

## CHRONICLE PLUS

Community Church of Durham, UCC

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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### TODAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

9:00 am	Bible Study	Library
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Without A Map A Cappella	Chapel

**Welcome to our Sunday Worship.** There is no Sunday School today, however children are welcome to remain with their families during the service. Our nursery/childcare room is open, if your little one becomes restless.

**An Update from the Interim Minister Search Committee:** We have been meeting as a Committee for the last few weeks and are off to a strong start. We have received several profiles of very qualified candidates, hand-picked by our Conference Minister Gary Schulte, who knows us well. Each of these has extensive experience in both permanent and Interim Ministry, and all have chosen Interim Ministry as a career. These candidates come to us in response to the detailed description of our church and needs put together with input from each of the Ministries and facilitated by Peggy Kieschnick. The description includes 5 goals for the Interim time that we are using to guide our work: 1) maintain our forward momentum, 2) strengthen our capacity to put faith into action in pursuit of peace and justice, 3) continue to grow, 4) maintain our dynamic Sunday worship service and education programs, and 5) make a healthy transition to a new and dynamic leader. If you are interested in seeing a copy of this document, please contact Audrey Drogseth in the church office. We will begin interviewing shortly, in hopes of having an Interim Minister in place in September, but this can be a long process. The search committee consists of representatives from each of the Ministries, as well as non-voting members of the Council. The voting members of the Committee are Rose Ahrens-Mince, Wally Dunham, Amanda Holt, John Moore, Henry Smith, Lisa Taylor (Chair), Dick Weyrick, and Pam White; Hugh Tyler and Maggie Morrison are non-voting members. We feel extremely grateful for the time committee members are taking to ensure that we select an Interim Minister that meets our needs. We ask for your prayers of comfort as we say goodbye to Mary, and for discernment and guidance as we move forward with this process. ~ Lisa Taylor, Chair of the Interim Search Committee

**Discovering the World ~ June 17<sup>th</sup> - October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Our new show, “Discovering the World,” was hung Saturday morning. Just where and how we discover the world could be a geography as small as a grain of sand, as Blake so beautifully pointed out. Or, at the other extreme, a panoramic view from a mountain. Or an intimate portrait, or an image of your own pet’s ‘journey of discovery.’ Please take time when you are here to stroll through the gallery to view the artwork.

**In Our Prayers:** Catherine York's father Richard York of Dover, NH passed away on Feb 5, 2017. Pastor Mary is presiding over a memorial service for Richard at the First Parish Church (218 Central Avenue, Dover, NH) on Friday, June 23rd at 6pm. Anyone that wishes to pay their respects to Richard is welcome to attend. We continue to keep Catherine and her family in our prayers.

Our hearts and prayers are also with Beryl Harper in the recent passing of her daughter, Chelsea. Diagnosed with cancer several years ago, Chelsea courageously continued to live in the face of her illness, as a wife, mother, artist, therapist, and friend. In addition to a west-coast service, a Memorial Service for Chelsea will be held Sunday, July 16th at 11:30 am in our Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. May God's healing compassion surround all who grieve.

**Portsmouth Pride 2017:** Let's shout out what we stand for at Community Church! We are Open and Affirming! Come and represent our church at the Portsmouth Pride Parade on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-6pm. You can march in the parade, or be part of our booth. Please RSVP to Kristin Forselius ([KristinF@CCDurham.org](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org)) by June 16<sup>th</sup> to join in the fun.

**Warm wishes are with George and Karen Hilton and family.** On a Sunday in June their son Duncan was ordained into the Episcopal Church and will serve as half-time Minister for Discipleship and Discernment at St. Michaels Episcopal Church in Brattleboro, VT. Duncan grew up in Durham and was active in Community Church in his youth. He will bring many gifts to his new setting. Our prayers are with him as he begins his ministry.

**Dover Friendly Kitchen:** Please join Church members and friends at The Dover Friendly Kitchen on **Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. A sign-up sheet with menu will be displayed soon in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to provide a portion of the meal. Once again, another time to spend with our friends in Dover for a night of hospitality, friendship, and dinner. ~ Bryn Burns

**Families First: Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** (We will not be providing the meal in July) is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: salads for sandwiches (tuna, chicken, ham, or egg), sandwich rolls, garden salad, milk, fruit and dessert. We ask for contributions in each category to serve ten. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3pm on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Fellowship Group:** The group typically meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8am in the church library. All men of the community are welcome to come and discuss spiritual and other topics of interest. The next meeting is **Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Calling All Sewers: Our Pageant Needs Your Love and Care!** If you saw the Christmas Pageant costumes up close last year, you may have noticed their many stains and tears. Our years of wear have finally shown their toll. Would you be interested in being part of a team that would help sew some simple new ones over the summer? We have an easy sewing pattern that we hope to use. Please reach out to Kristin ([KristinF@CCDurham.org](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org)), if you could help in any way. Thank you!

**Fall Fest/Yard Sale 207 ~ Save the date! September 9, 8:30am - 2:30pm!** Join in the fun of planning our community event and annual fundraiser! This year's fest will feature our ECHO Thrift Shop which sells clothing and quality housewares; food, flower sale, face painting, and live music! This year, we will also be selling books, puzzles, and possibly furniture. With volunteers already in place to head up some of the "departments," we look forward to finding leaders to coordinate this fun and dynamic celebration and fundraiser! Stay tuned for information on how to donate goods! More information will be shared in the weekly enews. Contact Audrey in the church office ([office@ccdurham.org](mailto:office@ccdurham.org) or 603-868-1230) for information regarding donations, and to volunteer! Remember to read our weekly enews to get updates on the fall fest and other summer activities at Community Church!

**JOIN OUR FIRST COMMUNITY WIDE BOOK READ!** Oyster River Community Read introduces its book selection: *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving. In groups large and small and in various settings, we will examine together as a community how white privilege enables a culture of systemic racism. What might it look like for our community to engage intentionally in the themes of race, class, and privilege and join the national conversation currently taking place? If you would like to lead a book discussion, please contact Kristin Forselius ([KristinK@CCDurham.org](mailto:KristinK@CCDurham.org)) or Audrey Drogseth ([AudreyD@CCDurham.org](mailto:AudreyD@CCDurham.org)).  
Friendly Reminder From the Stewards

**Summer Giving:** As the summer approaches, we know that many of you are away for much of the time. Please remember that the church still has to pay our bills during the summer months. Your continuing support will help us meet our financial obligations in a timely manner. Checks can be sent to: PO Box 310, Durham, NH 03824. Also, using our online donation link and setting up recurring payments is an easy and secure method of giving. Here is the link: <http://ccdurham.org/donate/>. Just click on Donate and you will be directed to the Vanco page. Questions may be directed to Dianne Thompson, Business Manager, at 868-1230 or by e-mail: [diannet@ccdurham.org](mailto:diannet@ccdurham.org). Many thanks for supporting the church!

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