



# GOOD NEWS

## East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church

*Growing in Faith ~ Supporting Each Other ~ Serving Others ~ Guided by Christ*

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### **Ecumenical Lenten Services**

- ✘ Wednesday, **March 3** at the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church
- ✘ Wednesday, **March 10** at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Craftsbury
- ✘ Thursday, **March 18** at the United Church of Craftsbury
- ✘ Wednesday, **March 24** at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, East Albany

All services begin at 7:00 PM.



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### **Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday** – March 28 at 11 AM – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

**Maundy Thursday** at the Church n the Common – April 1 at 7 PM

**Good Friday** – April 2

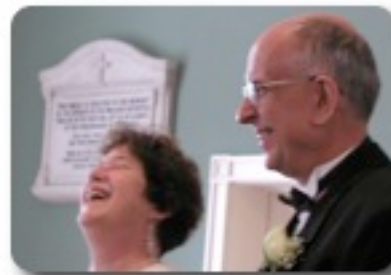
- ✘ Church Open for Prayer and Meditation – Noon to 3 PM
- ✘ Ecumenical Good Friday Service at the United Church of Hardwick at 7 PM

### **Easter Day – April 3**

- ✘ Sunrise Service at the top of Echo Hill – 6:15 AM
- ✘ Breakfast at the Church – 7 AM
- ✘ Worship and the Lord's Supper at 11 AM – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

### **Meet Our Interim Pastor**

Rev. **Dennis Hett** began his duties as our Interim Pastor on 1 January 2010.



Pastor Dennis, his wife **Audrey Schneider** and their cats Mr. Cucumber and Ms. Pickles

moved into the manse and set up housekeeping on December 30.

Following secular employment for 30+ years, mostly with agencies dealing with the aging in MA, NJ, and NH, Dennis was called to the ministry. His first assignment as a Commissioned Lay Pastor was serving as Interim Pastor to the Westminster Church in Manchester, NH.

## **Meet Our Pastor (continued)**

He then served as an Associate Pastor at the Londonderry NH Presbyterian Church—the position to which he was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in January 2008.

His earned degrees include: Master of Theology at Boston University (1973) in pastoral counseling, with work in organizational development; and Bachelor of Arts at Southwestern College (Kansas) (1969) in Bible, Religion & Philosophy and Mathematics.

Subsequently, Pastor Dennis has taken many courses in conflict resolution, mediation, interim ministry training, and congregational transformation.

Dennis and Audrey have been married for three-and-a-half years. Audrey is a Senior Consultant with Oracle. She is authorized to work from home and has set up her office in the manse.

Since Audrey's work office is in Nashua, NH, they maintain their present home in Manchester, NH for the occasional trip that she will need to make to southern New Hampshire.

## **Mission Study Under Way!**

The Session has formed a Mission Study Committee. The group will review and update the previous mission study in the light of changes that the congregation and community have experienced during and after the pastorate of Jack Cabaness.

Session Elders **Joannie Stinson** and **Victoria von Hessert** will co-chair the committee.

Other members of the committee **include Randi Calderwood, George Hall, Louise Kinsey, Nelson Maynard and Kay Shields.**

Rev. Dennis Hett, Interim Pastor, will advise the committee in its work. Rev. Rebecca Strader will serve as liaison from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

The committee plans to consult with the congregation on several occasions, beginning with a potluck dinner after worship on **March 21**. At this event the congregation will be invited to remember and lift up significant happenings in its own life, that of the community, as well as our own lives.

## **Our Elevator Saga Continues**

The elevator at ECPC broke just before Easter 2009. We spent many months trying to find a way to get it repaired. We finally learned that it was impossible to bring the lift into conformity with the present Vermont elevator code.

After exploring many options, the session voted in early December to purchase a new lift. The old one has been removed, and the space is ready for the new equipment.

We talked with a state fire inspector and the state elevator board, who told us that we need a variance so that we can continue to store tables in the space behind the lift. This also requires a special fire door to that space. These factors have increased the cost by almost \$3000, and delayed the order.

We have obtained the variance, and hope to have the new lift operating for Easter services.



The cost of the installed lift will now be about \$25,000. The session voted to use the generous bequest of \$18,500 from Marion V. Urie's estate for a major portion of the unexpected expense.

Some additional contributions have been received. The **oatmeal box** in the narthex is hopefully awaiting more gifts to help defray the cost of making our church again accessible to all.

## **Souper Bowl of Caring Results**

The Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes congregations, schools and businesses to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend.

9,312 groups (including the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church) raised a total of \$8,365,041 this time around.

100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each congregation's choice. ECPC collected \$21 and 15 cans of food for the Hardwick Area Food Pantry this year.

Thank you!

## **Presbyterian Women**

from Kay Shields

- ✘ April 20, **Tea at Kay Shields**, 2:00 PM (If you would like to schedule a small gathering at your home for East Craftsbury PW, just check with Kay Shields. Program is optional; fellowship: required!)
- ✘ May 7 - 8 (Friday 3 PM – Saturday 3 PM): **Mothers Day Weekend Retreat** at Hulbert Outdoor Center at Lake Morey VT. This has been a treasured event for the past four years.

Vermont PW is hostessing this year. We are responsible for physical arrangements, food, registration, all amenities. Gail Brown (Rygate) and I have done the preliminary planning. We need help the day of the event.

A few scholarships are available.

More details will be available soon!

- ✘ May 9 – **Blanket Sunday**: On Mothers Day our church collects funds for Church World Service to supply blankets to refugees throughout the world.

The need is especially great this year. This is an opportunity to honor our mothers, grandmothers, or aunts. Mothers Day cards will be available at the end of April.

## **Session 2010**

Ordained elders, who are elected by the members, constitute the Session, which governs the spiritual and temporal affairs of a Presbyterian congregation. The ECPC Session for 2010 includes:

**Class of 2011** – Eunice Kinsey, Morris Rowell, Victoria von Hessert

**Class of 2012** – Valerie Morrison, Fred Kinsey, Carole Young

**Class of 2013** – Jenny Stoner (Clerk of Session), Joannie Stinson, John Weaver

Bruce Shields has stepped up to serve as Treasurer.

## **Meet Our Newest Members**

**Anne and Woodman “Woody” Page** have transferred their memberships from the Burke (VA) Presbyterian Church. Burke is outside Washington, DC.

Anne and Woody were active in hospitality ministries in the Burke church.

Anne grew up in the United Church of Canada, where she was ordained as an elder, and where she and Woody were married.

Woody was raised in Newport, graduated from Norwich University, and served in the U. S. Air Force. He rounded out his career working for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

Anne and Woody live in their vacation home on Coles Pond, and will eventually move into the family home in Newport when renovations are completed.

## **Family and Friends**

**Annie Rowell** (Dave & Leslie’s daughter) is working for Senator Patrick Leahy in Washington as part of paid internship.

**Meg Urie**, who is a junior at Hazen Union School in Hardwick, will spend the spring term studying in the Bahamas.

**Kay Shields** has been elected to serve as the Elder Commissioner from Northern New England to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). The GA meets in Minneapolis, MN July 3-10, 2010.

## **Weekly Schedule**

### **Sunday**

- ✘ Christian Education – 10 AM
- ✘ Worship – 11 AM

### **Thursday**

- ✘ Choir Practice – 7 PM

### **Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday**

- ✘ East Hill Preschool in session 8 AM - 12 PM



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