

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Yesterday I attended the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior's at the Canterbury Elementary School. It's easy to spot why our elementary school won national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School. The looks on the children's faces showed clearly that they are loved and taught with skill and gentleness by their teachers. The second graders were joyful as they performed their Thanksgiving drama. The fifth grade girls and boys were gracious hosts, seating us, waiting on tables, asking if we were in need of anything.

I thought of them this morning as I watched a clip on Facebook of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks of London saying that conversation can be seen as a form of prayer, as a community ritual that holds the possibility of transformation. By recognizing another person we encounter someone other than ourselves, and that becomes a way to encounter God, the other from whom we all come.

We are not strangers to this experience of encounter. We can feel the inevitable draw of late autumn into early winter. We feel its impulse to be with others in community celebration. Sometimes the swirl of events feels overwhelming, not so much fun. Or, its celebrative air doesn't match how we feel privately. Grief or sadness in our hearts might dim the glimmer of joy that is sung and said everywhere we turn.

Perhaps our children can teach us this, that innocence is not the inexperience of children gradually being overcome by life events. Maybe it is the posture of being able to see in every day, or season, the possibility of new life.

After all, for Christians the celebration of the birth of Jesus is not about having enough money to buy enough gifts, or to endure yet another season of relentless events on our calendars. It is to embrace the good news that light comes into the darkest hours of our lives, that we can bring into adulthood joy, graciousness, and the anticipation of new life, no matter what our age might be.

Gratefully,
Bill



The Spirit of Christmas

This year, the Canterbury church youth group is sponsoring the lighting of the large fir tree in the center of town to help share in the holiday spirit that our town embraces each year. The purpose of lighting this tree is to remind us all that this is a season of sharing. In addition to lighting the tree, the youth group will be collecting funds to provide food and presents to Canterbury families in need at this special time of year. If you wish to support this worthwhile cause, please make checks payable to CUCC, (note on the check "Tree Fund"). You can mail your check to CUCC, PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH. The grand lighting of the tree will be on December 1st from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. All are welcome to join us here for caroling, refreshments, and holiday fun. Contributions will also be accepted during the lighting of the tree and until December 20th. Thank you for your generosity and support. Happy

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AROUND TOWN

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Loudon;
Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 10:00-5:00
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Sunday, 5:30 am - 7:00 pm

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Mon.-Sat., 6:30 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

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(closed Noon - 1:00 pm);
Sat. 8:30 am - noon

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Jim Snyder, Saltcreek@aol.com

DA DUMP 783-9980
Wed., 4:00-7:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 -6:00
canterburySWTS@myfairpoint.net

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canterbury-nh.org

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 783-4123
Road Agent, Jim Sawicki
canterburyhighway@gmail.com

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Wed. & Thurs., 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday, 9:00 am - noon

CANTERBURY POLICE OFFICE
783-0433 (non-emergency)
Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Concord Police Dispatch
(non-emergency): 228-1010
EMERGENCIES — 911

**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 783-9955**
Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
canterburyselectmen@myfairpoint.net
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783-0153 FAX: 783-0501
Monday, 9 am-3 pm, Tues., 12 pm-7 pm
Thursday, 3 pm - 7 pm
canterburytaxcollect@myfairpoint.net

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Meet at the Meeting House (MH)
unless otherwise noted

Conservation Commission
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, MH

Fire & Rescue (at Municipal Complex)
Business Meeting: 1st Mon., 6:30 pm
Officers Meeting: Last Thurs., 7:00 pm
Trainings: All other Mondays, 7:00 pm

Library Trustees
2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, Elkins Library

Planning Board
2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, MH
4th Tuesday as needed

Recycling Committee
1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm, MH

Renewable Energy Committee
Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm, MH

Selectmen
1st & 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm, MH

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CUCC CHURCH NEWS

Holiday Worship Schedule

Dwight Haynes will be preaching on December 23, 24, and 30.

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve there will be two services: 4:00 pm family-oriented service and 8:00 pm.

LBS

The Ladies Benevolent Society will have their annual Christmas Luncheon on December 5, at 12 Noon in the Parish House. Spouses or significant others are also invited. It is a pot luck, so bring a dish to share. Please let know Judy Patterson (783-4419) know if you plan to attend so we will know how many to plan for. Hope to see you then.

