



# The Bridge

Sunday, May 7,  
10:00 a.m.  
**ONE SERVICE**  
Please join us in  
Cleveland Hall for  
coffee and refreshments  
before the 10:00 service  
from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

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### SAVE THE DATES

May -  
Celebrating the Arts  
May 21 -  
Jane Ann McSwiney  
Scholarship Concert  
May 28 -  
Scholarship Sunday  
June 18 - Bike & Build  
June 19-23 - VBS

### REMINDER

May 8 is the deadline for  
BWF Scholarship  
applications. Remind  
your students to submit  
their applications.

## Pastor's Perspective...

Pastor's Perspective: Thank You

The Glidewells overflow with thanksgiving. Over the past several weeks we have been the recipients of your encouraging words, of your tangible acts of love, and of your generosity. We appreciate your continued prayers and encouragement. "You are loved", one of the cards said. We feel your love and support, and as your pastor family we make it our aim to love you in return.

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Charles, Lisa, Kaitlin, Jonathan, and Jack

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW LONDON  
 461 Main Street, New London  
**JUNE 19-23, 2017 - 9:00 - Noon**  
 Registration: 526-6511 or visit [www.fbcnlh.org/VBS](http://www.fbcnlh.org/VBS)

# Musical Note

We are all very proud of our Schantz pipe organ at First Baptist Church, and with good reason. I personally and unbiasedly believe it is the best sounding organ in New London!

Organs, defined as wind instruments that have multiple pipes of fixed pitches that sound using air pressure activated by a keyboard, date all the way back to 250 B.C. The organ was invented by the Greek engineer Ktesibios of Alexandria, and was named the hydraulos, because it used water pressure to create the air supply. The hydraulos was a popular instrument, and was used through the 5<sup>th</sup> century in secular settings, such as at festivals and in outdoor arenas. This suggests that it made a very loud sound.

The first recorded pneumatic organ (as opposed to hydraulically regulated) appeared in A.D. 120, and the first organ to be used in worship was in England in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. A large organ was installed at Winchester Cathedral in the 10<sup>th</sup> century; it had 400 pipes and 26 bellows, and was played by two organists on two keyboards of 20 keys each! During the early Middle Ages, virtually all organs were built by ecclesiastics.

The Old Testament makes mention of many other instruments used in worship, particularly in the book of Daniel, and the Psalms. Stringed instruments, such as the psaltery, the harp and the lyre; percussion such as the timbrel, the triangle and the drum; and wind instruments, like the flute and the shophar. Even before the organ, people worshipped God with music, and with all instruments available to them.

So, when you see a stringed or percussive instrument in your church, understand that God does not have a preference as to which instrument is used to worship Him; just so that the worship is heartfelt and sincere.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm, and come to our annual concert here at FBC to help raise money to fund our Jane Ann McSwiney Music Scholarship. We have a variety of performers volunteering their talents for this worthy cause; please come and support them and our local music students.

Dave



## The Jane Ann McSwiney Music Scholarship Concert

Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm  
First Baptist Church  
New London, New Hampshire

Free Will offering to support the  
Jane Ann McSwiney Scholarship

## Granite State Ringers Present Dance and Celebration

Premiering Retrospective the commissioned work of  
Jason W. Krug in honor of our 10th Anniversary

Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church**  
**82 King Hill Road**  
**New London, NH 03257**

Freewill Offering will be gratefully accepted



A verse to remember: *“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”*

*Psalm 100:4 & 5*

#### CELEBRATING THE ARTS

Over the years, as a church family, we have honored many of our artists by featuring them in art exhibits in the Gallery/BWF room on the second floor of the building. However, in addition to the visual arts of photography, painting, stitchery, rug hooking, quilting, wood working, etc. which are typically featured in art exhibits, there are also the literary arts of prose and poetry.

