



EAST CRAFTSBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Growing in faith ~ Supporting each other ~ Serving others ~ Guided by Christ

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From the Pastor's Pen

Summer is here! And with it comes the return of many of our summer residents, visits from family and friends, and a host of wonderful activities – including at our little church. Soon we'll be starting up Summer Discussion Series on *Presbyterians Today: What Presbyterians Believe 2*, a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. Then there are our Ceilidhs, a new take on our summer social gatherings. The women will be gathering at the Maynard's on Lake Winnepesaukee, and there will be concerts by our own Craftsbury Chamber Players. And this is not even to mention all that's going on in our local community: Antiques & Uniques, the Craftsbury Community Care Center Cookout, Old Home Day, and more!

When I first came to be with you up here in northern Vermont, someone told me that the winters are long, but the summers are short, absolutely beautiful, and intense. How right they were!

As wonderful as it all is, some of us may find it all a bit overwhelming.

A couple weeks ago the sermon focused on that famous passage from Mark 4: 35-41 where Jesus and his disciples were caught in the midst of a great storm in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. To say the disciples felt overwhelmed is a vast understatement. But as they panicked, Jesus slept calmly in the back of the boat. Whether it is in the midst of a very, very

busy summer season or an agonizingly uncertain life situation, all of us have times when we feel tossed about by a raging storm.

Scott Krippayne has a wonderful Christian contemporary song reflecting on God's work in the midst of it all with this lyric: "Sometimes He calms the storm, and other times He calms His child."

My hope is that all of us can experience God's peace in the midst of a busy season and in the midst of all of life's storms.

Enjoy your summer and Peace be with you,

Pastor Jim

Letter from the preschool Happy Summer Everyone!

It has been an exciting year for East Hill Preschool, filled with many visitors ranging from our own beloved local bagpiper to a pair of mischievous kid goats!

The upcoming year is certain to be just as magical. Our new head teacher is Erica Gongloff, who has over 20 years working in early education. As always, I am humbled by the generosity and kindness the Church bestows on our little ones; thank you. May each of you have a summer filled with joy and time to wonder.

Warmly,
Aliena Gerhard, on behalf of the Board of East Hill Preschool.

ECPC in Service

Session

Class of 2013: Anne Page, Jenny Stoner, John Weaver

Class of 2014: Margaret Ann Kerr, Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, Bruce Shields

Class of 2015: Elsie Hurt, Woodman Page, Carole Young

Clerk of Session: Jenny Stoner

Treasurer: Anne Page

Committees

Worship: Steve Quigley chair; John Weaver, Marianne Weaver, Kay Shields, Woody Page, Eunice Kinsey, Judy Crawford

Mission, Care & Outreach: Natalie Kinsey-Warnock, & Margaret Anne Kerr co-chairs; Anne Page, Woody Page, Bob Schlitt, Joannie Schlitt, Elsie Hurt, Eunice Kinsey

Christian Education: Carole Young, chair; Louise Calderwood, Louise Kinsey, and Mary Quigley

Operations: Elsie Hurt, Jenny Stoner co-chairs; Bruce Shields, Tom Warnock, Marjory Morrill, Anne Page, Francis Whitcomb, Dave Stoner, George Hall, Keith Kish, Morris Rowell, David Rowell.

Nominating: John Weaver, chair, Georgette Rowell, Judy Crawford, Tom Warnock

Dinner: Kay Shields, chair; Sandy Benson, Mary Quigley, Nancy Kozub

Assistant treasurers: Tom Warnock, Dave Stoner

Liaison to East Hill Preschool: Karen Midi

Summer Discussion Series

All are invited to grow in faith and fellowship as we study together *Presbyterians Today: What Presbyterians Believe 2* for five Tuesday evenings starting July 17th at 7 p.m. at the church.

This is a wonderful new resource put out by the publishers of *Presbyterians Today* collecting some of their best articles on specific theological topics. The articles are short and informative, and are sure to get you thinking. (This is the second of these collections, but do not worry, you really do not need to have read the first edition. All the articles stand on their own.)

Copies of *What Presbyterians Believe 2* are available for free at the back of the Sanctuary thanks to a generous donation by one of our members.

Our plan is for participants to sign up to provide dessert and coffee/cold drinks for the different evenings.

Here is the schedule of our discussions (all Tuesdays at 7 p.m.) and the readings:

July 17: "God's work of atonement" and "The significance of baptism"

July 24: "Scrutinizing Scripture" and "A balancing act"

July 31: "Our misused motto" and "What happens after we die?"

August 7: "Do miracles still happen?" and "The priesthood of believers"

August 14: "Work and worth" and "A wealth of opportunities"

For more information, please contact either Carole Young or Pastor Jim.

Come join us!

