

**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**

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| 9:00 am  | Bible Study               | Parlor          |
| 10:00 am | Worship & Sunday School   | Sanctuary       |
| 11:00 am | Fellowship Hour           | Fellowship Hall |
| 11:45 am | Bible Study w/Pastor Jill | Library         |
| 6:00 pm  | HS Youth Group (SNAP)     | Library         |

**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.

**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, 5:30-6:45pm; first & third Sundays, 11:45-1:00pm. Church library.

**Spring Support for My Friend’s Place and Haven:** Once again we will provide gift bags to mothers currently living at My Friends Place, a shelter in Dover. Please take a bag from the trellis at the front of the Sanctuary and fill it with the items listed. For Haven (a local agency providing shelter and counseling for victims of domestic and sexual abuse), we will supply baking-related items and grocery gift cards. You are invited to choose flowers from the trellis, purchase the item, and return it to the church office. We hope to have all donations by Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Call for Nominations:** We are looking for nominations of congregation members to serve on the Search Committee to lead us to call a settled pastor. Please email [nominations@ccdurham.org](mailto:nominations@ccdurham.org) with your nominee’s name and a sentence or two as to why you support the nominee. Please include your name on all nominations so that the Nominating Committee can follow up with you should there be any questions.

**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 4:00-4:30pm. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome. Rehearsals are in the Chapel from 4:30-5:00pm. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: [KristinF@CCDurham.org](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org) & Lorna Ellis: [Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net](mailto:Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net).

**Community Dinner & Author Visit:** Debby Irving will speak at OR High School on **Apr. 16**. Dinner begins at 6pm, talk is at 7pm. Debby Irving is the author of *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. This is part of our church-sponsored Oyster River Community Read program.

**World War Presentations, April 17 & 24:** Prof. Doug Wheeler will present two sessions: one on the secret sides of the USA in entering WWI; the second, on US Signal Intelligence between WWI and WWII. Attend one or both sessions; there is no preliminary reading. 10-11:30am in the church Parlor on Tuesdays, April 17 & 24.

**Tree Planting in Honor of Dick Weyrick:** The Weyrick family invites you on Earth Day, **Sunday, April 22**. Planting will take place at 2pm behind the Lee Safety Complex, 20 George Bennet Rd., Lee. Meet from 3-5:30pm at the Grange Hall on Lee Hook Rd. for light refreshments and to share stories about Dick, his exploits and his impact on the local community. More info on page 4 of the April Chronicle.

**“Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Spiritual-based Program of Study and Support:”** A program of four meetings, 6:30-8pm on **Tuesdays 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5** in the church Chapel. This program is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and tools for engaging grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Facilitator: Steve Hardy, graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. He has personal experience in grieving through the loss of two sons. Enrollment is limited to grieving adults who have lost children or spouses/partners. BYO writing material— tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: [stephen.hardy@unh.edu](mailto:stephen.hardy@unh.edu) or 868-5509.

**PeaceMakers Kids Camp:** April vacation week, **April 23-27**. Two daily sessions: 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. \$20/session with discounts for siblings. Led by our HS Youth Group as a fundraiser to support their volunteer service trip to New Orleans this May. Camp will teach compassion and kindness through music, crafts, games, and stories.

**Ping Pong Anyone? Sat., April 28,** 1-3pm, Fellowship Hall. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to attend a fun and social gathering for all.

**Save the Date for Service Sunday: April 29,** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us for a shorter worship service followed by a hands-on, intergenerational service activity. We will be building benches for the Thompson Forest Conservation Project. All ages and experience stages will be able to participate. We expect to be finished by 11:30am. More info on page 9 of the April Chronicle.

**Families First: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: Macaroni and Cheese (can add protein - ham, bacon, hot dogs, etc.), 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 kitchen by 3pm on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**May 13<sup>th</sup> is Blanket Sunday:** Blanket Sunday is not just about blankets. Church World Service also provides seeds, tools, clean water, and more to people in need. For only a small donation you can make someone’s life better. Blankets on display will go to local family shelters. ***Knitted baby blankets may be left in the church office until Wed., May 9<sup>th</sup>.*** Copies of blanket instructions can be found on the table outside the church office.

**Horton Center: Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ:** Horton Center is a summer camp with programs for children, teens, and adults that sits atop Pine Mountain in the Presidential Range in Gorham, NH. Owned and operated by the United Church of Christ, Horton Center is dedicated to building community and to discovering and tending the divine spark within each of us. Options include rock climbing, archery, caving, hiking, and other traditional camp activities. For info, go to [HortonCenter@nhucc.org](mailto:HortonCenter@nhucc.org)/603.545.9660.

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