With that in mind, about a year or so ago, through THE BRIDGE and Sunday bulletins, the congregation was invited to submit examples of their original prose and/or poetry. Once collected, we promised to create a book to honor them. Copies of the book would then be available at no charge to the congregation. It took awhile to actually accomplish this, but happily, the books are now available for you to pick up in the church office. Enjoy!

#### HEALTH HINT FOR SPRING & SUMMER

Lyme Disease Season is Here!

According to the Vermont Health Department, Lyme disease is on the rise throughout New England. Ticks that carry this disease will come out any time the temperature is above freezing. Wearing long sleeves and long pants when out doors will make ticks more visible and will keep them off the body. Since it takes nearly a day to transmit the disease after they have latched on, by being attentive, most people will be able to remove the tick before it transmits the disease. In addition, remember to check pets for ticks as well.

If in doubt about a rash, (it doesn't always look like a bullseye) check with your health care provider. If left untreated, the long-term effects of Lyme disease can include memory issues and mood swings, as well as joint and muscle pain. All of this can be experienced long after the initial bite.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you! What a wonderful send-off! You out-did yourselves in so many ways! I am both humbled and at the same time, incredibly Grateful (with a capital “G”).

Although I know I will certainly miss the opportunity to be involved in the ministry of First Baptist Church, I know the time is right for me to step aside. I would like to add that ever since the invitation to the Retirement Party you hosted for me was in THE SHOPPER, I've had great fun being surprised by well-wishers throughout the town!

It is tempting to name all those who have been a part of the Health Ministries Committee of FBC or participated in a Health Ministries activity over the years, but I will inevitably miss someone. So instead, I ask each of you to please accept my most sincere gratitude for **all** the support, love and encouragement you have provided along the way. This has not been a one-person ministry. There have been many, many people who have taken an active role in being the hands and feet of our Lord in contemporary society. You have reached out in so many ways, from providing transportation and meals, to being Special Friends and Prayer Partners and so much more ...

Also, anyone who has worked with Kit and Steph knows the support from our church office personnel is extraordinary! There is a very special Ministry that answers the phones, addresses the needs of walk-ins, organizes meeting space, keeps FBC running smoothly, and again, so much more! They are the ones who make everyone else look good. I can hardly imagine what I would have done without their friendship, wisdom and technical expertise.

It has been a real joy and privilege to have worked as a Parish Nurse with both the staff and this congregation. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I am also sincerely grateful to everyone for the hugs (both virtual and in-person), notes and cards I have received.

In the words of the prayer we provide when a Prayer Shawl is given:

May you, as a congregation and as individuals, be

Cradled in Hope,

Kept in Joy,

Graced with Peace

And Wrapped in Love

Sincerely,  
Janice Cundey

Are you caring for someone with memory loss?

Good Day Respite is a day program run by Lake Sunapee VNA that supports adults with mild to moderate memory loss and their caregivers. A Licensed Nursing Assistant oversees the program, which meets throughout the year on Mondays and Thursdays at Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church in New London and on Fridays at United Methodist Church in Lebanon. Participants are dropped off by their caregivers at 10am, and throughout the day, enjoy discussion, games, lunch, crafts, entertainment and more. Volunteers help facilitate these activities, all of which provide stimulation and socialization for the program participants until their caregivers return to pick them up at 3pm. During the program's five hours, caregivers of the participants have time for errands, activities and a much needed break, knowing their loved ones are in a safe and supportive place. Each location can take up to 12 participants, and there is a nominal fee with scholarships available for those in need. If you are caring for an individual with memory loss, let Lake Sunapee VNA determine if the program is right for you. For more information, call 603-526-4077.

Thank you from

**Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice**

Thank you and your entire church family for the wonderful donation from the Health Ministries of the First Baptist Church, (Stone Soup proceeds) of \$2,668.00 to **Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice** in support of our vital work and mission.

Your ongoing kindness and leadership help us to sustain exceptional home care, hospice and community programs for the New London community and beyond. We deeply appreciate your confidence as we strive to enhance quality of life through our services.