Note from the CUCC Treasurer

Our CUCC Treasurer has reported that donations (including pledges) are falling significantly short, given that we are almost at the end of the church year. We hope that those who pledged will be able to fulfill their commitments by the end of December and that everyone will be as generous as possible. We realize that times are hard for many, but please help us out if you can.

Thanksgiving "Thank You"

On Sunday, November 18, the Parish House was "Thrumming with Thanks"! The annual CUCC Youth Group-sponsored community Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success, thanks to the efforts of many people. We received many donations both of food and money toward putting on this fabulous community event. Huge thanks to the folks who bought and cooked turkeys, made pies, donated items such as potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, milk, cider, and other items. Thanks to the pie crust makers, the roll baker, and the gravy captain. Special "thanks" goes to the PARENTS of the youth group members, who got their kids to the work sessions and also gave a tremendous amount of time and energy helping to prepare the dinner. The kids themselves were the stars of this particular show! With the help of their parents, they shopped, promoted, peeled, cut, stirred, scooped, mashed, wrapped, carved, made coffee, poured, sliced, decorated, served, swept and cleaned all with positive attitudes and eagerness to make this dinner "just right." And of course, we heartily thank YOU ALL for coming and sharing together in our fantastic community. Enjoy the holidays!



Deacon of the Month is Chuck Sanborn. He can be reached at 783-9030.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday December 16th 4:00 pm will be the Annual Christmas Pageant, followed by a potluck supper. Bring food to share and your own place settings to reduce trash. Come support this ministry of children and youth.

C.U.C.C. Holiday Poinsettia Orders - Deadline December 9

Check payable to Donna Miller (783-0220). Check/cash to 126 Baptist Road, Canterbury, NH 03224

Your Name/Phone _____

Red Qty: _____ @ \$11 ea. = _____

White Qty: _____ @ \$11 ea. = _____

Pink Qty: _____ @ \$11 ea. = _____

Total _____

Please Check one of the following:

- I will pick up my plant after the Christmas service
- I would like my plant delivered to me after the Christmas Service
- I would like the flower committee to deliver my plant to someone else in Canterbury

Given in Honor or Memory of: _____



CUCC NEWS CONTINUES

Pastor Bill's Schedule

Sunday-Thursday: I am usually in town, morning into the afternoon. Evenings: I attend scheduled meetings. I can also be available for appointments.

Friday: Pastor Bill's Sabbath, unless there are pressing concerns requiring me.

Saturday: Church/Community events as they occur.

It's always best to call ahead, since much of my work takes me out of the office. I check the church office voicemail and email regularly. Church leaders know my personal phone numbers where I can be reached if an immediate response is needed.

Pastor Bill's Vacation

From December 19 - January 2, I will be in Bozeman, Montana, officiating at our son, Sam's wedding on Dec. 21, and visiting with our children, Ben, Kristen and Bekah, and grandchildren, Zeke and Elin, who live there as well. This is most unusual for a pastor to be absent at Christmas and for that reason we discussed it during my initial interview last August. I am most grateful for your generosity and for your recognition of the importance of Sam's wedding in our family life.

Community Ministry

Canterbury United Community Church has a longstanding practice of meeting the needs of the wider community whenever possible. We intend to continue this practice during the Interim time. Don't hesitate to call if the pastor or congregation can be of help in any situation. Significant life events, baptism for all ages, weddings, and funerals or memorial services are offered through our congregation. Contact Pastor Bill or the church office for arrangements.

Hospital Visits

Current privacy laws provide needed privacy and protection for us when hospitalization is needed. However, combined with extremely brief hospital stays, it is necessary to call Pastor Bill ahead if you desire a visit during hospitalization. If admission to the hospital occurs because of a medical emergency, ask a family member or hospital staff to contact the church office.

Advent Study

An Adult Christ at Christmas

When: Sundays, Dec. 2 and 9, 11:45 am -12:45 pm

Where: Parish House

Texts: Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2; prepare by reading, repeatedly, and write down your questions.

Bring your lunch. Child Care provided for Sunday classes. Each class will be repeated the following day, on Monday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, same place, same time. This will be a conversation, reflecting on what Matthew and Luke intended to tell their adult listeners about the birth of Jesus, and how the infancy narratives connect with our own lives now. All are welcome!

PEOPLE NEWS

Katherine Allman was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist by the College Board, a rare national honor. She is the daughter of Jacque and Steve Allman of Baptist Hill Road.

Meghan Bragg was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Emmanuel College in Boston.

