

# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It was the third Sunday of Advent. In the service we planned to baptize a baby boy, to light the third candle in the Advent Wreath, then to step into the children's story time. Most years this means to try with thoughtful care to fold in extra elements to a Sunday hour that is already full. With the celebration of Christmas around the corner, and the winter solstice need to huddle and to sing and to sense light within us and around us more people appear for Sunday morning. The question becomes how to balance it all in a meaningful way.

Last Sunday was different. Living within the emotional impact of the horror of innocent children's deaths in Connecticut less than forty-eight hours before pressed us in different ways. With young children present it would not be helpful to explore in any explicit way why we, as adults, were going from moment to moment on the verge of tears. There was no need to overwhelm our children with what had already overwhelmed us. There was a need to emphasize our ways of loving, and to let our children know that this is a safe place to be, and we want them to know that. Our needs, of children and adults, balance each other I thought. But, how will we express it?

Our children showed us the way. After we began with music and singing, and it was time to light the advent candle, a little 5 year-old boy from the family with the baby being baptized walked up to me and asked if he could help light the candle. He is a stranger to this place and to this congregation, but he was unafraid. Of course, I said, and together with Ann Fifield and Ella Mae Cochrane we prayerfully lit the candle. Moments later, for the Children's Time, his sister, about 3 year-old, told me her name, "I'm Sofia" and motioned for me to pick her up. We walked then, into the story, and spoke of how to expect new and loving experiences at this time of year. Both children, Quinton and Sophia, sensed in this community a place they could trust, in which they could be safe and flourish.

It is in being lovingly present to each other that we nurture communities where we counter the tendencies toward loneliness and despair with hope and resilience. I know I spoke of this last month in this space, but it seems worth repeating. Look to our children. See their need to be loved without condition. And then, in this approaching new year is it possible for us to create deeper and broader ways for us as adults to be drawn into this creative work?

The ancient words spoken at this time of year proclaim, "And a little child shall lead them."

Joyful Christmas for you all.

Gratefully,  
Bill



## A Warm Thank You from the Canterbury United Community Church Youth Group!

On December 1<sup>st</sup> the large tree in the Center was lit, with snow falling all around. We sang carols, ate cookies and drank hot chocolate. It was done in peak Canterbury style. Of course, this could not have happened without the help of many people. Our tree lighting team consisted of many, but with out Brian Magoon from Magoon Tree and Bob Drew it would not have happened. Thank you to Brian Magoon for donating his time and the use of his 80-foot bucket truck for hanging up the lights and the star. Thanks to Bob Drew and his electrical skills, as well as the many trips to Concord to purchase the lights. Many, many thanks to you both! Thank you also to Hagen Esty-Lennon, John Scarponi, Bob Drew, Josh Scarponi and Rick Crockford for helping to hang the lights, as well as Brian's family who came out to cheer them on while they were put up!

A special thank you to Rick and Laura Crockford for making all the hot chocolate: it was perfect! To all who brought cookies, all of which were homemade, it just does not get better than that! To the CUCC choir members who led us in carols, thank you! Pastor Bill and Josh Scarponi who led the whole evening and helped pick the lucky girl, Abby Osmer, to plug in the tree, thank you as well.

The purpose behind lighting this tree was to help the CUCC youth group in their mission to aid local families with gifts at this time of year. Thanks to all of you who have helped contribute to this cause, they will be able to continue their efforts. We hope to continue this new tradition in town next year, as well as the fundraising to help local Canterbury families enjoy the season.

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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**  
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**ARE YOU READING THIS??**

If you are reading this send me an email at doureadthis@gmail.com or you can call and leave a message at 934-2075 if you don't have computer access. We would also like to know your thoughts about the newsletter going digital. Would that interest you, or do you prefer the paper copy?

# CUCC CHURCH NEWS

## Update from Mel & Linda Burrowes

Dear Canterbury Friends,

When you read this, Christmas is past, 2013 has begun, and we will be with our son, Jeff, and his family in Denver, CO. But as I write, Linda and I are camped on the east shore of Mobile Bay, AL, trying to anticipate Christmas with warm sun and 75-degree days.

Our real travels began Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. We headed south/southwest, visiting friends and family in NYC, NJ, VA, NC, SC and AL on our way to spend Christmas in Denver, CO. Managing a 2-hour traffic jam on the NJ Turnpike and wandering back streets of Jersey City proved to us that we can handle the rig in most any traffic! Incidentally, since some have asked, Linda shares the driving, doing well with our combined 47' rig!

Interesting sites have included Garth Newell Arts Community in VA, Clemson University, Stone Mtn., GA and the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock, NC, a National Historic Site. In addition to his fame as a writer and poet, Sandburg was a champion of common working people and was responsible for chronicling and archiving many American folk songs. I have added some of his writings to my "must read" list as we travel.

