



Spectacles

March 2011



A Month of Sundays

Services Begin at 10 am



March 6 -

Please see the news and notes for more information about upcoming services.

March 13 -

March 20 - guest speaker Karen Brammer will present a sermon.

March 27 - Gail Morrison will present "Rev. James Reeb's Challenge for Today." March 11 marks the 46th anniversary of Reeb's murder in Selma, Alabama. Text for the sermon draws on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s tribute to Reeb, "Witness to the Truth."



Following the Service on March 20 there will be an important congregational planning meeting to discuss the possibility of hiring a quarter-time minister. Members and friends are urged to attend and give input.



Community Assistance Fund Update



This month we helped one woman with \$20 worth of gas and another with \$50 for groceries.

We currently have \$24 in the account, plus \$30 worth of gas cards and two 50 dollar Hannaford cards.



Farmers' Market

It's time to start thinking about the Farmers' Market again. The market needs an overhaul if it is going to be successful. Last season was not as busy as previous years, with patrons or vendors. Kirsten is stepping down as a co-manager. We need someone to take her place. She is planning to organize the co-op table, but will be gone for most of the summer. We also need help with advertizing, writing letters to news papers, facilitating sign making, scheduling musicians, organizing a schedule of strong, able-bodied helpers to set up and tear down tables, tents, and chairs for each market, someone to scoop ice cream, answer questions, sell products from the co-op table, a computer person to keep us updated on websites, and more.

I plan to make up brochures and hand them out at the NOFA-NH winter conference March 19, 2011. Hopefully that will bring in some new vendors. I would like to form a committee of helpers from our congregation and the community to spread out the responsibilities. Please talk to me any Sunday after the service if you have ideas on how to help. It's a wonderful service to this community and it's a lot of fun!

Thank you,

Cindy Owen



*Parish Committee Meeting Notes
February 8, 2011*

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

- The minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.*
- Treasurer's Report (Sheryl) – We are at the 68th percentile for the fiscal year. Pledges and collections are running slightly behind, and donations and gifts are only at 21%. At the same time, Parsonage Rental Income is right on track, and Building Use and Fund Raisers are well ahead. As an FYI, the Parsonage Roof Loan has been paid off.*
- Music and Worship Committee – The services seem to be going well, and the “Make Your Own Sunday” program has been a great resource. At the same time, if we were able to contract with a minister for even just a quarter-time status, it might help to ease some of the strain. The entire prospect brings to mind a lot of questions. Colleen will contact Rev. Karen Brammer, the District's Small Congregation Specialist to gather some information, so there will be more news coming to you in the near future. Also, Rev. Brammer will be doing our service on March 20th.*
- Religious Education - There was no report at this time.*
- Building and Grounds Report – As a follow-up to the energy audit that was done, Stan asked Stuart Dymont to look at the heating system. Although he didn't fully agree with the way it was done and the use of the plastic pipe, he felt that if it was functional and heated the building, we should leave it alone.
So far this year, only \$350 has been spent from the Maintenance money. Discussions focused on listing the jobs that had previously been suggested and determining which ones we should complete. It was decided that we should get quotes to paint the other two sides of the building, fix the Parlor doors so they move smoothly, tie in the roof rafter, look at renovating/updating the bathrooms, and lastly consider painting the Sanctuary, depending on what is left for money.*
- Community Assistance Fund – Requests for funds have slowed down since the holidays. Someone will need to cover for Esther while she is on maternity leave.*
- Old Business –
 - The Nominating Committee is entertaining prospective candidates to run for election. Open roles include 2 Parish Committee members, the Treasurer, the Moderator, and a Trustee of the Trust Funds. If you are interested in running, please contact Stan, Sheryl, or Susan.**
- New Business –
 - Budget – All committees should be determining their budget requests for the upcoming year.*
 - Canvass Chairs – Joel Anderson has agreed to serve on the Canvass team. Other prospective members are being solicited.*
 - Certificate of Membership – The congregation is officially certified with the UUA. The entire process involves answering a series of question concerning the congregation, its members, its RE enrollment, its expenses, and its pledging units. The process also asked for a response from the certifying congregations concerning a statement of conscience. This year's poll concerned Ethical Eating, and we voted “Yes.”**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Haines, Clerk

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We Want You! Yes, You!



**And while you're at
it, don't forget to
sign up for Coffee
Hour!**

Don't Forget to Run for Office!

Needed - 2 Parish Committee members

1 Treasurer

1 Moderator

1 Trustee

If you would like to run, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (before they contact you!) - Stan Robinson, Sheryl Anderson, or Susan Haines.