With gratitude,

Jim Culhane  
President & CEO



**CLOTHING  
DONATIONS**  
accepted at FBC  
Now – May 11  
8:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Clothing ~ Purses ~ Shoes  
Belts ~ Linens ~ Sheets  
Curtains ~ Towels

**After you've cleaned out your closets join us**  
at FBC on

**Saturday, May 13**  
**8 am-12:30 pm**

and pick out your new Spring wardrobe!

Great Stuff with Good Prices



## FROM THE **DEACONS' BENCH**

We want to thank the choirs for providing such lovely and inspiring music. The commitment of our singers, bell ringers and musicians is most appreciated. It is a joy to listen to the music each week.

A big thank-you to Dave Chaves for his creative genius and his joyful spirit.



## Bike & Build

### Join Us in Welcoming the 2017 Bike and Build Team June 18-19, 2017

If you are looking for an inspiring experience, please join us as we welcome the 2017 Bike and Build team on their journey over the Northern Route to British Columbia, Canada to benefit the affordable housing cause. This is the seventh year that FBC has hosted this amazing group of young people on their summer journey helping to provide affordable housing across the country.

Bike and Build is a non-profit organization that organizes cross-country trips to bring awareness and manual labor for affordable housing initiatives. The mission of the organization is to empower young adults for a lifetime of service and civic engagement. Riders are 18-25 years of age. They spend 8-11 weeks over the summer traveling across country helping to build houses. Each participant must raise \$4,500 to participate. Some of these funds are used to run the trips and the balance is donated to affordable housing organizations. Along their journey, the participants are hosted by local organizations.

FBC has been hosting the Northern Route participants for the past five years. We expect about 30 riders this year. The Northern Route begins in Portsmouth, NH and travels 4,000 miles through New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, through the Great Lakes region, across the northern U.S. to British Columbia, Canada. They will arrive on Sunday, June 18 and depart early on Monday, June 19. FBC will host a BBQ dinner Sunday evening for the riders and an early morning breakfast on June 19.

Please join us as we welcome and celebrate the 2017 team of riders and hear their inspiring reasons for participating in this cause.

### SPRING/SUMMER 2017 FOOD PANTRY CAMPAIGN

The KLS Community Food Pantry continues to serve a large number of families in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region. The support of the area churches and community residents has made it possible for the food pantry to be an extremely valuable asset to struggling families in our service area. To ensure that the pantry remains well stocked, the KLS Community Food Pantry is asking each church group to concentrate on donating the identified items each **month** to the food pantry.

**May-August 2017**

#### SUGGESTED DONATIONS BY AREA CHURCHES

MONTH	Elkins Chapel First Baptist Church	Christian Science Society KCPC	Wilmot Congregational Our Lady of Fatima	Kearsarge Unitarian St. Andrews
May	Cereal	Canned soup (not chicken noodle)	Large juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)	Canned fruit
June	Canned fruit	Cereal	Canned soup (not chicken noodle)	Large Juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)
July	Canned soup (not chicken noodle)	Large juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)	Canned fruit	Cereal
August	Large juice (esp. low sugar & 100% juice)	Canned fruit	Cereal	Canned soup (not chicken noodle)

**Note:** coffee (regular, decaf, & instant), paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, peanut butter & jelly, baking mixes, and monetary donations are always welcome.

Monetary donations can be made to: KLS Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 536, New London, NH 03257

**Attention All High School Seniors  
(College-Bound), College and  
Graduate Students:**

Applications for the 2017 Baptist Women's Fellowship Scholarships will be available in the church office or online at [www.fbcnlh.org](http://www.fbcnlh.org). The scholarships are the BWF Scholarship, Evie Welch Memorial Scholarship, Walter and Muriel Rhodes Scholarship, Emil Bochmann Memorial Award, Allene "Penny" Thurston Scholarship, the Edward and Ethel King Memorial Award, and the Wilma Warde Scholarship.

