

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

So, we are perched on the edge of Advent and Christmas. In some way, all of us are anticipating. We get edgy. We begin to recite for each other's benefit, daily variations of mantras like "it's crazy.." Why this very morning, when I finish this note to you, I need to coordinate with others activities unique to this season, with others whose calendars are already feeling tight. We'll plot to buy things, as if to inoculate ourselves from being vulnerable, from thinking about how incredibly brief is this bit of time we live with each other on this beautiful earth.

I've thought this morning of what I remember about Christmas as a boy. I truthfully cannot recall the year I got my first bicycle, my train set, or any other thing that was so special for me at the time. But, I can remember the feeling of the season. Snow covered streets in the center of Medford, MA on Christmas Eve are etched in my memory. The carols and readings that announce the return of light in the darkness are the elements for an hour of being lifted out of the weariness of fear and worry. Making our way home with my father after Midnight Mass, when the snow was so deep and the wind howling so fiercely that we were barely able to drive the 2 miles down Riverside Avenue to Park St. is easy to feel; makes me shiver as I write.

I remember the feeling of excitement, of being immersed deeply in something that pulled me up out of the ordinary and seemed to cause people to set aside pettiness of all kinds. And I can touch that feeling inside me whether I recall it as a boy, or as a young man in the rice paddies of Viet Nam, as a father of little children, as a grandparent, or as the pastor in a community like Canterbury.

Having the blessing of living long enough and seeing enough to know that my feeling is not rooted in naïve nostalgia, I think the following happens to us. We anticipate we will be unable to meet the expectations of the good news of the season, that no matter who we are or what our circumstance may be, we are worthy of love, and able to receive it and give it. So, we yield to busyness and the accumulation of things to distract ourselves. Too bad.

The excitement of anticipation tells us that we sense something good might occur. The season, centered in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, is all right there, right before us. We actually have to work to mess it up. The story carries us and weaves itself into our stories if we let it. All we have to do is breathe deeply, center ourselves in the wonder of this exact life, and enjoy.

The writer Seamus Heaney wrote that as human beings we possess the capacity to be drawn, simultaneously, to that which is intimately familiar and to the challenges of what is beyond us; that a good poem allows you to have "your feet on the ground and your head in the air". The season of Christmas is such a poem, and we get to live it.

Peace be with you, Bill

December Month at a Glance - details inside!

12/6 CES Holiday Fair

12/7 Elkins Library Open House

12/12 CES Concert

12/14 4H Pancake Breakfast

12/7 Tree Lighting

12/8 Advent Event

12/14 Indoor Farmer's Market

12/24 Christmas Eve Church Services



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AROUND TOWN

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Loudon;
Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 10:00-5:00
Wed 10:00-6:00

106 BEANSTALK 783-4305
Mon.-Sat., 5:30 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday, 5:30 am - 7:00 pm

CANTERBURY STORE 783-9933
Mon.-Sat., 6:30 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

COBBLE POND FARMS 783-9727
Every day 5:30 am - 9:30 pm

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742-4084**
7:00 am to 7:00 pm everyday

POST OFFICE 783-4158
Mon. - Fri., 8:15 am - 5:00 pm
(closed Noon - 1:00 pm);
Sat. 8:30 am - noon

TOWN OFFICES & ORGANIZATIONS

BUILDING INSPECTOR 783-9033
Jim Snyder, Saltcreek@aol.com

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canterburySWTS@myfairpoint.net

FIRE PERMITS: See Town website
canterbury-nh.org

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

LIBRARY 783-4386
Mon. 2:00-8:00 pm, Tues., 9:00-6:00 pm
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

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Fire Station: 783-4798
Fire Station Fax: 783-8964
Fire Chiefs e-mail:
firechief88@hotmail.com Emergency
Calls: 911

**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 783-9955**
Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
canterburyselectmen@myfairpoint.net
canterburyassessing@myfairpoint.net

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR
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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BROOKFORD FARM STORE: Farm Store is stocked daily, so come visit the Farm, and get your fresh farmstead creamery items (raw milk, yogurt, cheeses), vegetables (Kale, Cabbage, Parsnips, Carrots, Onions, Radishes, Spinach, Sweet potatoes, and more), pasture raised meats, eggs, flour, and bread. Open daily from 8 am - 7pm. Brookford Farm Gift Certificates make a great Holiday gift.

