

**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	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ECHO Thrift Shop Open	Lower Level
11:30 am	Immigration 101	Chapel
12:00 noon	Education & Faith Formation Meeting	Library
1:00 pm	Culture Keepers	Parlor

**Announcements:** To include an announcement in the weekly Chronicle Plus or E-News, please email your announcement to the church office by noon on Wednesdays of the week the announcement is to appear.

**Greeting today** are Henry Smith, Jean Olson, Trudi Puffer, and Doug Terrill.

**Thank you to our Sound Engineers:** John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

**After worship,** all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Fran Houlihan and Dennis Mathews.

**Echo will be open TODAY,** after church for your Valentine shopping. All red and pink items are 50% off. Stop by for a few minutes to browse.

**“Immigration 101”** Second of a Four-Part Series, **TODAY**, 11:30-12:30, Chapel. Why did our friends at the Maranatha UCC church leave Indonesia? Why didn't they wait to come here legally? Can't they just apply for asylum? Are they safe now from deportation? What does it take to become a US citizen? To learn more, please join us for “Immigration 101” with Eva Castillo from the NH Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. This is the second of a four-part series hosted by our Immigration Service Team. In Part One we explored the spiritual grounding for our work. We believe this will be a meaningful and timely discussion.

**Opportunity to Be a Sanctuary Volunteer at Dover Friends Meeting House:** Cheryl and Dale Hempen are the Volunteer Coordinators for Community Church. Yellow volunteer sheets will be available at Coffee Hour **today** for signing up to volunteer: Volunteers are needed for driving, to providing food, to making meals, to doing laundry or cleaning, to providing financial support to overnights. This list is not completed! Many needs/a multitude of opportunities! Sign-up for what you are willing to do! All are welcome - all will be needed!

**Community Church is proud to be a lead supporter of the new Oyster River Community Read,** a community-wide collaborative program, where two memoirs will be center points for conversation and learning about racial justice, a United Church of Christ priority. See [ORCread.org](http://ORCread.org) for a calendar of events, resources, and more.

**Lent:** A Season to Reflect begins on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14**, with a Vespers service in the Sanctuary at 6:00pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. In addition, Pastor Jill Small will offer imposition of ashes at the Main St. door to the Sanctuary from noon until 1:00pm.

**Women's Bible Study: Wed., Feb. 14**, 10am, Parlor. Focus is on Lesson 5 of *Cloud of Witness: In Community with the Tradition of the Past*. A brown-bag lunch will follow at noon on the mezzanine. Coffee, tea, dessert provided!

**Bible Study with Pastor Jill:** Learn more about this second book of the Bible: Exodus. Study its context, language, history, and style. Two study options (drop-ins welcome): first & third Thursdays, starting Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:45pm; first & third Sundays, starting February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:45-1:00pm. Church library. All welcome!

**Children's Choirs:** Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. **Rejoice Choir:** Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join. We meet in the Chapel from 4:45-5:15. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome. Rehearsals are in the Chapel from 4:15-4:45. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org & Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net.

**Men's Fellowship Group:** The group 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 **Thurs., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**Gallery Reading:** "My Favorite" **Sat., Feb. 17**, 4pm, Parlor. In celebrating the current show 'My Favorite' over 10 years of gallery history, we look forward to hearing your reading from a 'favorite' poem, prose, or song/lyric to share in the intimate church parlor setting. The content can range from the religious to the secular, from the comic to the concerned, from the personal to the global. We welcome both original and selected readings from other authors, and invite your thoughts, concerns, joys and observations. Refreshments will be served.

**Shadows Fall North:** Please join us on **Sun., Feb. 18**, 4pm in the Chapel for a screening of *Shadows Fall North*, a documentary about the history of slavery in New Hampshire. The screening will be followed by a conversation facilitated by the makers of the film and is one of the many programs offered by ORCR!

**Nepal Travelogue:** Dennis Mathews will be making a presentation of the three-week trek he made in Nepal in November of last year. The trek included visits to notable Buddhist and Hindu holy sites, a close up look at daily life in a remote Himalayan village and an attempt to ascend the 'world's highest trekking peak' 21,247 ft. Mt. Mera. **Tues., Feb. 20**, 10am, Parlor.

**New Gallery Exhibit:** *Unity: Black, White, and In Between* - **February 24-June 16**. While America struggles with issues of race, gender, and political extremism, artists can help bring unity to the world. This show will explore unity in a wide variety of images—ranging from those of social or political activity, to abstract art bringing unity between extremes, to portraits of people and friends, to landscapes where diverse forms come together. Please bring your work to the office **by Thurs., Feb. 22**. Please submit your label information (name, title, medium, and any added comments you wish to provide) to Kristin Forselius, KristinF@CCDurham.org.

**Tuesday Morning Book Group:** Join in as the group discusses *The Market as God*, by well-known theologian Harvey Cox. From the back cover: "Cox ... looks at economics through the prism of theology ... he formulates and then examines the equation Market = God in ways that are as original as they are brilliant." "...brimming with Cox's customary theological wit." All are welcome; no previous experience with the group expected. Parlor, 10 - 11:30am on Tuesday mornings, Feb. 27 - April 10 (no meeting on March 27). The book will be available in the church office, price tbd. Questions? -- ask Ruth Moore (868-1086) or Marion Ellis (659-1123).

**Families First: Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: American Chop Suey, rolls, garden salad, milk, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. Contributions to serve ten in all categories are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3pm on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Lost and Found:** Have you lost a sweater, snow pants, gloves, glasses, earrings? Please check our lost in found outside the church office (earrings in office). Some clothing is hanging on pegs outside Fellowship Hall. Unclaimed items will be donated to ECHO Thrift Shop. Thanks for checking!

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