In Memoriam

Nancy Caroline Hutchings Collum, 97, beloved wife of Wallace K. Collum died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Bryn Mawr, PA to Thomas Henry Hutchings and Reba Dowdell Hutchings. Prior to her moving to Osprey, FL in 1978, she was a resident of Wayne, PA and a member of the Central Baptist Church there. Survivors include her husband, Wallace K. Collum, her daughter, Shelley L. Wheeler and son-in-law, Stanley L. Wheeler, two grandsons, Chris Garos of Brooklyn, NY (wife Katie Albert) and Isaac S. Wheeler of New York City, nieces, Patricia Hutchings of Philadelphia and Carolyn Nan Hutchings of Maui. Services will be private.

Louise Estes Puckett, loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, neighbor and, above all, grandmother, passed away at home Monday, October 22, 2012. She was a New Hampshire born and raised farm girl who worked hard and loved her family deeply. She was also proud to have served her country in the Army. Louise had many friends that she met through her love of gardening and yard sales, her pulmonary rehab group, knitting, stamp collecting or at the St. Andrew's thrift store where she worked for years. She will be deeply missed by her husband of 51 years, William Puckett of Concord; her son, Steven Puckett and his wife Elizabeth of Canterbury; her daughter Jennifer Hewett of California; her daughter Melanie Gordon and her husband Robert, of Weare; her brother James Estes of California; her sister Mary Satterfield of Concord; as well as her grandchildren, and her two great-grandsons.

Ian Antony Gillespie completed his 94 years here on earth on October 14 and now continues to live for eternity with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in where he joins his bride, Charlotte Banks Gillespie. Born in Pointe-au-Pic, Quebec, Canada in 1918, Ian leaves his loving daughter Margaret, son Tony, daughter-in-law Isabel, grandchildren Beatriz, Ian and Yesi; brother-in-law David Banks and nephews Brien, Tom and Peter James and their families. A veteran of WWII, Ian served as "Signals Officer" aboard the minesweeper Red Deer. He launched a successful career in the hotel and real estate business in the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec, where he raised his family. He loved to garden and travel with his family. Ian and Charlotte moved to Canterbury in 1977, purchasing Indian Meadows, a 13-acre farm with an 1810 cape and barn. Together they were founding members of the Concord Farmer's market. They were active members in their church. In character, Ian was very generous and helped many people in his low-key fashion throughout his long life.

AROUND TOWN

4-H

The Canterbury 4-H Rascals had their November meeting on November 5, 2012. We voted to give \$50 each to the Canterbury Church and the Merrimack County 4-H Foundation, and \$30 each to the SPCA, Live and Let Live Farm, the Loudon Food Pantry, the Red Cross, and to CHAD. Some of the projects that we are doing are: Gingerbread Houses with Kim Wieck, Sewing with Lydia West and Emily Brunkhurst, and clothes sorting for the Clothing Exchange. Our next meeting will be on December 3, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Parish House. Members should bring donations for families in need. We will be having a Finger-Food Potluck so please bring something to share. After a brief business meeting we will be playing outdoor games so please dress for the weather.

~Abigail Camire, Reporter

The Club would also like to acknowledge that Abby Camire earned a Public Relations Award from Merrimack County Cooperative Extension for the work she did last year as our 4-H Club Reporter. Great job Abby!!



Farmers' Market

The last Canterbury Farmers' Market of 2012 will be held INDOORS at the Canterbury Elementary School gym. Look for us there on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

Join us for a great selection of winter veggies and fruits, dairy, meat, and eggs, cider, syrup, sweets, and home baked breads, candy, ready-to-eat, and more. There will be a good selection of hand crafted woolens, soaps, and wood products, too, plus a few surprises! As always, we will have a raffle for a great big basket o' goodies donated by our vendors. Look for tickets on sale at the Market Info table.

There will be PLENTY of staples to help you get ready for upcoming festivities, and PLENTY of gift-giving-goodies to tuck under your Christmas tree, Hanukkah bush, or other holiday flora! Find us on Facebook for last minute updates. If you would like a reminder, visit our website at www.ccfma.net and sign up for the Market News, or send us an Email request to canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

A Perfect Christmas Gift

The Historical Society has made arrangements for you to purchase their newly published book, "The Churches of Canterbury 1727-2012" at the Elkins Library. This would make a perfect Christmas gift or stocking stuffer and is reasonably priced at only \$10.00. Supplies are limited.