TAMMY'S CLEANING SERVICES - Spring cleaning, weekly or bi-weekly needs? Tammy's Cleaning can help. We get at all those hard-to-reach places! Reasonable rates, fully insured, and lots of long term references available too! Privacy and security is foremost in our business. Call or text 545-7903, or email tamsabaxtr@hotmail.com.

REAL ESTATE: Whether selling or buying, I offer complete real estate services. Wondering what to do? Initial consultation is free. Specializing in Merrimack County for many years. Ken Jordan, Realtor 783-4262

CANTERBURY KIDS LEARNING CENTER is accepting new students. We offer a Preschool program which includes essential learning and social experiences for children in preparation for Kindergarten. We also offer before and after-school care which includes homework help. Both programs provide "educational" games and activities and social interaction with peers. We're located in the Parish House. Please call 783-4370 for information.

BODY & SPIRIT DAY SPA: THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT. Specializing in spa packages, massage therapy, facials, manicures, pedicures and body treatments. Gift certificates available online. www.bodyandspiritdayspa.com or call 226-4261

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CUCC NEWS

Annual Lighting the Tree and Supporting Those in Need - December 7th – 4-6:30 p.m.

The CUCC Youth Group is sponsoring the Second Annual Advent Event in our town center. Donations made to "CUCC Youth Group" will be used to buy gifts and clothing for Canterbury families in need this holiday season. As before, the Youth Group receives the descriptions of families from the school nurse, pastor and others confidentially. We hope you will support this program again generously.

The schedule for the December 7th Event is:

4 p.m. Ornament making in the Parish House
5 p.m. Lighting the Tree on the Town Common
-singing carols

Hot Cocoa, Cider, cookies will be provided. Dress warm! Join us! Come as families and celebrate!

Canterbury Benevolent Society

For our December Meeting, we will be going to the Red Apple Buffet in Concord for lunch. The date will be Wednesday, December 4 and we will meet at the restaurant at 1 PM. If you plan to attend, please let Judy Patterson know no later than December 2, so we can give a final count to the restaurant.

~Judy Patterson

Christmas Eve Services

Services will be at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. The 4 p.m service will be especially suited for young children, with stories and songs, and lasting about 30 minutes. The 8 p.m. service will be a traditional Lessons and Carols Service.

Advent Bible Study

Sundays, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15, 11:30-12:30 in the Parish House Chapel room. For preparation, please read Matthew 2 and Luke 2. The discussion will be led by Pastor Bill. Prepare your mind and heart for Christmas in a thoughtful way.

New Members to be Received on Dec. 15

Covenant members will be received into the Canterbury United Community Church on Sunday, Dec. 15, during worship. Please contact Pastor Bill if you are ready! Thanks!

Received into Membership on November 10: Jim and Denise Sojka, and Mona Stickney. Welcome!

Advent Event

What: Make ornaments, Christmas Cards, and Potluck Supper

Where: Parish Hall

When: December 8th

Ornaments: 4 pm to 5:30 pm

Potluck Supper: 5:30 pm

Christmas Cards

Sponsored by the Diaconate

Please come see the children from our Christian Growth program present a traditional **Christmas Pageant** on Sunday, December 15th. It begins at 4 PM and will be held in the church sanctuary. Following the pageant we'll have a potluck dinner in the Parish House. Bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Beverages will be provided.

~ Donna Miller

C.U.C.C. Holiday Poinsettia Orders - Deadline December 15

Check payable to Ann Fifield (783-4441). Check/cash to 112 Southwest Rd., 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: _____

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday hours: Closed for Christmas Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Open Thurs. Dec. 26 from 2-8:00. Tues. Dec. 31 open from 9:-4:00 and closed New Year's Day, Wed. Jan 1.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Mon. Dec. 9 at 7:00.

Rock N' Read: Tues. Dec. 10 at 10:00. Babies and toddlers will learn songs and rhythms and have fun with snowflakes.

Story Hour on Tues. Dec. 3 at 10:00 is the beginning of our Swedish celebrations. Tomtens are tiptoeing about preparing for the festivities. On **Tues. Dec. 17 at 10:00**, there will be holiday stories and a craft to take home.