Mobile was quite a bit south of our Denver direction, but Linda really wanted to connect with Jim and Nellie Tiller. Jim is a retired United Methodist minister, under whom I interned for a year in a church in NJ while I was at Union Theological Seminary. Jim officiated at our wedding in Massachusetts. Linda's sense of urgency about the visit turned out to be timely. Since their last Christmas letter, Jim was diagnosed with cancer and they've been through a challenging year, deciding against curative treatments and focusing on palliative care. At this point Jim is doing remarkably well and we had a wonderful visit at their retirement home apartment. Once again, in their mid 80's, they are an example to us of how to live richly, rooted in religious faith and mutual love.

We still get occasional word of life in Canterbury, and we know there have been good things and challenges for folks. We wish each and everyone special spiritual blessings in the New Year.

Fond regards,  
Mel & Linda Burrowes

**OOPS!** We extend our apologies to Joan and John Leggett for missing their names on the list of Newsletter sponsors. If we miss your name let us know so we can acknowledge your generous gift.

## LBS

There will be NO meeting in the month of January. The next meeting will be February 13. We will be planning programs for the next year so it is important for you to attend. Bring your ideas with you.

## Youth Group Ski Trip

The Senior High Youth Group will be going on their annual ski trip to Saddleback Mountain on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to spend time with family members and get in some great skiing. For more information, please contact Bob Drew. And a special thank you to the Berry Family for providing the lodging.



In January there will be two meetings for parents and students to learn about two important roles for children in our church.

## Acolyte

An Acolyte role in a church service is to light the candles in the beginning of the service. This is important because it represents the light of Christ in the church. This is a wonderful way for children to be part of the service. If your child is 6 years of age or older and would like to participate as an Acolyte in our services, please attend a meeting after church in the sanctuary on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. We will discuss more about what the role is, what it represents and how it is performed. We will also have a sign-up for this role to be sure that everyone gets a chance and that no service is without an acolyte



## Confirmation

There will be an information meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> for anyone who is interested in being confirmed in his or her life as a follower of Christ. In the meeting we will discuss the confirmation process and the service where one is confirmed. This is an exciting process and one that is open to anyone 12 years and older. The meeting will take place downstairs in the Parish House at 12:00 pm.

## PEOPLE NEWS

### *In Memoriam*

Alfred Sembrich died Sunday, Dec. 2, at the age of 92. While most people in town know Alfred simply as "Beth's Dad," he was this and so much more. He was a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, Class of 1942 and served with honor on the Liberty Ship SS Josiah Nelson Cushing as 2<sup>nd</sup> mate. He returned home to marry his beloved Virginia a.k.a. "The Lovely Mother." As a graduate of Pratt Institute of Art in Brooklyn, Alfred started his advertising career in NYC as a genuine "Mad Man" (suit, tie, 3 martini lunches, and all). After buying land in CT, AI and Virginia moved from the city, raised their three daughters, and together ran Sembrich Advertising until 1999, shortly before relocating to Canterbury. Above and beyond all that basic history, Alfred was a man who could turn his hand to any project — he could build a house, bake delicious bread, hand-letter a handsome sign, complete a devilishly tricky New York Times crossword puzzle, play pick-up-sticks for hours with a pesty kid, track a deer through the woods or a bluefish through the briny deep. He loved the ritual of the Sunday paper and a hot cup of coffee, and encouraged, sometimes demanded, that you stop and enjoy these simple pleasures with him. Most of all, Alfred appreciated the beauty of a perfect moment and was not shy about expressing his gratitude for this beautiful world. He will be dearly missed.

# AROUND TOWN

## 4-H

The Canterbury 4-H Rascals had their December meeting on December 3, 2012. We discussed the Santa's Pancake Breakfast and had our Christmas Party. We played a few games of Capture the Flag.



We would like to thank all who went to the Santa's Pancake Breakfast. We had a busy breakfast this year and would like to thank all who helped, members and parents.

We would like to thank Emily Brunkhurst for making the elf hats that were worn at the breakfast. She and some members made 14 hats that were spectacular!! We would also like to thank Lydia West for helping with the beginner pillow-case class. And we would also like to thank Kim Wieck for doing/ putting together the Gingerbread House making class. There were 27 members who made a gingerbread house over two afternoons. Thank you to all of the parents who helped as well.

Our next meeting is on January 7, 2013, at the Parish House. We will begin at 6:15 pm.

~By Abigail Camire

## Historical Society to Conduct Strategic Planning Session

The Historical Society Trustees will conduct their annual Strategic Planning session on January 12th. Each year the trustees gather to assess the prior year's accomplishments, evaluate current initiatives and plan their goals and objectives for the new year. Areas that will be considered include the Archive Project, particularly focusing on the digitation of the archive collection; plan for the Center One-Room Schoolhouse program and its possible expansion; review progress and establish a calendar for the completion of the final phase of digitizing the remaining glass negative Cody Collection; selecting programs to be presented throughout the year; determining the subject of the annual exhibition and planning its presentation in the Elkins Memorial Building; and to evaluate fundraising alternatives for accomplishing all of this!