Santa's Pancake Breakfast

The Santa's Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at the Parish House. This will be from 8:00-10:30 am. There is a Craft Table with crafts for the kids and the adults. You might be able to hang some of the ornaments on your Christmas tree! Best of all, Santa will be at the Pancake Breakfast!!! (Children are allowed to sit on Santa's lap.)

Our Prices

Adults and Kids 13+ are \$4

Kids 3-12 are \$3

Family Price is \$10

Kids 2 and under are Free



Fire Department News

As we approach the winter weather and driving conditions deteriorate, now is the time to get our wipers changed, tires checked, keeping a warm blanket in the car just in case. We have seen what mother nature can dish out and it isn't pretty. At home you should be putting up a few extra bottles of drinking water and water to flush the toilets, hand lights, and food you can prepare without electricity. If you should need assistance please don't hesitate to call 911 for emergency and 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Being proactive rather than reactive to handle an emergency always has a better outcome. By now we know who won the November wood raffle. Make sure you get in on the December raffle; it's a great gift. You can stop by the station during the day or pick some raffle tickets up at the Canterbury Store. I would like to thank all of my Fire personnel and the Police and Highway personnel who helped during Hurricane Sandy. We seem to have dodged another one, but I am sure mother nature won't leave us out. Have a Great Holiday. Keep Safe.

~Chief Peter Angwin

Town-Wide Email List



The Town of Canterbury has a Town-Wide email list to distribute information. If anyone is not on the list and would like to be, contact me at smile_lrg1@yahoo.com (that's an underscore). This is a great way to get information out. Thank you!

~Laura Crawford



AROUND TOWN CONTINUED

The Moderator's View

On November 6, the polls opened at 7:00 am and started receiving voters. When the polls closed at 7:00 pm one thousand five hundred sixty two folks had voted. This includes one hundred sixteen absentee voters. The one hundred fifty six same day voter registrations brought the total of registered voters to one thousand eight hundred thirty five. This is an eighty two per cent voter turn out. Excellent!

From inside the polls everything went smoothly. There were no voter delays of any consequence. Photo IDs were readily displayed. Only six "Challenge Voter Affidavits" were executed. (These were people without a photo ID.) These names will be forwarded to the NH Secretary of State for follow-up. These six can expect a letter from the Secretary to verify that they did vote and not someone else using their name.

The voters are to be thanked for their patience and understanding and their execution of good citizenship. After the polls closed at 7:00 pm the poll workers – Selectmen, Clerks, Office Staff and Ballot Clerks, Supervisors of the Checklist -- remained to hand count ballots and perform administrative tasks. The Election Day results were announced at 9:30 pm and the Town Hall closed awaiting the next election, March 2013.

~Wayne A. Mann, Moderator

Transition Canterbury

In November, Transition Canterbury's 4th Tuesday Film Series featured "Seeds of Freedom," which documents how critical seed saving is to farming around the world, and the negative effects of industrial agriculture has on seed saving. We held our own Seed Exchange, sharing our saved seeds with our neighbors. Because the 4th Tuesday in December is Christmas Day, the next film will be January 22 (the fourth Tuesday of January). Film title TBA in next newsletter.

Don't forget to sign up for Freecycle. Some very nice items have been offered. This is a free service rather like an online "Swap Shop". You can offer something you no longer need; you can ask for something you do need. Don't throw it away, let someone else reuse it! The burden on our landfill decreases as we increase community. Go to <http://freecycle.transitioncanterbury.org> to sign up.

Curious about what Transition Canterbury is about and what we are doing? If you'd like to be part of an organization that promotes community in order to help make Canterbury more resilient (that is, able to withstand change), we invite you to attend our upcoming planning meeting on Tuesday, December 11. Call Dave Noel for information and directions (565-2011). If you would like simply be on our mailing list (to get a monthly reminder of our upcoming event) join our e-mail list by sending an e-mail to info@transitioncanterbury.org. Visit our website at www.transitioncanterbury.org for more information.

A Halloween Thank You!

We had another successful Canterbury Halloween Night, this time without snow! Thank you to everyone who helped. The Ladies Benevolent Society and the Cub Scout parents for making cookies, George Gendron for manning the cookie and cider table in the Town Hall, Peter Rindeau and Jesse Miller with the Boy Scouts for the Spook Walk, Kim Wieck for the pumpkin decorations on the wall of the Town Hall from the Canterbury Elementary Students, Tabatha Burwell and her sister Shaw for delivering pumpkins to the stops and making sure they were lit, and our 4-H group, the Canterbury Rascals, for carving the pumpkins that lighted the way.

