treasurer's Report:** See written report. Marcie distributed and reviewed the monthly financial statements. She noted that income is slightly behind budget estimates; however, Pledge Plus is working. We paid a four-month heating bill which was an exceptional expense that is normally paid monthly.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Jim discussed two items:

1. We are hosting the Conant High School Baccalaureate on June 14 at 6:30pm.
2. Pastor's Sabbatical: Starting in May, 2008. With the help of other church members, the Pastor has prepared and submitted application paperwork for a grant from the Lilly Foundation which will cover expenses for his sabbatical, including travel and research to the Holy Land and elsewhere. The theme of the sabbatical is "church vitality".

### Old Business:

- **Pledge Plus:** Marcie reported that we have had 19 responses so far and that we will try to reinstate some funds to committees.
- **Yard Sale:** Jan reported that this was a big success. Thank you, Jane Hannon, for your great organizational skills with this activity.
- **Coffee House:** Jim says it is going well. It needs seed money next year. It is a nice outreach activity, even if it does not make a profit. June 8 is the last coffee house for this season and it will feature a well-known Celtic fiddler.
- **Retreat:** May 18. 28 adults and 6 youth had signed up at the time of the meeting.
- **Policies & Procedures Binder:** Jan has asked all committees to suggest updates to this valuable how-to document.
- **Energy-efficient light bulbs:** to be discussed next time.
- **Book Club:** Jan has titles and book summaries. Sue suggested posting them in the Deaconer. It was suggested that we do one book per quarter. Phyllis, Marcie, and Jim volunteered to help Jan in selecting titles. We

will be selecting books that appeal to all. We need to schedule hosts.

- **Country Fair/Flea Market:** Will not happen in July as normally occurs, but it will happen on September 8.
- **Halloween Dance:** to be discussed next time.

### New Business:

- **Church Safety:** Marcie brought up this important topic. The church needs to address this issue and draft a policy. On agenda for discussion in July.
- **Line Dancing:** Members, Doug and Linda Stather, have expressed an interest in arranging for line dancing instruction. This also reinforces the interest that was expressed at last month's meeting. To be discussed more.

### Committee Reports:

- **Deacons:** See written report. Phyllis volunteered to be a Deacon and everyone approved. Thank you, Phyllis!
- **Trustees:** See written report. Burt told us that we are beyond the halfway mark for Pledge Plus. Members may participate at any time during the year, but are encouraged to make pledges now to help with planning. The organ will be repaired in early fall. Marcie mentioned that a slight balance sheet discrepancy had been fixed.
- **Membership and Evangelism:** See written report.
- **Mission Ministries:** See written report.
- **Music:** No report.
- **Pastoral Relations:** Jim reviewed his past year.
- **Publicity:** No report.
- **Church Organizations:** We discussed the problem of getting more and different people involved with various activities. Jim suggested that when making requests, the requester should make a direct request to individuals for specific tasks and provide a time. We need to share the load. We were reminded that the Policies and Procedures Handbook will help members who are new to particular tasks.

**Closing Prayer:** Phyllis closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting:** June 21, 2007

*In God we trust,  
Margaret Morabito, Council Clerk*

## **Diaconate** **May 10, 2007**

The Deacons met on May 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the vestry. Those in attendance were Sue Chatwin, Sue Campbell, Sandy Harding, Phyllis Groezinger, Jean Raymond, Barbara Wells and Rev. Jim Melhorn. Rev. Jim opened with prayer. Sue Chatwin will be the Deacon of the Month for June. Assisting her with communion will be Jean Raymond, Phyllis Groezinger and Sue Campbell.

### **Standard Reports**

- **Cards and Flowers** – Thinking of you cards were sent to Margaretta Mellen and Marge St. Pierre, and encouragement cards were sent to Peg Brummer and Jon Cormier.
- **Pulpit Supply** – Craig Clark will deliver the sermon on May 27th with Sue Chatwin as backup.
- **Coffee Hour** – Five “over 80 years of age” church member birthdays will be celebrated on May 20th for Dorothy Hackett, Ernie St. Pierre, Margaretta Mellen, Eliza Popple and Barbara Nichols.
- **Ushers and Greeters** – A new list of ushers and greeters will be prepared, and a sign up list for those willing to serve will be on the table at coffee hour. Alternately, people could tell a Deacon of their interest
- **Pastor’s Report** –
  1. Pastor Melhorn will be performing weddings at the Cathedral of the Pines on May 12th and on June 2nd and a baptism on May 13th.
  2. There will be no weddings at the church on July 7th because of the Family Festival.
  3. Pastor Melhorn received a request from the Conant High School Administration to hold the baccalaureate service at our church on May 14th at 6:30 P.M. The church will provide punch and cookies for 150-200 people, and the congregation will be asked to bake for this event. Since this is the usual date for the Deacon’s meeting, the Deacons will meet on June 5th instead.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Sue Campbell thanked Jim for asking for more Deacons. She will put a notice in the Deaconer and on the church web site.