## With Thanks

There are hardly words of thanks enough for the amazing community that is Canterbury. First, for the ongoing welcome you extended to my dear Daddy-o, Alfred, since he moved here in 1999. And again during his recent illness and following his passing. Myself and my family have been blessed by your support — physical, spiritual, medical, edible, and hug-able. You are the best, truly.

~ With gratitude, Beth Blair

## 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](mailto:smile_lrg1@yahoo.com) (that's an underscore). This is a great way to get information out. Thank you!

~Laura Crawford



## Transfer Station News

Thank you Canterbury for all your diligence in recycling, making this another record-breaking year in our recycling history! Recycling various materials at our facility continues to offset the rising disposal costs of our solid waste and hazardous materials. Much gratitude to the residents who have stepped forward to volunteer to keep the treasure house open, there are still plenty of spots left to fill. Two hours a month could be yours to sit on the treasure house throne, all you need to do is ask :)

Please be cautious when bringing woodstove ashes to the facility, they should be in a fire-proof metal container and PLEASE make sure they are cool. Hot ashes can catch materials in your car or truck on fire as well as catch our brush pile on fire when conditions are not optimal to burn. It is best to wait several hours between cleaning out your woodstove and transporting the ashes. Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year from the Canterbury Recycling Center! We wish you well and thank you kindly for the goodies and cards throughout the holidays!

~Adrienne, David & Warren

## Fire Department News

In the last two weeks we have had several bad fires. Around the holidays people are so busy it's easy to forget to close the damper or turn off the stove, or run out the door and leave the wood stove cranking. It's possible when we had the little earthquake last month it may have loosened pipe connections on your flue pipe. It might be a good idea to check your flue pipe connections and while you there make sure the area around the appliance is clear of flammable material. Also make sure all your smoke and carbon monoxide (co) detectors are working and have new batteries. If you do have smoke or fire in your house call 911 right away and get out and close the doors if you can. We will be there as fast as we can.

Oh, we have started selling raffle tickets for the second cord of wood; you can get yours at the Canterbury Store or stop by the station during the day. The drawing will be February 14th. Congratulations to K.Gagnon of South West road who won the last drawing. Keep Safe and have a great New Year.

~Chief Peter Angwin

## Loudon Food Pantry Update

### 50/50 Holiday Raffle

The 50/50 Holiday Raffle winner is Karen S. She won \$83.25. Congratulations Karen.

### Closings

We will be closed the week of December 24 for the holiday. We wish everyone a Happy Holiday! Also, we will be closed the first two weeks in January for inventory. We will reopen the pantry on Monday January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### The Gift of Lights

We are the proud recipients of food from The Gift of Lights this year. So far, we have received 6,653.11 pounds of food. Check out The Gift of Lights. They have expanded the amount of light they have. While you're there, donate three nonperishable items and receive \$2 off your ticket. Thank you Gift of Lights and thank you to everyone that makes it happen.

# LIBRARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Monday, Jan 14 at 7:00 pm.

The library will be closed Monday, Jan 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, Jan. 21 in observance of Civil Rights Day.

During inclement weather please phone the library (783-4386) before coming if there's any question whether we're open or check the listings on Channel 9 (WMUR). I'll do my best to leave a message on the answering machine, but if you're still not sure call Sue at 783-4013. The library hours are as follows: Mon. 2:00 pm -8:00 pm , Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 am -8:00 pm, Tues. 9:00 am -6:00 pm & Sat. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Rock N'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! Tues. Jan. 8 and 22 at 10:00 am.

Join us for winter fun at Story Hour on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10:00 am.

The **Book Discussion Group** is reading *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. An Alaskan homesteader couple are drifting apart--he breaking under the weight of the work of the farm; she crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone--but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. We'll meet Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 pm.

**TEEN TIME READ:** Students grades 5 through 8 will meet Mon. Jan. 14 from 4:00 -5:00 pm to discuss *Music of the Dolphins* by Karen Hesse about a girl raised by dolphins who discovers what it means to be a human and must choose between two worlds. We'll also be decorating snowman cupcakes. Copies of the book are available if you would like to participate.

The **Knitting Group** continues meeting Wed. evenings at 6:30 pm by the fire place and resumes 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!

**Games!** We have popular board games for all ages to enjoy at the library.

Looking for something to do during the cold winter days? **FAMILY PASSES** are available to borrow to visit the following locations:

- 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

Some passes allow a family of 4 to visit free of charge while others provide a reduced fee. Stop by or call to reserve.

