



Spectacles

April 2011



A Month of Sundays

Services Begin at 10 am

April 3- "Our Food, Our Selves" by members of the Star King UU Fellowship, Plymouth, NH

April 10 – To Be Announced



April 17 – Poetry Service presented by Kim Donovan. Gail Morrison will be worship assistant. The Choir from the Starr King UU Fellowship of Plymouth will be joining us. Soup and Bread Sunday.

April 24 – Intergenerational Easter Service

Community Assistance Fund Update

As many of you know, I complete most of my administrative tasks for the UUCF while taking care of my 3 year old daughter, Georgia. Today Georgia answered her play phone and said, "This is the Congregation of Franklin. Do you need help?" She then proceeded to set up a time to meet with the caller to give them assistance. I am never sure how much she is paying attention my work, but she seems to have learned that helping people in need is something we do.

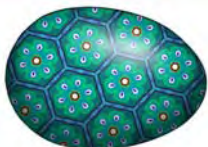
This month I deposited a much needed \$69.50 in Split the Plate donations, which brought our balance up to \$93.49. We gave out two \$50 Hannaford cards, one \$20 gas card, and one \$10 gas card.

Unfortunately we also had to turn many people away. We got one request for oil and another for rental assistance. In the past we have sometimes given \$100 towards a need such as this, but because of our low account balance, we were unable to help with either or these.

Two families also asked for help with laundry, but the office at Central Street Laundry was closed for the month of March and I was unable to get through to anyone at the laundromat by phone in order to arrange this.]

At the end of the month, we got three more requests for food, but had run out of Hannaford cards. These need to be ordered through the mail and take about a week to come in.

I have ordered two \$25 Hannford cards, which have not yet arrived, leaving us an account balance of \$43.49.



*Parish Committee Meeting Notes
March 8, 2011*



The members of the Parish Committee who met on March 8, 2011 included Debbie Steadman, Sheryl Anderson, Colleen Jacques, Stan Robinson, Gail Morrison, and Susan Haines. During that meeting, the following business matters were discussed:

- *The minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.*
- *Treasurer's Report (Sheryl) – We are at the 75th percentile for the fiscal year. Pledges and Collections are running somewhat behind, while Building Use and Fundraisers are up and the Parsonage Rental Income is right on track.*
- *Music and Worship Committee – The “Make Your Own Sunday” program has been working well, and the sermons have been well-received. With the possible opportunity to hire a quarter-time minister, it is time that the congregation was asked for their opinions. On Sunday March 13th after the service, there will be a discussion in the Parlor whereby everyone's input will be welcome. On March 20, Rev, Karen Brammer, the District's Small Congregation Specialist, will be presenting the service, and there will be time after the service to ask Karen questions concerning the process.*
- *Religious Education – The committee is planning for the Easter Intergenerational Service.*
- *Building and Grounds Report – In planning projects for this spring, Susan will be checking to get an estimate to paint the remaining two sides of the building. Joe is following up on repairs to the Parlor doors and re-enforcing the roof rafters and researching the ADA requirements to bring one of the bathrooms up to code. Lastly, Colleen has been doing research on possible floor options for the Sanctuary, but this project is lower on the priority list than the others. As for the basement work, we should look into the possibility of obtaining a grant from Franklin Savings Bank to assist us.*
- *Community Assistance Fund – Over the last month, one client has asked for laundry assistance, but there is less than \$100 in the account plus a few gas and grocery cards.*
- *Old Business –*
 - *Canvass Committee – This year's Canvass Committee is comprised of Joel, Vince, and Howard. A dinner is being planned for early May, so watch for your invitations!*
- *New Business –*
 - *Annual evaluations – Staff evaluations will be conducted at the May Parish Committee Meeting.*
 - *General Assembly – Is anyone interested in attending this year?*

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Haines, Clerk*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Worship Service	28 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	29	30 7pm - Choir Practice	31 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	1 7pm - NA @ Parlor	2
3 10am - Worship Service	4 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	5 7pm - Pool Night	6 7pm - Choir Practice	7 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	8 7pm - NA @ Parlor	9
10 10am - Worship Service	11 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	12 7pm - Parish Committee	13 7pm - Choir Practice	14 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	15 7pm - NA @ Parlor	16 8am - Post Card Club @ K/Soc.
17 10am - Worship Service 11am - Soup & Bread	18 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	19 7pm - Pool Night	20 7pm - Choir Practice	21 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen & 6:30pm - Worship Meeting @	22 7pm - NA @ Parlor	23
24 10am - Easter Service	25 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	26	27 7pm - Choir Practice	28 4pm - Bread&Roses @ Kitchen &	29 7pm - NA @ Parlor	30

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From Religious Education

We have a small but insightful, caring, and intelligent group of children who have been attending the Religious Education classes each Sunday. We have been working with the Windows and Mirrors (W&M) curriculum and the Love Connects Us (LCU) curriculum which we will continue with until June. Here are the upcoming lessons and teachers:

April 3 ~ All Work Together (LCU) ~ Adrienne
April 10 ~ Images of Injustice (W&M) ~ Cindy C.
April 17 ~ Preparation for Intergenerational Service ~ RE Committee
April 24 ~ Easter Intergenerational Service
May 1 ~ All Work Has Honor (W&M) ~ Cindy C.
May 8 ~ TBA ~ Tia
May 15 ~ Prayer is a Place to Grow a Soul (W&M) ~ Cindy C.
May 22 ~ TBA ~ Tia
May 29 ~ We Are Active Creators of Our Faith (LCU) ~ Tia
June 5 ~ Choose to Be UU (W&M) ~ Cindy C.
June 12 ~ RE Sundae Sunday