Lego Club meets **Tues. Dec. 3 and 17 at 4:00.**

LEGO TREE – Come in to see the tree decorated by our creative Lego Club friends. This growing club would appreciate your donation to provide additional Lego sets.

Teen Time Read: Mon. Dec. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30. Make a delicious snack and discuss 'A Mango-Shaped Space,' by Wendy Maas. Copies are available at the library.

Book Group: Tues. Jan. 21th at 7:00. Copies of "Look to the Mountain," by LeGrand Cannon, Jr. will be available mid Dec.

Elkins Library Knitters: Thurs. Dec. 5 & 12 at 6:30 resuming on Jan. 9.

Quilters: Tues. mornings from 10 – 1. Bring your project, sewing machines and lunch!

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

Puzzle Swap: All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition.

A SPECIAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

*Elkins Library invites you to an International celebration of Christmas in Sweden through food, music, stories and lights. Children are invited to visit with Santa, decorate a Dala Horse cookie and craft an ornament. Tim Gurshin will perform holiday music throughout the morning. Please join us on **Sat. Dec. 7 from 10:00 to 12:00.***

A special thanks to Jane Balshaw, Melina Rosenholm and Donna Miller for their generosity and collaboration for authenticity in the realm of decorations, food, and customs.

Elkins now has an Infocus Video Projector to lend to locally based, non-profit groups.

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

CES NEWS

The CES Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th beginning at 6:00 P.M. Other district concerts include the Belmont High School Holiday Band/Chorus Concert on Wednesday, December 18th. and the Belmont Middle School Holiday Concert on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 P.M. December 19th will be the snow date if any of the concerts are cancelled due to the weather.

The CES PTO will be selling Christmas Trees from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the town center on Saturday December 7th, December 14th and on the 21st if there are any trees left.

Also, don't forget the PTO Holiday Fair on Friday, December 6th from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the school gym. The next regular PTO will be held on Monday, December 16th at 6:30 P.M.

The CES food drive will continue this month and we will be collecting non-perishable food items through December 13th. 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.

The Shaker Regional website now has an extensive resource of information about trends in education and our district's progress in curriculum and assessment. You will also find our superintendent, Maria Dreyer's, Curriculum Update presentation. Please visit the www.shaker@sau80.org home page for this and links to important information on curriculum, grading, and classroom instruction.

Shaker schools will be closed for the Holidays from December 23rd to January 1st. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd.

December Calendar

December 6	PTO Holiday Fair 5:00-8:00
December 10	School Board at CES 6:00 P.M.
December 11	BMS Holiday Concert 6:00 P.M.
December 12	CES Holiday Concert 6:00 P.M.
December 14	Farmers' Market CES Gym 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
December 18	BHS Holiday Concert 7:00 P.M.

Canterbury Holiday Fair

The Canterbury Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking forward to its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Friday December 6 from 5 to 7:30. As part of the fair, the PTO is holding a raffle to raise money for school programs.

The following businesses have generously donated to this year's raffle: Pats Peak Ski, Sal's Pizza, Capital Center for the Arts, \$75 Target gift card, Chucksters, Bead It!, Canterbury Woods Country Club, NH Motor Speedway, Hannaford gift card, Palace Theater, Montshire Museum of Science passes, Hermanos Restaurant, SEE Science Center passes, Tanger Outlets gift card, Fieldhouse Sports sessions and rentals, Kapelli's Restaurant, Children's Museum of NH passes, and more! Advance tickets for the raffle (\$1 each) are available by contacting Stephanie Bowser at 783-9223.

AROUND TOWN



December at the Village

Canterbury Shaker Village concludes its 2013 program season with Christmas at Canterbury on Saturday, December 7 & 14 from 3:00-8:00 pm. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$8 for children age 6-17; children under 5 free. Member admission is half price.

Christmas at Canterbury, held annually, allows visitors to experience the delights of Christmas in a simpler era by taking a candlelight stroll through the Village, watching an old-time magic show, riding in a horse drawn wagon, and watching a silent film with live organ accompaniment by Peter Krasinski. The event will also include music performances, story telling, craft demonstrations and activities, cookie decorating, hot chocolate and cider, chats with Village characters like Dr. Seth Miller, 19th century physician and more. Attendees have the option of having dinner at The Shaker Table, where reservations are required, or enjoying lighter fare at the Shaker Box Lunch & Farm Stand.