A Céilidh for a Picnic

This summer the Mission Committee decided to try something new and replace out traditional church picnic with two ceilidhs: traditional Gaelic social gatherings. Our ceilidhs (pronounced kay-lee) will be informal gatherings with a pot-luck supper, lots of visiting and laughter, followed by playing music together, some singing and story telling or games. There is no set format, but this is a time to relax and have fun together.

Come and experience this new way to have fun and fellowship.

Sunday, July 22---Anne and Woody Page will host a ceilidh at their camp at 2 Memory Lane on Cole's Pond, at 5:00 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 8---The gathering will be at Anne Dorworth's 415 White Road in Greensboro at 5:00 p.m. Directions to the two homes will be available at church the weeks prior to the events.

Please sign up at the back of the church if you know you are able to come to give our hosts an idea of how many to plan for. Of course last minute participants are most welcome.

Manse Renovations

Not much work has been done since the May-June newsletter; we are awaiting the stone mason for the chimney work and then the necessary plumbing before Dylan Kinsey can finish his part. We are hopeful that all will be finished soon and allow Jim and Kim to invite parishioners to come see the wonderful new space. Stay tuned.

Stained Glass Window Repairs

These repairs are still scheduled to start in late July. Bruce Shields has a team to help with the first phase of removing the window, but will need 6 men (two on ladders) to lift the sash out of the opening, lay it on the back of pews, screw it to a plywood sheet and move it into a truck for its trip to Burlington, thus saving the church a great deal. If you can help, please contact Bruce.

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Fridays from July 13-Aug 17

7:00 -8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesdays from July 17- Aug. 14

7:00 p.m. What Do Presbyterians Believe? At ECPC

Wednesdays from July 11-Aug 22

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Beatitudes

Other Events

Tues. July 10, 6:00 p.m., Session meets at Margaret Ann Kerr's

Sat. July 14, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Antiques & Uniques on Craftsbury Common

Wed. July 18, 9:00 a.m., Women gather at ECPC to drive to Maynard's in NH

Sun. July 22, 5:00 p.m., Ceilidh (fun & food) at Page's on Cole's Pond

Sat. July 28, noon, CCCC Cookout and Auction

Wed. August 8, at 5:00 p.m., Ceilidh at Anne Dorworth's

Sat Aug 11, Craftsbury Old Home Day

Sun. Sept 8, Corn Roast at Stoner's woodlot

Women's Summer Bible Study

This summer's Women's Bible Study started meeting June 27, skipped July 4 and will meet the next seven Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. to study "Confessing the Beatitudes" by Margaret Aymer.

They have started meeting at church, but may move to someone's home. Contact Kay Shields 888-5165 if you have questions.

*All Women Invited
Come to the Island*

Jan Maynard is hosting a women's social for fun and fellowship at their camp on Welch Island in Lake Winnepesaukee on July 18th with a rain/wind date on July 19th. Jan will provide hamburgers on the grill, chips, and beverages for lunch. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. After lunch you may swim, go canoeing, walk on the island, or just relax on the deck until you need to leave. Please email Jan at thetis32@gmail.com or tell Kay Shields if you plan to come and what you are bringing, or if you have any questions. Kay Shields will coordinate car pooling. It is a 2 ½ hour drive each way plus a 15 minute boat ride to get out to the island, so departures from ECPC should be between 8:30 and 9:30. Since the boat holds seven, (plus skipper Nelson) people may want to leave a half hour apart to allow time for the trip to the island. Directions to Maynard's are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

*Literacy Camp
Children Invited, Adult Help Needed*

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock and Carole Young report that at this writing 16 children are already enrolled in the Literacy Camp that they will be leading July 16-27. The two week summer experience features a wealth of fun activities with reading, writing, art, and music July 16-27 from 9-noon Monday to Friday at the church.

Children who have completed grades one to six will be introduced to diverse musical instruments by guest musicians, will experience varied art techniques as presented by guest artists and will learn the joy of improved reading as well as the joy of telling and writing their own stories under the guidance of an expert.

More church members are needed to assist with unique outreach program. The only abilities needed are to enjoy and be able to listen to children. If you can help for a few mornings, perhaps in preparing snacks or sitting with a few children, please call Carole at 525-3149 or send her an email at carole2young@yahoo.com.

Applications for the camp are available from Carole or at in the back of the church.

<i>Birthdays at ECPC</i>	
<i>July</i>	
9	Judy Crawford
13	Bruce Shields
17	Brian Young
26	Linden Urie
26	Maeda Urie
26	Nell Urie
<i>August</i>	
26	Marvin Rowell
30	Kristen Urie
31	Brett Urie
31	Joannie Schlitt

Summer Specials

Sunday mornings this summer bring continued Bible Study at 10 a.m. of Paul's letter to the Romans under the leadership of Valerie Morrison, our wonderful music and worship at our 11 a.m. service, and the opportunity for cool refreshments and conversation after church. If you would like to provide the refreshments one Sunday, please sign up in the back of the church.