This year, we purchased our pumpkins from the Canterbury Elementary School 5th Grade to support them in fundraising for their annual Nature's Classroom trip. Thank you to those who handed out candy: Erin Klasen, Linda Rindeau, Cricket Kinne, Emily and Scott Brunkhurst, Polly Camire, Lisa Carlson, Ben Bynum, and the renters in the former Bouton house who probably didn't expect quite so many people. And thank you to our Spooky Story Readers in the Library, Sue and Pastor Bill Donaghue. Emma Galonski, Becca Drew, Josie Scarponi, and Maddie Scarponi were our candy runners getting refills and providing breaks.

Thank you to those who donated candy. And thank you to whoever picked up the pumpkins before they turned into a mushy moldy mess. We hope some pigs enjoyed them.

And a belated special thank you to Mr. Russwick for his marshmallow sticks last year. You were missed this year!

We can't forget our Adam Angwin and the Fire Department and Police Department for keeping an eye out for safety. We do receive a grant from the Canterbury Fund each year; without it, and without help from volunteers, this event would not happen.

We have seen a reduction in the number of people willing to volunteer and an increase in the number of people attending. Two years ago, we gave away 1000 pieces of candy. This year, we were well above 2000. Please consider helping out next year. It can be as simple as picking up cider and delivering it to The Town Hall or baking cookies. If you missed the pumpkin carving contest or the Haunted House Contest, be the coordinator next year. Want to change something? Come join us! It takes a haunted village to do this!

~Laura Crockford, Kiersty and John Scarponi

Transfer Station News

Household Hazardous Waste:

The HHW collection day on November 3rd was a popular event with above-average participation. The final #'s aren't in yet, but the event definitely accomplished the goal of ridding our home environments of unwanted toxic materials! A few notes: I have printed instructions available at the transfer station, for how to prepare latex paint for disposal as well as printed instruction for medicine disposal. To request a digital copy please email me at CanterburySWTS@myfairpoint.net. A lot of empty/solid paints/paint cans were brought in, even though these are not considered hazardous waste, which cost the town quite a bit unnecessarily. If you still have these, they can be recycled (empty) or thrown in the trash (dry/solid)!

New Bags...

If you use the smaller size (15 gallon) green PAYT bags you may have noticed that they are different! We are trying a new vendor and style of bag for the next few months to see if they are a better product. They are the same size and mm thickness, but have a component to make them stretchier like commercial bags and less likely to tear. Most of the feedback on the new bags has been very positive, but next Spring I will be asking for feedback on the change before ordering either the new or old style in both sizes.

Closed?

The treasure house has been and will continue to be closed when there is not a volunteer available to oversee it. To help keep this wonderful resource open and working for Canterbury by volunteering a few hours a month please call the transfer station at 783-9980, email me at CanterburySWTS@myfairpoint.net or stop by and sign up! You get first dibs on the really cool stuff that gets donated! We also make monthly trips to a local shelter for victims of domestic violence with linens, kitchen items, and specific items that are needed. Please consider volunteering just a few hours of your time to help such worthwhile programs continue! **The season of gift giving is nearly upon us...**

Our paper vendor is allowing us to put wrapping paper in the recycle bin this year with just a few exceptions: Nothing SHINY, the foiled papers and wraps ruin big batches of paper in the recycling process, and waxed boxes and paper products are not currently recyclable. Please consider minimal wrapping, reused craft or newspaper, or something reusable like a basket or cloth for tangible gifts. Buy recycled content paper whenever possible and try not to buy the shiny metallic papers if you wish to be able to recycle it. Always choose paper over plastic when it comes to bows and ribbons if you want to minimize your waste! We have several locals who reuse clean packing peanuts to ship locally made products so bring these in separate to make sure they aren't trashed after only one use!

Thanks for your diligence in helping to keep our recycling program strong & successful Canterbury!

~Adrienne Hutchinson, Transfer Station Manager

FYI: Sand is not available to residents at the transfer station. all materials on site are for municipal use only, taking anything (except treasure house items) without permission is considered stealing. The only sand that is free for residents to take is available by the town library; please only take one bucket at a time so there is enough to go around! Your neighbors and the road crew thank you for your consideration. If you witness abuse of this program, please, speak up and remind your neighbors of this policy.