Christmas at Canterbury is sponsored by Merrimack County Savings Bank, Lincoln Financial Group, Nathan Wechsler, The Rowley Group and Bank of New Hampshire.

"Canterbury Shaker Village is a place where the ideals of simplicity, reflection and renewal are present year round," noted Funi Burdick, Executive Director. "Yet, it's at Christmas that our ongoing practice of rethinking Shaker traditions seems especially relevant. Christmas at Canterbury is a chance to experience the holiday in a way that gets away from the commercialism so prevalent today."

The Shaker Gift Shop, which features a wide selection of high quality, Shaker inspired products, will be open for Holiday shopping during Christmas at Canterbury.

To purchase tickets, visit www.shakers.org.

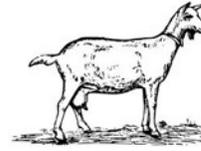
Brian and Helena Titilah of **Durgin Plot Antiques** will be hosting a Christmas Antique Show and Sale with Judy and Bill Egan, George and Cindy Short. Please drop by for old-fashioned holiday cheer.

115 Kimball Pond Road, at the intersection by the big rock!

FRIDAY, December 13 opening with beverage and hors d'oeuvres from 4:00-8:00

SATURDAY, December 14 10:00-6:00

SUNDAY, December 15 noon-4:00



As a new comer to Canterbury I am still basking in the honeymoon glow of discovering the many culinary delights in the Country Store, Hackleboro, Apple Hill and Brookford Farms, the various tiny road side stands and the smallest scale home producers. I want to take this space to offer an ode to one of these small producers, Sweet William's. Well - Sweet William's Acre to be precise, and in particular, the yogurt derived from the vibrant Nubian goats, "Jordan", "Lady Night" and "Moonbeam" living there on Morrill Road among the chickens and tended lovingly by Alice, Carol and William.

The Nubian goat has a mixed African, Asian and European heritage, and its distinctive long floppy ears protected it from desert sands. Bred since the 1890s in Great Britain and the US, it is the most numerous breed of goats in the US because of its rich butter-fat milk. Some goat's milk yogurt is face-scrunchingly sour, thin and sharp. Not so Sweet William's! Following a chance introduction from Dave Chamberlin in the summer, I have had the delight of being a regular Sweet William's 'customer' over many weeks now and have enjoyed superb spoonfuls of heaven in a Ball Jar. Sweet William's yogurt is creamy in color and texture, slightly tart on the palate, clean and clear in flavor, and as thick and full bodied as any factory made 'greek style' you can imagine. It is perfect in oatmeal or mixed with granola, added to vegetable dishes and quiches, used instead of sour cream and of course, as an alternative to icecream complementing desserts.

So give Sweet William's a try. You may be able to barter something you made for eggs, milk or the miracle yogurt. Call 783 4536 to find out more.

Ode to Jordan, Moonbeam and Lady Night (with apologies to John Keats)

O for a bowl of Sweet William's yogurt! that hath been
Cooled for 24 hours and aged in the refrigerator,
Tasting of Jordan, Moonbeam and Lady Night,
Milk rich from cloven journeys over centuries and continents!
O for a vessel deep enough to take
This exquisite cream
Full of the true body of the Nubian
With smoothness and clarity winking at the brim
Tongue softened from the taste:
That I might be replete, strengthened and nurtured,
Sufficient to face the day and night ahead.
~Lois Scribner

The Canterbury Benevolent Society held their Holiday Fair in October. Someone donated a Patty Playpal Doll to the Attic Treasures table. The part that makes the doll work has been found. If you happened to buy the doll, please contact **Robin Preve at 491-2557** and she can get the part to you. Thanks!

AROUND TOWN CONTINUED

Post Office News



There is one Federal holiday in December. The Canterbury Post Office will be closed on Wednesday, Dec.25, Christmas Day. We will also be closed on Wednesday, Jan.1, New Year's Day. In the past, the Postal Service has had many offices close for the afternoon on either Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. These closings are not planned in advance and are usually announced only a week or so ahead of time. If this happens this year, I will post a notice on the Post Office bulletin board. Otherwise, we will operate our normal schedule for the rest of the month.