### **New Business**

- Flowers will be given to mothers on Mother’s Day.

The meeting closed at 7:30 P.M. with prayer by Barbara Wells. The next meeting will be on June 5th.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**Barbara Wells, Secretary**

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## **Trustees Minutes** **May 8, 2007**

The meeting came to order at 7:05 PM with Dave Marr, Acting Chairman, Norman May, Frens Zwart, Marcie Miller, Joe Bigelow, Rick Kohlmorgen, Cynthia Childs, Jane Hannon, and Nancy Bogar present. Jane opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Secretary’s Report** was accepted with two corrections as noted. **Treasurer’s Report** was accepted as presented.

**Stewardship:** Motion was made and accepted to add the yearly pledge amount to the top of the quarterly reports

### **Old Business:**

1. **Yard Sale** – May 5, 2007 – There were 68 participants. Everyone thought it was very successful, and many thanks go to Jane for spearheading it. Jane has already booked the space on the Rindge calendar for the next two years. Net income was \$1,286.88.
2. **Long-Term Financial Plan** – Burt is still visiting all committees. This should be finished by the end of May.
3. **Pledge Plus 2007 Status** – There have been 19 new pledges with an additional \$6840 in new income. Jane will ask Steve to also include a note in Sunday bulletin and Deaconer reminding people to send in their new pledge cards. Marcie will make announcement in Church on Sunday.

### **New Business:**

1. **Organ Repairs** – Music Comm. has advised Trustees that repairs are needed on the organ. After some discussion, motion was made and accepted to repair the organ as needed and to

use the organ repair budget with balance coming out of the Dorothy Campbell Estate Fund. Should costs come in much higher than estimate given, Trustees will have to reconsider.

2. **Future Church Dates** – There has been a breakdown in scheduling events with the town. Jane is talking with Peggy Brogan about future events and making sure events are being scheduled properly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 7:00 PM.

*Respectively submitted,  
Nancy Bogar, Secretary*

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### **Mission Ministries Team May 8, 2007**

The Mission Ministries Team met Tuesday, May 8th at 7 pm. In attendance were Laura Henrikson, Una Bigelow, and Marie Marr.

Una opened the meeting with a prayer. Laura reviewed appeal letters from Straight Ahead Ministries, Grace Children's Home and Campus Crusade.

Una gave a report on the Church Council Meeting, including a request that each committee prepare a "how to" book, outlining activities and responsibilities of the committee. She also spoke about the Coffee House, the Retreat, the Book Discussion Group and a possible Dance in October. Using the Treasurer's Report, we discussed our coffee expenditures versus receipts.

Due to the floor refinishing, we were unable to sell coffee on April 29, as scheduled. Therefore, it was decided to go ahead with coffee sales on May 27, even though it is Memorial Day Weekend and attendance may be lower.

Our participation in the Rindge Family Festival was discussed. We will sell Kimball's Ice Cream again but will reduce the amounts of ice cream and whip cream ordered. Discussion followed on whom to support with the proceeds. Two suggestions were flood victims of the recent Nor'easter or the victims of the Tornado in Kansas. This is still to be decided.

The Mission Ministries Team will sell hot dogs, sandwiches and soda, and have a bake table at the Craft Fair on August 11. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry. Due to the Family Festival in July and the Craft Fair in August, it was decided to forego participation in the July Summer Fair.

Laura reviewed a survey sent out by Wider Church and Global Ministries.

There was a discussion on new projects for 2007 and Habitat for Humanity appears to be a strong possibility. Further information on possible participation is required.

The next meeting will be Sunday, June 10 at 11:30am. Laura will do the opening prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Marr*

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### **Music Committee May 6, 2007**

Attending: Bob Popple, Tony D'Ambrosio, Mary Lu Mathis and Jean Raymond

The Trustees are still waiting for final OK on fixing the organ.

