

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
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	HS Youth Group	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.

Today 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 Goodwin Community Health and My Friends’ Place. This year there were 45 blankets knitted. Many thanks to Diane LeRay for organizing this and to all who contributed blankets. Please make checks out to “Church World Service.”

Bread for the World: Today, immediately after worship we will be signing letters to our legislators to remind Congress of the necessity to support Bread for the World efforts in fighting hunger. Please come to the BFW table during Fellowship Hour to lend your support by signing pre-prepared letters.

Daffodil Sunday! Enjoy a bunch of local daffodils for you or a loved one. They will be available during fellowship hour. A perfect gift for all the women in our lives who nurture others as sisters, mothers, daughters, aunts, life partners and friends. Any donations made will support a UNH alumnus' STEM school start-up in Malawi.

Pentecost: Next Sunday, May 20, is Pentecost, the “birthday of the Church.” Please wear red, the liturgical color for the day. If you would like to help read the Pentecost Lesson, in a language other than English, please see Jill Small.

Mothers’ Day Gift Thanks: Many thanks to all who contributed to the gifts that will go to Haven and My Friends’ Place. Every gift need was met! Also, special thanks to Brenda Sargent, Carla Wilson, and Donna Simpson for coordinating this wonderful program.

Office Help Thanks: Thanks to all who volunteered to help in the office while Audrey was away! It was a pleasure having you in the office.

During Fellowship Hour, when you see a white box with a large red heart on it in Fellowship Hall, please stop by! This is our "**Care Card**" Ministry. Feel free to donate a card, sign a card, or take a card to send to someone in need of our thoughts/prayers. If anyone would like to help us with this effort during Fellowship Hour, or to write cards at your own convenience, please feel free to contact Pam White: pwhite31@comcast.net.

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.

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 & Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net.

Seacoast Choral Society Final Concert: Please join us on Sunday, **May 20**, at 3pm for a program of choral works and vocal solos. Reception following the program. Come celebrate our forty years as a Durham-based community chorus and bid us farewell as we disband. Admission by donation.

Our Congregation Celebrates 300 Years! It's an exciting time in the life our church, marking 300 years as a faith community dedicated to a Christian heritage that is ever evolving. There are several wonderful upcoming opportunities to celebrate this heritage. **Memorial Day Parade: May 28, 10am:** Do you have a secret desire to travel back in time? Have some fun with an opportunity to share our history with the broader Durham community during the town's annual Memorial Day parade. Contact: Jimmy Hartman, jimmyhartman@outlook.com. **Birthdays Party!!! All Church Picnic June 24th at Thompson Farm Inn:** Come for a wonderful afternoon with food and activities to celebrate our 300 years as a faith community. We'd like to create some "Story Corps" (à la public radio) to preserve and share stories about CCD throughout the years. Do you have a story to share, especially from the 60's or 70's? Possibly about the "new" organ, origins of Church Hill Apartments, hosting Cambodian refugee families, or Paine Auditorium activities? Contact: Sooty Tanguay, tanguay21@comcast.net

Dover Friendly Kitchen: Thurs., May 31, 4:30-6:30pm. Join Church members and friends as we prepare a meal for our friends in Dover at the Dover Friendly Kitchen held in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Hall. This evening is open to all. Children are welcome to help us serve! The meal and volunteer sign up will be in Fellowship Hall. The menu this month is sandwich sliders, potato salad, coleslaw, desserts. Questions? Please see Bryn Burns or Beth Cilley. If you are providing part of the meal, but not volunteering, please drop food off in the church kitchen by 3pm on May 31st.

Horton Center: Branching Out, Connecting Through Christ: Horton Center is a summer camp owned and operated by the United Church of Christ. It is located atop Pine Mountain in the Presidential Range in Gorham, NH. It is dedicated to building community and to discovering and tending the divine spark within each of us. Activity options include rock climbing, archery, caving, hiking, and other traditional camp activities. For information visit HortonCenter@nhucc.org or call 603.545.9660.

Friendship Garden Help Wanted: Many of you have helped make our Friendship Garden (just outside the entrance to the offices) a special place as you have added your favorite perennials and helped nurture them. I am hoping to get help weekly again this summer. If you can give a week to help that would be greatly appreciated. It takes about 1-2 hours per week. Usually the garden needs to be weeded and deadheaded once a week and watered as many as two times/week. If you just want to help garden and learn about these tasks, I am happy to work with you. I have gardening equipment here at the church and the hose will be all set up. Please let me know if you are able to help. Thanks. Dianne Thompson, dialthomp@comcast.net or 603-785-2927.

Memorial Day Sunday Observance on May 27th. During Worship on Sunday May 27th, we will remember the men and women who died while serving in this nation's military services and other loved ones and friends. Monday May 28th is the nation's 51st formal Memorial Day. In 1988 Community Church created a Memorial Garden as a sacred place of remembrance and peace on church grounds to honor and remember deceased members and friends, many of whose ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden. Sixty-two have name plaques or their ashes interred in the Garden; including twenty-six veterans. Join us to remember our many loved ones. Garden trustee Bill Mason will lift up the lives of Corinne and Win Moore who retired to Durham in 1984. When Corrine passed in 1993, her ashes were among the first interred in the Memorial Garden; Win's ashes were interred in 1995.

Families First: Monday, June 4th is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: chicken and broccoli casserole (recipe attached to the sign-up sheet), 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 June 4th.