The following are the suggested deadlines for holiday shipping. Standard Mail (for parcels) is Dec.14; First-Class Mail (letters or small packages) is Dec.20; Priority Mail is Dec. 21; and Priority Express Mail is Dec.23. If you are sending Military Mail, all letters and Priority Mail packages should be mailed by Dec.10; Priority Mail Express should be mailed by Dec.17. Military Mail going to zip codes that start 093 should be mailed by Dec.3.

For International Mail, cards should be mailed by Dec.9. Priority Mail International should get there on time if mailed by Dec.12. Priority Mail Express International should be mailed by Dec.14. Mail going to Africa and some of Latin America can be slower so mailing earlier would be a good idea.

Here are some things to keep in mind. All Priority Mail now has tracking, and at least \$50 worth of insurance. I have a good supply of Priority Mailing boxes; however, Flat Rate Boxes are not always the cheapest way to go. In general, use Flat Rate Boxes if the package is heavy, or is traveling quite a distance (over 2 pounds going to the West coast, for instance). If your package is ready to mail (packaged and addressed), the transaction will go much quicker. If you need mailing supplies, it is a good idea to pick the supplies up ahead of time.

Mailing at the Canterbury Post Office will usually have a shorter waiting line than if you go to a larger office. Also, if you need to wait, there are refreshments available in the Canterbury Country Store. You may even have friends and neighbors to visit with. I look forward to helping with your holiday shipping needs. Thank you for your patronage.

Merry Christmas,

~ *Ted LeClair Postmaster*
Canterbury NH 03224

"Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God."

~*Anonymous*

December INDOOR Farmers Market, Sat., Dec. 14, 10am-2pm, TOWN HALL

Get ready for the holiday season, and a New Year of goood and local eating! The Farmers market is coming to town for one last day this year. Please join us in the Town Hall for good food (all local, fresh, and tasty), good music (the hits from our summer musicians, with CDs for sale), good fellowship (meet and greet the neighbors), and good luck (try your best to win a basket of goodies at the vendor raffle!)

The Board of the Farmers Market would like to say a big THANKS to everyone who came to the November market and made it such a success. We plan to see you again on the 14th - please bring a friend or two!

If you miss us during the cold and dark of winter, please check the market website at www.ccfma.net and find us on Facebook. We will have photos, recipes, and all kinds of good stuff to make you feel like the gardening season is just around the corner! Hint hint - we hope you will consider helping out at the market when the next warm season rolls around. We'll be looking for you!

~ *Beth Blair*

From the Town Clerk Office:

FYI: There was an error at our printing service and they reprinted the October renewal notices instead of mailing December renewals.

If you were an October renewal, disregard the notice you just received in the mail.

Sorry for the confusion,

Ben Bynum
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Canterbury NH
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bbynum@canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station and Recycling Center Updates:

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be CLOSED on Wednesday December 25th and Wednesday January 1st.

We are open Saturdays from 8am to 6pm, please plan for your recycling and disposal needs accordingly!

Thank you and enjoy your Holidays!

~*Adrienne Hutchinson Canterbury Transfer Station*

AROUND TOWN CONTINUED

Historical Society

CANTERBURY'S TOWN HISTORY PROJECT

The Historical Society is sponsoring an informational meeting to learn how we might go about updating Lyford's History of Canterbury published in 1912. Our initial meeting was held last winter. We agreed then to do some additional research and meet again in the fall. The initial research is done and **we have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, December 10th, to be held at Elkins Library at 7 PM.** We are excited to announce we will have two experts attending who will discuss the many aspects of writing and publishing a town history.

Kathryn Grover is an independent researcher, writer, and editor in American social, ethnic, and local history. She is the author of *The Brickyard: The Life, Death, and Legend of an Urban Neighborhood* (2004), *Lynn Album II: A Pictorial History* (1996), *The Fugitive's Gibraltar: Escaping Slaves and Abolitionism in New Bedford, Massachusetts* (2001), and *Make A Way Somehow: African-American Life in a Northern Community* (1994). Her latest and recently published book is, *A Compact Little Industrial City* which recounts the history of Rochester, New Hampshire 1890-2010. She also wrote a bi-weekly column on state and local history for the Concord Monitor in 1982-83 entitled, "Pieces of the Past". She lives in Windsor, Vermont.