During Wednesday night choir practice, choir goes over the hymns for Sunday.

Bob has been practicing the music on his organ at home.

Last Sunday for the Choir singing is June 3rd. Bob is already setting up music for the summer.

Annual picnic is June 10th at the Mathis'.

Because of conflicts, the Music Committee will have a telephone conversation for our next meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jean R. Raymond*

## Membership and Evangelism Committee April 15, 2007

The Membership and Evangelism Committee met on Sunday April 15, 2007 at 11:30<sup>am</sup> in the Vestry. Those in attendance were Susan Casey, Steve Henrikson, Lois May and Jim Melhorn. Tony D'Ambrosio attended as a guest to discuss the web site. Jim opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the March 22, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Church Council – No Council report.
- Welcome Baskets – All set
- Membership Database – 1 change. Marcie was not in attendance but sent in a report.
- Web Site – Tony indicated that he was satisfied with the progress he's making in developing the site. He indicated that he would really like photos (and back up text) to add to the site. He is also working to improve the web search results. Overall, he seems happy in what he is doing – thanks!!

## Unfinished Business

New Member Class – Looking at class dates of April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> with new members joining June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sue will contact potential candidates. She will also pull together the packets. Looking at doing a potluck after church on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ready, Set, Grow – Marcie took a CD from the UCC called Ready, Set, Grow to report back to the committee.

## New Business

Survey – We will be thinking about questions we can add to the Sunday bulletin as a survey.

104 Ways to Grow a Church – We will review the document at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:15<sup>pm</sup>. Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 23, 2007 at 6:00<sup>am</sup> in the vestry.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Henrikson, Secretary*

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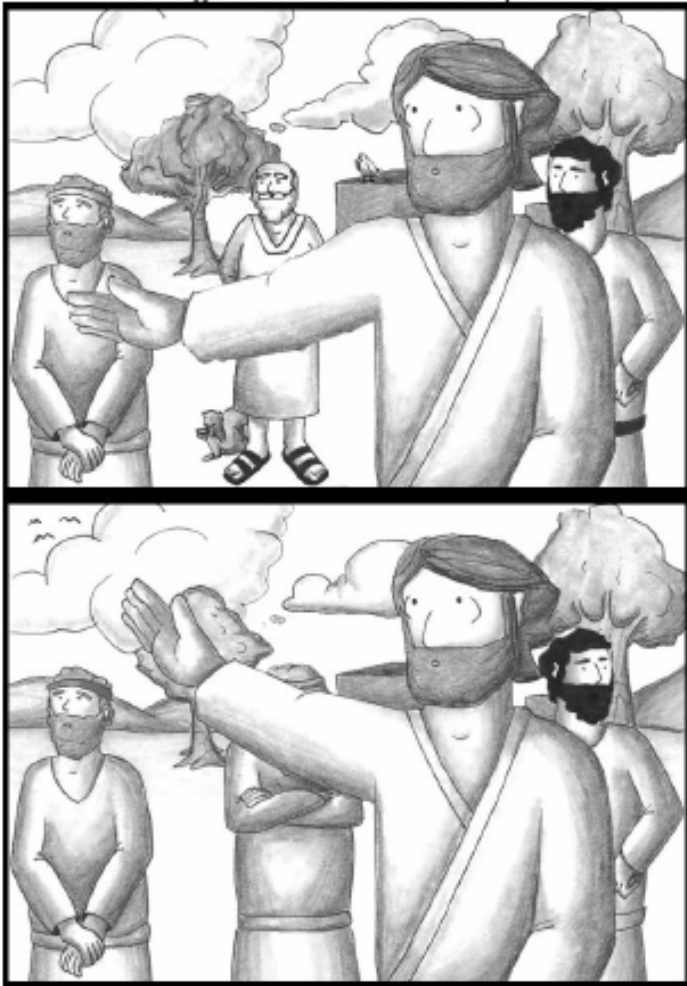
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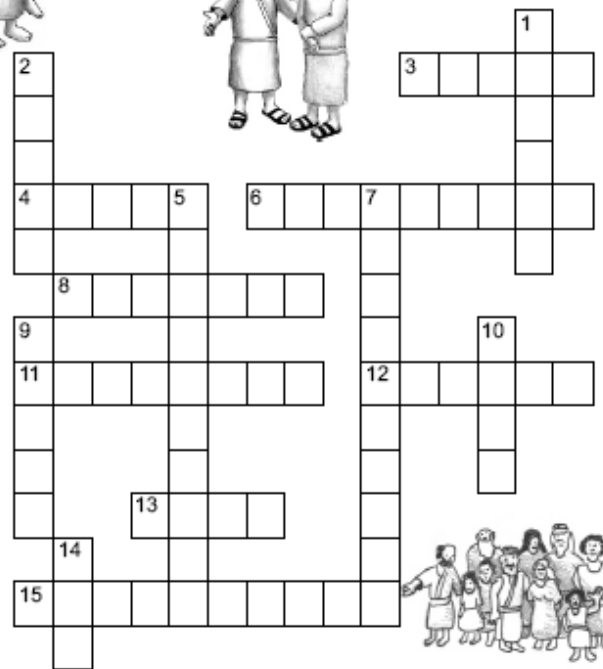
# Children's Corner