In order to be considered all applications **MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** and sent to BWF Scholarship Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 336, New London, NH 03257.

Applicants must be members of The First Baptist Church or the FBC Senior High Youth Group demonstrating involvement for at least two or more years.

Please call or contact Joan Gould at 763-2178 or Dee Doheny at 526-7949 if you have questions.

**Baptist Women's Fellowship News:**

On Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, 2017 we will collect donations for blankets for Church World Service during coffee hour. Blankets are \$10 and a great way to honor someone you love by donating in their name. Last year FBC donated 124 blankets which were part of thousands of blankets distributed throughout the United States and to our friends in the rest of the world. These blankets provide warmth and shelter in times of crisis. Look for inserts in upcoming bulletins or visit [cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org) to learn more.

**Kits & Buckets, Buckets & Kits**

Many thanks to those of you who donated sponges, scrub brushes, work gloves, hand towels, toothbrushes, nail clippers, pencils and other necessary supplies for the School and Health Kits and Emergency Clean-Up Buckets for Church World Service.

On May 4th, a total of 48 kits and a box of 62 rolled bandages were dropped off at the Methodist Church in Bow, where our kits were piled with hundreds of other kits to be shipped to CWS storage facilities. We also collected monetary donations of \$80 which will allow more kits to be created by CWS. The Baptist Women's Fellowship and White Cross Circle donates the cost of shipping the kits and supplied the school bags.

Last year, victims of Hurricane Matthew received 8,236 Clean-up buckets, 13,980 Health Kits, 3000 School Kits and 205 wool blankets. Refugees from Honduras, Serbia, Syria, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone and Angola received tens of thousands of kits as well.

Kit items for next spring's drive may be dropped off anytime during the year in the plastic storage drawers located in the Lounge off Cleveland Hall.

If you are curious about Church World Service (CWS) or want to see the lists of items needed for the kits, go to [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) to browse their site.

With gratitude, The BWF



Stuffed Animal Donations to  
Refugee Children



# First Baptist Church

461 Main Street (next to the College)

Worship ~ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Communion 1st Sunday One Service ~ 10:00 am

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NEXT DEADLINE:

THIRD THURSDAY OF MAY

MAILING AND WEB POSTING:

FOURTH TUESDAY OF MAY

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## IN THE FAMILY

### May Birthdays

- 5/2 Janet Ferraro, Linda Myers  
Reed Coverdale, Mary Anne D'Alton
- 5/3 David Wood
- 5/4 Rick Marsh
- 5/7 Jack Glidewell
- 5/8 Luke Del Giudice, Margo Del Giudice  
Joe DeChant, Susan Hansen
- 5/12 Helen Tucker, John Woodward
- 5/13 Paige Blake, Janice Cundey  
Polly Roos
- 5/14 Amy Maughan
- 5/15 Anne Stites
- 5/16 Laura May Dow
- 5/19 Bob Wright
- 5/21 Abby Crowell
- 5/24 Meghan Hoke
- 5/28 Pete Lauridsen, Mary Teach
- 5/29 Dave Chaves, Ron Evans



### May Anniversaries

- 5/1 Bob & Sandy Brown (51 years)
- 5/14 Stewart & Joan Nutter (57 years)
- 5/26 Chuck & Anne Stites (55 years)
- 5/27 Richard & Beverly Benson (56 years)

On May 16 Cathy Narowitz will be celebrating her 60th Anniversary of her ordination to the Christian Ministry. Be sure to congratulate her on her years of dedication to the Ministry.

The 28th Annual Gathering of ABCVNH will be held at the Fireside Inn & Suites in West Lebanon on May 5 & 6.

Dear Church Family

What a pleasant time we had at the farewell party hosted by the Petry's on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The notes, cards, and book about New Hampshire (appropriately inscribed by each of you) will remind us daily of the friendship and Christian love we have with all of our church family over these past nineteen years. You are the best! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless each of you. Come see us in Pennsylvania. Agape, Vicky and Bob Meck.