Deidre Randall is the CEO of Peter Randall Publishers of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In addition to her publishing duties, she was producer and host of the weekly radio program, "Writers in the Round" for six years. She is also CEO of Blueline Publicity which she founded in 2003 and holds a master's degree from Antioch University.

Want to get involved? Want to know more? Please join us on December 10th! Refreshments will be served.

~ *Robert Scarponi*

Did you know that in December ...

Dec. 5 – Hanukkah ends

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 15 - Bill of Rights Day

Dec. 20 – Sophia Sojka's 16th birthday

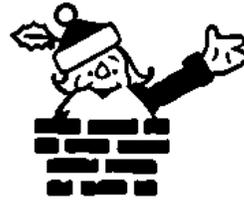
Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice

Dec. 21- Look on the Bright Side Day

Dec. 26 – Start of Kwanzaa

Dec. 26 – Boxing Day

Newslettercanterbury@gmail.com



Santa's Pancake Breakfast

The Canterbury Rascals 4-H club will be holding its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 14 at the Parish House from 8-10:30 AM. The prices are **\$4 for kids under 12, \$5 for adults, \$10 for families, and children under the age of 2 are free.** 4-H members will also be working at a craft table so kids can make a free holiday craft. Everyone in the community is welcome. Remember to bring your kids because **Santa** will be there!



December Meeting

On December 2 the Canterbury Rascals will be having their annual Christmas party. Members voted to have an indoor dance, decorate a tree, and have an outdoor activity as well. They will also be taking donations for Live and Let Live Farm. Remember to bring food to share for the potluck and your winter clothes.

Project Updates

4-Hers have been busy with many projects this month. Club members helped set up the town Clothing Exchange. Emily Preston led the members in a quilting class. And some members will participate in a window glass painting class with Tricia York on December 9.

Thank you to all the people who have bought a birdhouse for the club fundraiser. The Rascals will be busy building birdhouses for the holidays.

Your Reporter,

~ *Olivia Bowser*

Five Simple Rules for Happiness: Free your heart from hatred. Free your mind from worries. Live simply. Give more. Expect less.

Via 1000lifelessons.com

AROUND TOWN CONTINUED

Support the Newsletter and Parish Hall

As many of you know, the relatively small congregation of the Canterbury Church produces this monthly newsletter and also maintains and repairs the Parish Hall. At this time, we are asking for community-wide financial support for both of these entities.

This past year, as the parish hall has aged, the heating system and windows have been renovated. While the building itself still has 'good bones', a strong foundation, now the bathrooms and kitchen need work and the water system pressure tanks need replacing. The Parish House is a meeting place for many non-church activities including scouts, 4-H, yoga classes, private parties, receptions and fair activities.

The newsletter is not a platform for political or spiritual viewpoints but rather serves to inform the community of upcoming events. Thanks to the wonderful community response last year, we were only about 400 dollars short this year in covering the costs connected with the newsletter. This is much better than where we were last year at this time.

We realize that many residents do not wish to directly support the church but do want to support the community. This year the Canterbury Church is setting up accounts dedicated ONLY to the newsletter and parish house maintenance. Your contribution is tax-deductible and would be used for either or both of these purposes, at your selection.

Please consider either a one-time or ongoing contribution to help Canterbury thrive in 2014. You may send your check to the church, CUCC, P. O. Box 216 in Canterbury and indicate on the check how you wish to distribute your contribution. If nothing is designated, it will be divided equally between the newsletter and parish hall accounts.

Thanks for your generosity and for supporting Canterbury.

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CAM'S CHAIN SAW SHARPENING: Free local pick-up and delivery. On or off your saw. Please call 783-0484

Help Support the Newsletter

Once again we invite townspeople to support this newsletter with our sponsorship program. Thanks to so many people's generosity last year we were able to cover most of the cost in 2012. Send in a contribution with the enclosed form any time during this year and we will acknowledge folks in the December issue.