When the Spirit of truth comes he will guide you into all the truth.  
Find 9 differences between these pictures.



## Crossword Puzzle

Luke 7:11-17



### Across

3. woman whose husband has died
4. get up
6. followers
8. burial ceremony
11. all the people
12. fearful
13. not living
15. people walking

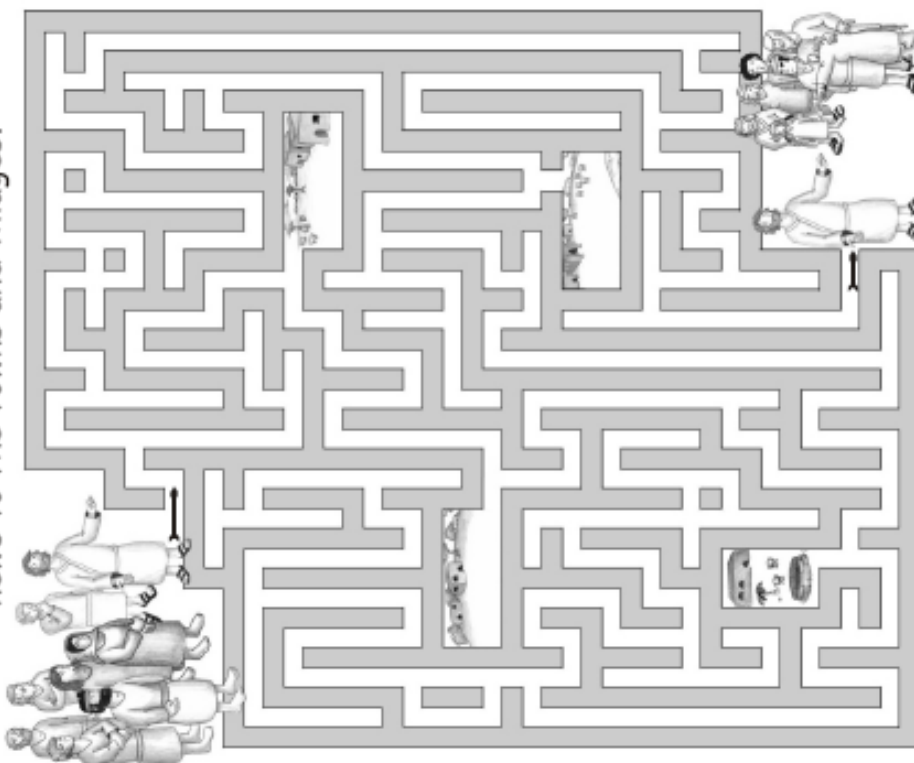
### Down

1. female parent
2. talk
5. all places
7. feel sorry for
9. Son of God
10. name of city
14. weep

### Words

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|------------|-------|
| afraid     | speak |
| arise      | widow |
| compassion |       |
| cry        |       |
| dead       |       |
| disciples  |       |
| everyone   |       |
| everywhere |       |
| funeral    |       |
| Jesus      |       |
| mother     |       |
| Nain       |       |
| procession |       |

Help Jesus and his friends bring good news to the towns and villages.