School News

The CES Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 18th beginning at 6:30 pm. Other district concerts include the Belmont High School Holiday Band/Chorus Concert on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm and the Belmont Middle School Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 pm. December 20th will be the snow date if any of the concerts are canceled due to the weather.

The CES food drive will continue this month and we will be collecting non-perishable food items through December 14th. Contributions will go toward providing complete holiday meals for families throughout our area. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off any time during the school day.

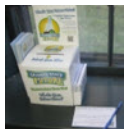
Shaker schools will be closed for the Holidays from December 24th to January 1st. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd.

The December Shaker Regional School Board meetings have been changed and are now scheduled on the 6th and the 20th beginning at 6:00 pm. This month's meetings will be held at CES in the library.

School representatives were presented with the National Blue Ribbon Award at a ceremony in Washington DC on November 13th. As reported earlier, the State of New Hampshire nominated Canterbury Elementary for the award and the National Blue Ribbon Committee selected our school as one of 264 schools across the country that had the most successful programs and highest student achievement. This is an honor we attribute to the work and investment made by our students, staff, parents, and community members. Congratulations to us all.

December 6	School Board at CES 6:00 pm
December 12	Farmers' Market CES Gym 4:30-6:00 pm
December 12	BHS Holiday Concert 7:00 pm
December 18	CES Holiday Concert 6:30 pm
December 19	BMS Holiday Concert 6:00 pm
December 20	School Board at CES 6:00 pm

CNHRPC Seeks Your Ideas for the Central New Hampshire Regional Plan



The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) has begun the process to develop an updated regional Master Plan. To gain a better understanding of this region's values and needs, CNHRPC will be undertaking public engagement activities from this fall through next summer 2013. Outreach will occur at various local events and venues, and also includes collecting ideas through the "listening boxes" placed in each community and working with numerous local and statewide partners on Advisory Teams. Ideas and comments can alternatively be submitted any time on the *Granite State Future* website at www.granitestatefuture.org, Or please contact Stephanie Alexander at 226-6020 or salexander@cnhrpc.org.

Get more information at the CNHRPC website: www.cnhrpc.org, or you can go straight to www.granitestatefuture.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Hours: The library will be closed for Christmas on **Monday, Dec. 24** and **Tuesday, Dec. 25**. There will be a delayed opening **Wed. Dec 26**. The library will be open 2:00 - 8:00 pm. We are open earlier than usual on **Monday, Dec. 31** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We are closed on **New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013**.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is **Monday, Dec. 10** at 7:00 pm.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Come to a gathering of friends and neighbors at our **Holiday Open House Saturday, Dec. 1** from 10:00 am - 12 noon. Enjoy homemade baked goods and cider, visit with Santa, create an ornament to bring home, decorate a cookie and listen to holiday music by Tim Gurshin.

Rock and Read is a music and movement program for babies and toddlers. Our young friends will have a chance to move to a beat, listen and sing along with music and participate with others the same age! What fun! **Tuesday, Dec. 11** at 10:00 am.

Story Hour will be on **Wednesday, Dec. 19**. Come have some fun!

The Book Discussion Group will meet **Tuesday, Jan. 15th** at 7:00 pm. We're reading *Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivy. Copies will be available mid December.

TEEN TIME READ: Students grades 5 through 7 are invited to come **Tuesday, Dec. 11** from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm for fun activities, food and a book discussion. Copies of *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher are available at the library.

The **Elkins Library Knitters** will meet **Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12** and **19** at 6:30 pm and resume after the holidays on **Jan. 9**.

Quilters meet **Tuesday mornings** from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Bring your handwork, sewing machines and don't forget your lunch!

Scrabble every **Monday night** at 6:00 pm. Come join in!

Puzzle Swap: stop by, take one and leave one. All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition with all pieces in the box.

BOOK RESERVES: New books often have a long waiting list and since the circulation period is 3 weeks, it can be a long wait if you're at the end of the list. After leaving a phone or e-mail message new books will be held for 3 days and if we don't hear from the patron; the next person on the list will be called and the first reserve will then be moved down on the list.