Donations of new books, music CDs, and DVDs that are published from 2011 to the present are always appreciated and often added to the collection. Please bring your items in rather than using the book drop.

We wish to express our appreciation to Tim Gershin for providing us with beautiful music during our Holiday Open House and to Santa (Trustee Ron Turcotte) for entertaining adults and children alike. Amelia, Emma, Olivia and Samatha Kotusky were wonderful volunteer helpers again this year assisting little hands with ornament making and cookie decorating. Our thanks to all for your help, support and patronage over the past year.



We'd love to hear from anyone who has a special interest/talent and would like to present a library program. Please stop by or call Sue at the library.

**New Titles:**  
*The Forgotten* by David Baldacci  
*Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* by Jon Meacham  
*Threat Vector* by Tom Clancy  
*Elsewhere* by Richard Russo

## School News

Maria Dreyer has been serving as our interim superintendent since July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year

On December 4<sup>th</sup> the Shaker Regional School Board nominated and selected her, by unanimous vote, to be the district's superintendent through June 30, 2015. Maria has had a successful career in special education and curriculum development. She also has extensive experience in elementary education, student services and central office administration. The school board noted that with her background, energy and commitment to education, she will be a great help in moving the District forward.

The annual CES Graham P. Chynoweth Spelling Bee will be held on Friday February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30 pm in the school gym. The winner of our local Bee will go on to compete with other fifth through eighth grade winners at the NH state level Bee in March. Grade level bees will be held throughout the month of January.

There are three "No School" days in January. School will be closed on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day and on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. January 25<sup>th</sup> is a staff in-service day and there will be no school for students.

The NH Department of Education will release the 2012 New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) data at the end of this month. Information about Shaker schools and other state schools will be available to the public at the department's website <http://www.ed.state.nh.us>. Parents will receive individual assessment reports for students in grade 3-8 and 11 in reading and mathematics, and for students in grades 5, 8, and 11 in writing. Parents and community members are welcome to contact the school for additional information about the state assessment and our school's results.

### January Calendar

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day – No School
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Board CES 6:00 pm
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Board CES 6:00 pm
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Staff In-Service – No School for Students
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	PTO 6:30 pm
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spelling Bee 1:30 pm

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## POST OFFICE NEWS

There are two Federal holidays in the month of January. The Canterbury Post Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, to celebrate New Year's Day. We also will be closed on Monday, January 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The rest of the month we will keep our regular schedule.

The main item in the news for January is that there will be a postage rate increase. On Sunday, January 27, the cost of mailing a one ounce letter will increase by a penny. The new Forever letter rate stamps will cost 46 cents apiece, so a book of stamps will then be \$9.20. Since all letter rate stamps issued last year were the Forever stamps, this will have little impact on mailing your letters.

Whenever there is a rate increase for letters, almost all of our services are affected by it. The cost of the additional ounces remained at 20 cents. The price of mailing a post card went up one cent, so it will be 33 cents. The cost of international letters has increased to \$1.10 per letter. This rate will apply to all international destinations (Canada and Mexico will no longer have a lower rate). Another change for international letters is that the Postal Service will be issuing a First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp. It will work for international mail the way the Forever stamp works for domestic mail.

Here is a list of the new Priority Flat Rate products.

1. Small box - \$5.80
2. Medium box - \$12.35
3. Large box - \$16.85
4. Large APO/FPO box - \$14.85
5. Regular envelope - \$5.60



I haven't gotten all the changes in the other costs. I will put these in the next newsletter.

By the time you get this, things should have gotten much quieter at the Post Office. I hope your holiday season has been good. Like most postal workers, I am very glad to see Christmas arrive. To date, it has been very busy here. (The number of people from out of town mailing here is increasing) I hope I have been of service. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call - 783-4158. Thank you for your patronage.

### UPCOMING CHANGES TO RURAL ROUTE

On December 29<sup>th</sup> new changes go into effect for the two rural routes in town. Ayers Rd., which is currently at the beginning of Pat's route, will now be at the end of Carrie's route. Cogswell Hill Rd., which is in the middle of Pat's route, will be at the very beginning of Carrie's route. Morrill Rd., which is at the end of Pat's route, will be towards the end of Carrie's route. Kimball Pd. Rd. and the parts of Pickard Rd. and Southwest Rd. that Carrie does now at the beginning of her route will now be at the end of her route. Old Tilton Rd., Borough Rd. and Puffer Rd., which are at the beginning of Pat's route, will now be at the end of her route. Pat will also be picking up territory in Northfield, which she will deliver before starting her deliveries in Canterbury. These changes will mean that both Pat and Carrie will have every weekend off instead of a day off every other week. We hope that you can be patient while Pat and Carrie along with their subs Josiah and Karen get the hang of their new lines of travel and we apologize for any difficulties the changes in time of day you get your mail may have on anyone. Happy New Year!

Ted LeClair Postmaster