Jesus and his twelve disciples went through towns and villages, telling the good news about God's kingdom. There were also some women who Jesus had healed of evil spirits and all sorts of diseases. One of the women was Mary Magdalene, who once had seven demons in her. Joanna, Susanna, and many others also used what they owned to help Jesus and his disciples. Joanna's husband was one of Herod's officials. Lk. 8: 1-3

## **Annual Church Retreat**

The very rainy weekend of May 17 & 18th found over thirty members of our congregation, both young and old, at the Woodbound Inn participating in our annual church retreat! This year's theme in support of church vitality and focused on evangelism was enthusiastically led by Nancy Wood-Lyczak. Nancy has just left her position as pastor of the Winchester UCC church and is embarking on her new calling as the chaplain of the Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, the position recently vacated by the retirement of David Forrey. Nancy's enthusiasm and passion lead us through a number of entertaining and enlightening exercises, from drawing pictures, playing interesting games and brainstorming ideas to improve the church and make it more welcoming. In addition, each activity also helped us define and share our "faith song". As Nancy discovered early on, we loved to talk to each other! She structured numerous activities that fostered lots of great discussion and many interesting insights were shared. Little did we realize that we were practicing evangelism with each other and becoming more comfortable in discussing and sharing our beliefs and our faith journeys!

Special thanks again go to Janet and Rick Kohlmorgen for use of their wonderful facility...the rooms were spectacular and all of the food was delicious! Also kudos to the children who made beautiful God's eyes to adorn the altar, and who cheerfully shared their insights into what works well in the church and where there are potential improvement opportunities! Finally, heartfelt thanks to all who participated and shared a bit of themselves. It was both a learning and growing experience for all!

Over the next few months we'll share key aspects detailed during the retreat, which should help us increase our church's vitality and will continue to raise our awareness of how evangelism can become a real part of our everyday lives!

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## **News and announcements from the NH Conference**

### **Save the Date...Annual Meeting 2007...Friday & Saturday, June 15 & 16**

The NH Conference's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 15 – 16 at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, NH. This year's keynote speaker, Rev. Martha Grace "Gay" Reese, will present "Raising the Bushel Basket: Discovering Dynamic and Vital Ministries" based on Matthew 5:14-16. You are encouraged to purchase and read Rev. Reese's book, *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism* before Annual Meeting. The book may be purchased through Chalice Press (1-800-366-3383), by visiting [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), or by borrowing a copy from the NH Conference Center (limited copies available). A new resolution process is underway! Save the date, Sunday, May 20 from 3 – 5 pm, at the NH Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH, for the Resolution Hearings! New guidelines may be reviewed on the Annual Meeting page of the NH Conference website at [www.nhucc.org](http://www.nhucc.org). The AMPC (Annual Meeting Planning Committee) is currently seeking on-site volunteers to assist with logistics, registration, hospitality, technical and other supports. Come lend a helping hand and be a part of what goes on "behind the scenes" at the next Annual meeting!

### **Fair Trade Coffee House**

Look out "American Idol!" Move over "Dancing with the Stars!" It is now time for the Second Annual New Hampshire Conference Fair Trade Coffee House during the 2007 Annual Meeting. On Friday, June 15 at 8:30 pm we'll gather to drink delicious fair trade coffee and teas. Please consider singing, dancing, playing an instrument, telling jokes or yodeling. Contact Nancy Wood-Lyczak at 603-239-4465, or by email at [revnwl@verizon.net](mailto:revnwl@verizon.net) to get into the act.

We hope that everyone, entertainers and audience alike, will join us. We had a great time last year and hope this year will be even more engaging and fun.

## Synod in the City

### Can we fill the bus? I think we CAN!

There are only 20-something seats remaining on the NH Conference's charter bus to Synod in the City, and just a little over a week left to reserve YOURS! Please join us for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration and the fun and fellowship that can only come from spending an entire day together!

Details: The bus will leave the Pembroke Conference Center at 5 am on Saturday, June 23, and will stop at the Park-n-Ride lot in Windham (exit 3 off Route 93). We will depart Windham at approximately 5:45 am and continue straight to the Hartford Civic Center. We will leave Hartford after the evening celebration has concluded, at approximately 9 pm. Bus fare is \$30 per person. Please note that registration for Synod in the City is separate; visit [www.ucc.org/synod/](http://www.ucc.org/synod/) for details.

To reserve your seat, please contact Sue Farris (right away) at 603-225-6647, or by email at [sfarris@nhcucc.org](mailto:sfarris@nhcucc.org).

### Youth and Adult Advisors...Save the Date...General Synod...June 22-26

Join the "50 4 50" Campaign: a grass roots movement of 1,000 youth at General Synod with 50 youth and young adults from every conference of the Church for 50 years of service to attend the "1000 Strong" 26th General Synod, June 22 -26, 2007 in Hartford, CT. A youth program is being planned to overlap Synod, so come for a day or for all five days to this exciting, once-in-a-lifetime party! Stay tuned to the Youth Ministry page of the NH Conference website ([www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org)) for details!