Levels of Giving

"Subscriber" — \$10

"Helper" — \$20-\$49

"Public Spirit" — \$50-\$99

"Community Builder" — \$100+

"Issue Sponsor" — \$550

(cost to produce one monthly issue)

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HOW TO PLACE A NEWSLETTER AD

The deadline is the 15th of each month. \$7 for 30 words or less or \$14 for up to 60 words. Please email ad to newsletter (see address below) and mail payment to CUCC, PO Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224. Must be received by the 15th and we will take it from there!

AROUND TOWN CONTINUED

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Loudon Food Pantry News

Gift of Lights at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

In 2011 and 2012 the NH Motor Speedway gave the food donations from the Gift of Lights to Loudon Food Pantry. It has been a huge help for the towns we support (Belmont, Canterbury, Chichester, Epsom and Loudon). We are looking forward to it again this year. **Bring 3 or more nonperishable food items to the Gift of Lights and receive \$2.00 off the cost of your ticket. All food will be donated to Loudon Food Pantry. Have a great time!**

Santa's Breakfast and Craft Fair

Join us at Santa's Breakfast at Loudon Elementary School on December 7th. This much anticipated event will feature: pancakes with REAL maple syrup, a fantastic raffle, a cookie walk, a gingerbread house contest, and LOTS of local crafters, farmers, and small businesses. Wagon rides will be provided by Stoneboat Farms and their majestic draft horses. The Jolly Old Elf himself — Santa — will stop by to hear all of your children's wishes. Don't miss it! If you are interested in volunteering, donating prizes for the raffle or baking cookies for the cookie walk, please call the school at 783-4400 for details.

Halloween Party at Loudon Elementary School

The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of Loudon had a Halloween Party on November 1st to help raise food and money for Loudon Food Pantry. We all had a terrific time! Over 1,350 food items were donated and \$545.50 was raised. It came at a time when our stock room was almost empty. Thank you so much to everyone that helped and donated!

Food Drives Received During November:

Epsom Middle School
Merrimack Valley High School
LES Turkey Trott

Food drives gives the pantry a variety in food to give out to our patrons. Everything received is welcome and needed!

Thanksgiving Basket Donations:

New England Dry Ice – Dry Ice Bins
Meadow Ledge Farm – Apples and Squash
Young at Heart – Turkey Dinner Fixings
Loudon Freewill Baptist Church – Turkey Diner Fixings
American Legion Post 88 of Loudon – Funds to purchase items that have not been donated

Thank you to everyone else that donated goods or funds for our Thanksgiving Boxes. Without your help, we could not have handed out about 125 baskets.

Loudon Food Pantry News cont.

Annual Holiday 50/50 Raffle

Our annual raffle is starting November 1st and continues until December 13th. Half of the ticket sales will go to the winner and the other half benefits Loudon Food Pantry. Tickets are 50¢ each; \$2.00 for 5 or \$3.00 for 10. You can purchase your tickets at the pantry located at 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon on Mon., Tue., or Thu. 10 a.m. - 5 a.m. and Wed. 10 a.m. - 6 a.m. An order form will be on our website (LoudonFoodPantry.org) during the dates of the raffle.

Christmas Box Signup

Capital Region Food Program puts together our Christmas Boxes each year. You need to qualify and sign up through an agency (like Loudon Food Pantry) to receive your Christmas Box.

Donations Needed

Check out LoudonFoodPantry.org for an updated list of items we need. Thanksgiving needs are listed there too. We will also have printed lists available at the pantry as well. During the months of November and December we will also accept donations every Friday from 11 am – 3 pm (except for holidays of course).

You can mail or drop off your donations to Loudon Food Pantry, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. But if you find you're not in the neighborhood you can drop off at one of these convenient locations:

Business Accepted	Town	Collection Type
Elkins Library	Canterbury	Food
Care Pharmacy	Epsom	Funds
Loudon Post Office	Loudon	Food & Funds
The Hungry Buffalo	Loudon	Food & Funds
Beanstalk	Loudon	Funds
Red Roof Inn	Loudon	Food & Funds
Loudon Village Country Store		Funds
Body & Spirit Day Spa	Concord	Funds

Thanks,

Sarah, Sue, Bill and Mike

When Christmas doesn't fit your expectations of what the perfect holiday should be, think about how Joseph and Mary probably didn't think that manger was the perfect place for their child to be born. But look at what a perfect Christmas that turned out to be.

~ Joel Osteen

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