

CHRONICLE PLUS -- TODAY at COMMUNITY CHURCH—February 10, 2019

9:00 am	Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship & Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Confirmands Meeting	EFF Wing
11:30 am	Greeters Meeting	Parlor
11:30 am	Author Michael C. Ward Reading	Chapel
12:00 pm	Human Library	Mezzanine
4:00 pm	Youth Group	Library
6:00 pm	Youth Group	Library

Sundays Second Hour: February 10, 11:30-12:30 Community Church of Durham. Join us for a special Black History Month Presentation! *Sketches of Lee* by Michael C. Ward, author of *A Colored Man in Exeter*, shares excerpts from his memoir recounting his childhood growing up as the index of integration in southeastern, rural New Hampshire.

MLK Tribute Spiritual Celebration Sunday, February 10, 4:00-5:00 pm at Waysmeet Center. Potluck to follow: Bring some food to share or just bring yourself and enjoy! A community celebration of interwoven pasts and struggles: how far we've come and how far we must go to reach justice for all. Welcome to a time of music, meditation and the words of representatives from the NH Indigenous Peoples' Collaborative Collective placing their connectedness with MLK's work in civil rights.

Search and Call Committee Update The search and call committee has been meeting weekly, actively working to gather information for the more than 20+ page UCC Church Profile, which you can think of as our church's resume. Currently, the profile is almost 90 percent complete! The Church Survey concluded on February 4 and we had 122 responses. The committee will use this data to complete the profile and will release all the data to the congregation by the end of February.

Our goal is to complete the Church Profile by March 4, 2019. When complete, Community Church's Profile will be posted nationwide through the UCC's website. Interested candidates will have their pastoral profiles forwarded to our Search Committee. Then we'll review candidate profiles, plan and conduct interviews. Ultimately, we will present one candidate to be called by the congregation as our next settled pastor.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers, and we appreciate your patience as we complete this important work to find our next pastor. I would like to thank Jane Pollard, Cindy Nottage, John Moore, Emma Hilary Gould, Mary Merrick, Jennifer Elliot-Flannery, Martin Rumscheidt, Dennis Matthews for their fellowship, dedication, and positive spirit over the past several months. I would also like to thank Rev Jill for her support and guidance through this process. It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with such a talented and passionate group of people.

UNH Department of Social Work's Poverty Simulation: Tuesday, February 12, 5:00 – 8:00pm Why a Poverty Simulation? Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Poverty Simulation bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. The simulation is an interactive, immersive experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty. This is not a game. It is based on real people and their lives. The Poverty Simulation exists to: Promote Poverty Awareness, Increase Understanding, and Promote Local Action. We hope that you will join us in this important experience. Email office@ccdurham.org if you would like to participate and learn more at: <http://www.povertysimulation.net/about/>

This semester the Tuesday Morning Book Group (TMBG) will be reading *The Unexpected Christian Century; the reversal and transformation of global Christianity, 1900 - 2000*, by Scott W. Sunquist. All are welcome to join us -- whether you lived some of your life in the 20th century or not, come to just listen or to add your perspective. We will meet in the **Parlor on Tuesdays, 10-11:30, Feb. 19 - April 2**(-- this allows for a snow day or two; we follow the Oyster River Schools for cancellations.) Books will be available in the church office for \$15.00. If there are questions, please contact Marion Ellis (659-1123).

In April, Doug Wheeler, distinguished historian of Portugal (and our congregation's historian!) will present a 3-week unit, "And Who Is My Neighbor? Understanding Portugal's World War II Hero of Conscience". This will include a screening of "Disobedience", a film about this hero, Aristides de Sousa Mendes. More details will be forthcoming.

The Next Gallery Show “Who Is Our Neighbor?” to Go Up on Saturday, February 23rd This show will explore both how we perceive ourselves, and how we see the world around us. “Who is our neighbor?” asks a question about community, whether it’s about the world’s diverse populations, our own neighborhoods, or how we live within the world of nature. Images of people coming together (as in a crowd, a church, a park, or a café), or of pets or wildlife, or of ourselves, as we examine where and how we live, are all welcome. The show will go up on Saturday morning, February 23rd. We will be there by 8:30 a.m. But please share title, medium and any other information you wish to have on your labels with Carolyn Puffer, carolynpuffer@comcast.net, in advance of the show. You may leave your work with Heather Curran in the church office by no later than Thursday, February 21st. If you have any questions, please email me, Dennis Drogseth at drogseth@dennisnils.com.

PREPARED TO SERVE is the New Hampshire Conference's premier learning and networking event. There are dozens of workshops designed to explore best practices and invite greater vision for all church participants. Prepared to Serve will be held at Pembroke Academy on Feb 23, 2019. **Please see the PTS brochure** on the bulletin board outside the church office for complete information. *Register before Feb 13th at a reduced fee of \$40* and includes continental breakfast, snack-breaks, lunch and materials from the workshops you attend! **Scholarships are available.**

A Classical Piano Concert: Saturday, February 23, 3:00 pm at Community Church of Durham. Presented by Catherine York, Concert Pianist and Composer. Works to include pieces by Liszt, Chopin, Brahms, and Debussy. Tickets on sale now at www.communitypartnersnh.org. Purchase tickets in advance and save! \$8 seniors & students (\$10 at door), \$10 general public (\$15 at door), and \$30 preferred seating while it lasts. A concert to benefit the Judy Mettee Institute of Community Partners.

Monday March 4th is an opportunity to provide a meal for Families First in Portsmouth. The main dish will be Chicken and Rice Casserole (your own recipe or the one attached to the sign-up board), rolls, milk, garden salad, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. Each item should serve 10. The sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the kitchen by 3:00pm on March 4th.

“Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Program of Study and Support for Parents Who Have Lost Children,” a program of four meetings, **6:30pm-8pm on the following Mondays: 4/1, 4/15, 4/29 and 5/13.** Location: Chapel, Community Church of Durham, NH. At some point, most humans suffer grief, often defined as the process by which someone experiences loss. But losing a child is an especially devastating form of seismic trauma. While grieving is very specific—based on the individual griever, the nature of the loss, and the relationship to who has been lost—there are many common elements to the journey, including an emotional roller coaster at times triggered by passing comments such as “Oh, you’ll get over it” or “You’ll have another child,” or “Don’t be in denial,” or “She’s in a better place.” This program of four 90-minute meetings is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and some tools for engaging grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational.

Facilitator: Steve Hardy earned a graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. More important, he has personal experience in grief—shared with his wife Donna—through the loss of two sons. He retired in 2014 from the University of New Hampshire as Professor of Kinesiology and Affiliate Professor of History. He currently writes a monthly blog on resilience at: <https://onesummit.org/what-we-do/profiles-in-resilience/>

Enrollment: This program is for grieving parents who have lost children. BYO writing material— tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited to 20 people. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: stephen.hardy@unh.edu or 868-5509.

Green Tip from the Green Justice Committee The Environmental Working Group’s (EWG) Skin Deep Cosmetics Database (bit.ly/ewg-cosmetics) has sifted through tens of thousands of products evaluating them to determine the safest brands. The tough safety standards that approved products must meet include being free of “ingredients of concern” such as hydroquinone, octoxynol-40, p-phenylene-diamine, and sodium lauryl sulfate.

After School Choir for Children & Youth will be rehearsing on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. Taking the bus from the elementary schools is an option. Middle Schoolers often walk. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org or Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net. **Rejoice Choir:** Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join from 4:20-4:50. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome from 4:50-5:20.

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus to office@ccdurham.org by noon on Wednesday for inclusion the next Sunday.