### Mark Your Calendar for Marcus Borg's Visit to the Congregational Church, UCC of Middlebury, Vermont!

World-renowned Jesus scholar and highly sought-after lecturer, Marcus Borg, with his clear and organized speaking style and warm, friendly personality, feeds the mind and soul. Please mark your calendar for Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21 for a weekend of inspiration and affirmation. Another announcement will be sent in the spring with details such as times and locations, tickets, bed and breakfast opportunities in homes of our congregation, and information on other lodging in the Middlebury area.

### IRS now Demands Receipts for Even Small Church Donations

"The next time you toss bills into the church collection plate, you might want to ask the usher for a receipt. New federal rules for the 2007 tax year – which took effect January 1 – forbid tax deductions for charitable donations unless the taxpayer can substantiate the donation through receipts or official financial records. The rules, enforced by the IRS, require that people claiming charitable donations back up those deduction claims with canceled checks, records from banks, credit card companies or credit unions, or written notices from the charity or not-for-profit institution. In the past, the IRS has allowed personal notes, diaries or bank registers as sufficient proof that a person actually placed those \$5, \$10 or \$20 bills in the basket each week of the year. Congress approved the new guidelines in August as an add-on to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which deals mostly with pension and retirement savings. President Bush signed them into law. The new rules cover monetary donations to all charitable institutions, not just religious ones. The changes shouldn't affect the giving habits of people who already use church-provided envelopes, write checks or donate over the Internet. They can still receive records from the church, bank or credit card company..." – Reprinted from The Christian Century magazine (<http://www.christiancentury.org/article.lasso?id=2970>)

## June - Church Calendar

### Sunday - June 3, 2007

- 9:00<sup>am</sup> Senior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:00<sup>am</sup> Sunday Service - Sanctuary

### Monday - June 4, 2007

- 9:30<sup>am</sup> Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> LVA/EC - Vestry

### Tuesday - June 5, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Deacons - Vestry

### Friday - June 8, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Common Grounds Coffeehouse -  
Lissa Schneckenburger

### Sunday - June 10, 2007

- 10:00<sup>am</sup> Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00<sup>am</sup> Fellowship - Town Hall
- 11:30<sup>am</sup> Mission Ministries Team - Vestry
- 11:30<sup>am</sup> Annual picnic - Mathis'

### Monday - June 11, 2007

- 9:30<sup>am</sup> Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> LVA/EC - Vestry

### Tuesday - June 12, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Trustees / Buildings & Grounds /  
Stewardship - Vestry

### Sunday - June 17, 2007

- 10:00<sup>am</sup> Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00<sup>am</sup> Fellowship - Town Hall

### Monday - June 18, 2007

- 9:30<sup>am</sup> Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> LVA/EC - Vestry

### Wednesday - June 20, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Membership Committee - Vestry

### Thursday - June 21, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Council - Vestry

### Sunday - June 24, 2007

- 10:00<sup>am</sup> Sunday Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00<sup>am</sup> Fellowship - Town Hall
- 11:30<sup>am</sup> Mission Team Coffee Sale -  
Town Hall

### Monday - June 25, 2007

- 9:30<sup>am</sup> Bible Study - Vestry
- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> LVA/EC - Vestry

### Tuesday - June 26, 2007

- 7:00<sup>pm</sup> Celebration of Discipline - Vestry

## Saturday - June 30, 2007

- 5:00<sup>pm</sup> Roast Beef Supper - Town Hall
- 6:30<sup>pm</sup> Roast Beef Supper - Town Hall

## June Birthdays

June 3 - Betty Chenausky

June 4 - Hope Davis

June 5 - Cal Sholl

June 8 - Klye L'Heureux (Sewell)

June 8 - Jeanne Norwood

June 12 - June O'Day

June 12 - Martha Thomas

June 14 - Colleen Keegan

June 17 - Maura Keegan

June 20 - Nicole Fleming

June 22 - Brenda Perry

June 24 - Lawrence Kabat

June 26 - Meghan Lanza

June 27 - Ed Gagnon

June 28 - John Kohlmorgen

June 28 - Donald Umlauf

June 29 - Frens Zwart



*Happy  
Father's Day*