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER: Come to the library and place a bid on one or more of our 6 themed gift baskets. Take a chance on winning the **Booklovers Collection**; one for Adults, one for children, and one for middle schoolers. We also have a **Canterbury History** basket featuring a complete set of **Cat's Meow** collectibles, **Canterbury history** books and a **Canterbury afghan**. The **Game Lover's** basket includes games, puzzles and toys. The **Kitchen Basket** with cookbooks, recipe cards, towels, cookie cutters and more. Place your bid on the form in front of the basket(s) and we'll contact the winners on **Saturday, Dec. 15** before closing.

Introducing **THE ELKINS LIBRARY GIVING TREE**. Because we can't buy all the books that are requested by our patrons, we have compiled a wish list from your suggestions. Through the holiday season we invite you to visit us and choose a title from our tree. We kindly invite you to either purchase the item OR donate funds towards its purchase. Consider making a donation of this kind in honor or in memory of a loved one. A bookplate may be placed in the book if you wish.

BOOK SALE: We have gently used books for sale during the month of Dec. which makes a great Christmas gift or travel reading. Hardcovers are \$2.00; paperbacks and children's books are \$.50 cents.

FAMILY PASSES

SEE Science Center – Manchester
The Fells – Newbury (John Hay National Wildlife Refuge)
Currier Museum of Art – Manchester
Museum of NH History - Concord
Christa McAuliffe Planetarium -Concord

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Happy Holidays from the Staff & Trustees and heartfelt thanks for the donations, suggestions and patronage we've received during this busy year!

NEW TITLES:

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver
Merry X-Mass, Alex Cross by James Patterson
Giving Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini
Winter Dream by Richard Paul Evans



POST OFFICE NEWS

The Canterbury Post Office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25 to celebrate Christmas. We will also be closed on Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. In the past the Postal Service has at times had retail offices close for business at noon time. Nothing has been said about that this year but it is always a decision made much closer to the actual date. If that occurs this year, I will post a notice here at the office. Other than that, we will keep our normal hours. There will be no special hours for the holidays. If you need to mail outside our regular hours, the Concord Post Office has an Automated Postal Center open 24 hours a day.

Here is a list of holiday shipping cut-off dates: First class mail – Dec. 20, Priority mail – Dec. 21, Express mail – Dec. 22, Parcel Post – Dec 14. Letters and Priority mail to APO/FPO: for 093's – Dec. 3, all other APO/FPOs – Dec. 10. For most international mail, letters should be sent by Dec. 10. Priority Mail International should be sent by Dec. 13. Express Mail International by Dec. 15. For international shipping there is no slow way to send things any more, everything goes by plane. These dates are not guarantees but are based on average delivery times. The destination of the package will have a lot of impact on the time it takes.

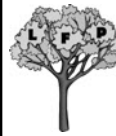
If you are preparing to mail packages for the holidays, the more ready the package is to ship, the shorter time it will take us to serve you. We have a fair supply of shipping supplies on hand. If you are considering mailing a number of items, you can get supplies on-line at usps.com. There are a variety of Priority Flat Rate shipping sizes. In general, if it is quite heavy or going a long distance, Priority Flat Rate can be economical. New this year is Express Mail Flat Rate boxes. There are two shapes (like the medium Priority Flat Rate boxes) and they cost \$39.95. An added advantage is that Express Mail has a guaranteed delivery date, can be tracked, and has some insurance.

On a separate note, in January 2013 there will some changes to the delivery routes here in Canterbury. For some people this will mean that you could have a different delivery person or a change in the delivery time. I do not have details yet but should have more by the next newsletter. These changes will not affect the delivery to the Post Office Boxes here at the Canterbury Post Office. Also, I do have some of the small boxes available to rent.

As a long time postal worker I know that December can be a very stressful time of year. I hope that I can help with that, even if it is in a very small way. I think that your wait in line will probably be much shorter than in the larger offices. If you have to wait, there will be tempting goodies and drinks for sale and perhaps, friends or neighbors to visit. I do feel hostage to my new computerized equipment but most of the time it works fine. I hope your holiday season goes as easy as possible. I look forward to helping with your mailing needs. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

~Ted LeClair, Postmaster

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING



Loudon Food Pantry

Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our raffle is still on and will be until December 13th. Stop by 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH and get your tickets today. Ticket prices are: 50¢ each; 5 tickets for \$2.00; 10 tickets for \$3.00. The winner gets 50% of the ticket sales. You can also use our order form on LoudonFoodPantry.org. Good Luck!

