

**CHRONICLE PLUS -- TODAY at COMMUNITY CHURCH—May 19, 2019**

9:00 am	Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Second Hour Series	Chapel
11:30 am	Pictures & Directory Updates	Parlor
4:00 pm	Youth Group	Chapel/Library
6:00 pm	Youth Group	Library

**BFW's Offering of Letters this month emphasizes 'Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow,'** urging Congress to increase funding for global nutrition. "Nutrition for children experiencing hunger is a bipartisan issue..." For those who were not able to sign the letters last week, we urge you to step and sign this Sunday. -Justice and Witness Ministry

**It is time to update our Church's Directory!** It will be great to offer an updated directory complete with pictures and contact information to our new pastor when one joins our church family. Our new church management software allows us to create profiles of our members to include customized information. We would love to update our database to include information about your involvement within the church and community as well as information about your personal interests, hobbies, and skills. Enjoy hiking? museums? handy with tools? interested in volunteer work? When there is an event or need that matches your interests and skills, we can keep you informed. The session for updates and pictures will be **Sundays from 11:30-12:30 and some Mondays from 5:00-7:00 during May and June.** The sessions are free and you will receive a digital copy of your photo. Contact the church office at 868-1230 or office@ccdurham.org to schedule.

**Second Hour Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** presented by The Freedom Café: This presentation introduces the issue of human trafficking, conscious consuming and how we can participate in the movement to create a traffic-free world personally and vocationally. Join us to feast on ethically sourced chocolate and protest about child trafficked labor in the cocoa industry. Discover the link between chocolate and human trafficking, what is being done about this tragic reality and resources for change.

**Friendship Garden Needs Gardeners:** If you can help for a week or two this summer, the Friendship Garden (outside the double doors coming into the Church Office entrance) could use help with weeding, watering, and dead-heading. It only takes about an hour or two per week. I have a list of the actual chores and all the tools you will need unless you prefer to bring your own. This garden always has something in bloom during the growing season. We have put in only hardy plants so do not worry about damaging any. I am also willing to work with any "wannabe" gardeners. Please let me know if you can help. Many thanks. Dianne Thompson. dialthomp@comcast.net or 603-785-2927.

**Memorial Day Sunday Observance May 26<sup>th</sup>.** Come, Worship, and Remember. Come and be part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Community Church's Memorial Garden. During Worship at 10am on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, we will remember the men and women who died while serving in this nation's military services, other loved ones and those interred in the Memorial Garden.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Garden Trustees will lift up the life of John Woodsum Hatch, former UNH art professor, well-known artist and local leader. John essentially designed the Memorial Garden, working with Win Moore and Garden trustees including the late Bill Mason and Will and Sara Urban. We thank them all.

Join us on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> to worship and read the Memorial Book of Remembrance. Feel free to select a visitation stone to leave at the gravesides of your loved ones. Stones are located in the baskets outside the Sanctuary entrance. Also, please join the Memorial Garden Trustees after worship on May 26<sup>th</sup> for coffee and refreshments. If you would like information or to be a volunteer gardener, contact Dianne Thompson in the church office at 868-1230 or e-mail her at diannet@ccdurham.org.

On **Tuesday, May 28 6:30-8:30pm** at Dover Public Library, Rev. Martin Rumscheidt will speak on "Extermination through Labor: The Crime of my Father's Company during the Holocaust."

**Please be aware the Thursday lunch group will no longer be meeting at Panera Bread in Dover.**

## Thinking about Summer Camp, Retreat or Vacation Time?

Horton Center is the New Hampshire Conference's retreat facility and summer camp on Pine Mountain, in the White Mountain National Forest.

There are 26 opportunities to enjoy Horton Center from May through September – and there is something for everyone! From helping prep HC for the camping season to Christmas in July, to week-long sessions for Families & Friends, Grandparents & grandchildren, to teen Leadership development. There are camps for hikers, rock climbers, and archers, for writers, painters, and videographers, 'away camps' in Burlington, VT, and a week split between Horton and Pilgrim Lodge in Maine.



Summer camp in the context of God's world is a wonderful way to make friendships beyond the local church, find rest and renewal, and challenge yourself to learn and to share your gifts with others. For complete information, please visit [www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org)

If a closer-to-Durham summer experience appeals to you, you can't do better than Star Island. There are over 50 opportunities to join others interested in everything from birding to yoga to contradance, quilting to history, even an exploration of the paranormal! Star Island is not a "kids sleep away camp"; instead, it offers wide-ranging series of retreat sessions for individuals and families. Personal retreat time can be scheduled too.



An independent organization with a long history connected to both the UCC and UU, Star Island features camp weeks for adults, families, a "Bodies Are Beautiful" youth conference led by UCC pastor, Jenn Murray and a youth conference "Go On Being" led by Unitarian-Universalist clergy.

Star Island is a beautiful setting, just seven miles off the coast of New Hampshire, and is one the Isle of Shoals, accessible only by boat. For information about Star Island Summer 2019, please visit [www.starisland.org](http://www.starisland.org)

**Poetry (and Prose) Reading in the Gallery** On Sunday, June 9th, at 2:00 p.m., the Gallery Group will host a poetry (and prose) reading on the theme Who is Our Neighbor?, in the gallery. The gallery backdrop will provide a sea of images that suggest human diversity and caring, which is also the theme for the reading. We welcome all perspectives, personal, spiritual, political, or all three at once—in works that you have written, or writings that you have read and cherish. Humor is, as always, also welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**New Gallery Art Show "What/If" Will Go Up on June 22nd.** Our summer to early fall exhibit should be a provocative one. "What if" asks the question how we see ourselves and the world—can we imagine a better future? We welcome images of nature, society, travel, meditation, family, or whatever inspires you to think about a better future. And we welcome art work of all varieties. Please leave your pieces in the office with Heather by not later than Thursday, June 19th. Also please share your label-related information with Carolyn Puffer [carolynpuffer@comcast.net](mailto:carolynpuffer@comcast.net). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at [drogseth@dennisnils.com](mailto:drogseth@dennisnils.com).

**Please be mindful of allergies and some folks' sensitivity to scent. Thank you!**

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