Gift of Lights

We found out that we will be receiving the donated food from the Gift of Lights again this year. Last year we received over 22,000 pounds of food from this event. This donation helped to carry us through some of the worst times when donations were down. Thank you Gift of Lights!

Santa's Breakfast, Craft Fair and Farmer's Market

We are happy and proud to be invited back to Santa's Breakfast this year. It is held at Loudon Elementary on December 1st. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am. But stick around for the Craft Fair and Farmer's Market. We will be selling our 50/50 Raffle Tickets (and a few things of our own) and collecting donations. It will be a fun day for all!

Thanksgiving Boxes

As of 11/16/2012 we have given out 131 Thanksgiving Boxes. Thank you Meadow Ledge Farm, Pearl and Sons Farm, New England Dry Ice and everyone else for your donations! Thank you to all the volunteers that came in to prep and hand out the boxes. Your donations and help allowed us to make happy holiday memories for 131 households this year.

The Villages at Loudon's Oktoberfest 2012

On October 21 The Villages at Loudon had Oktoberfest. They collected can goods for us. We received \$632.94 in goods from Oktoberfest. Thank you for your donation!

Halloween Party

On October 26th the Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of Loudon held a Halloween Party at Loudon Elementary School. The children had to bring food for Loudon Food Pantry as part of their entrance fee. The Scouts collected 1,477 items and 5.5 pounds of produce. On top of that, they donated \$219.60 from their sales at the concession stand. Wow! Great Work! Thank you very much!

Hungry Buffalo Restaurant

On October 29th Hungry Buffalo Restaurant had a Halloween Party and collected 13 items and \$25.00 in cash as well. (We also hear that they will be throwing a Christmas Party for us as well! Keep an eye out for more details). In speaking with Hungry Buffalo, they plan on helping us throughout the year and boy can we use it. Thanks.

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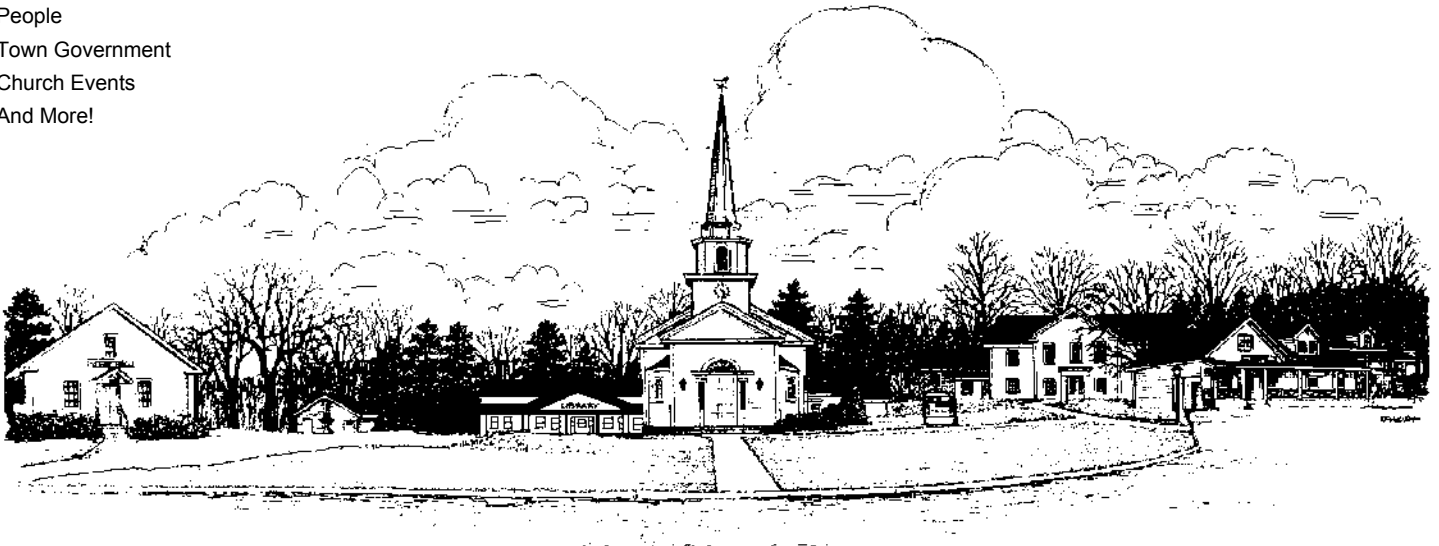
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