

**Sunday,  
November 5  
and December 3**

10:00 a.m.

### ONE SERVICE

Please join us in  
Cleveland Hall for  
coffee and refreshments  
after the 10:00 service

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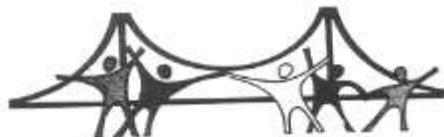
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#### MEET OUR NEW SEXTON



Steven Hunt

Please introduce yourself  
when you see him.



# The Bridge

## Pastor's Perspective...

### Thanksgiving

Over the past several weeks I have been overtaken by a spirit of praise and gratitude. The apostle Paul expresses such a combination to the church at Ephesus when he says, *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ* (Ephesians 1:3) The source of my gratitude hasn't been difficult to find. I have been reminded on a number of occasions that I am blessed beyond measure.

I am so grateful for the blessing of God's calling on my life to be a pastor/theologian and writer. I get the privilege of preaching and teaching and writing about life's ultimate concerns. What's more, I get to remind people that they are supremely loved and valued by God. There is no feeling in the world like the one you get when you say to some troubled or searching person, "I know that it may not always feel like it, but God loves you more than you can imagine, and He has a plan for your life." A joyful sense of empowerment comes to the Christian when s/he remembers that God has given us the assurance and the authority to say powerful words such as these. Paul puts it this way to the church at Corinth: *All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation* (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). Reconciliation is our business!

Another source of gratitude comes from our church. I get the privilege of shepherding a church that gives so freely to one another and to the community. I am surrounded by fellow Christians who are faithful and thoughtful stewards of God's abundant gifts. At First Baptist Church we have a significant number of people who are dedicated to God's work. We are blessed with people who give serious thought to worship and how we can make our time together more dynamic and open to the Holy Spirit. We are blessed with teachers who put no small effort into making sure that children, youth, and adults get the best Christian education possible. We are blessed with those who push the rest of us to think about how we can get out of the church and into the lives of people outside our walls. We are blessed with people who create opportunities for our church family to share times of play and fellowship. Underlying and supporting all of these efforts are people who bless our church by their practice of the spiritual disciplines and their deep spiritual insight. I know for a fact that our church is blessed by several prayer warriors who understand that prayer is powerful; they understand that prayer makes a difference. They pray for me, they pray for our church body, they pray for the sick and brokenhearted, they pray for revival, they pray for New London and the surrounding communities. It's all enough to cause the pastor to break out into doxology.

All of you make our church what it is. Thank you. We have so much to be excited about and to look forward to. We are blessed. All things are ours! May God give us the insight, fortitude, and faith to forge ahead into the future that God has for us.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Charles

## Musical Note

Every Sunday morning at eleven, our “Contemporary Service” is held in the Meeting House here at First Baptist Church. Known as “The Gathering,” its origin dates back to 2010, when Pastor Cindy and then Interim Pastor Alan Shumway were directing two musicals, “Peace in the Kingdom” and “The Tree and Me.” They noticed that there were many children and parents attending the 11am rehearsal, so they decided to offer a half hour of praise songs and dramatic presentations.

This has evolved over the years into an hour long service, utilizing a unique blend of instruments and singers offering hymns in a modern style. Our regular musicians include Kevin Tarleton on guitar, Angela Tarleton on flute, Tom Coverdale on bass guitar, Caleb Nketiah on percussion, Jeff Maguire on harmonicas, and our singers: Nancy Allenby, Nina Kozain and Cheryl Phelps. We have also had guest musicians join us on occasion. It makes for a very lively and joyful hour of worship.

What makes the service “contemporary” is the presentation of the music. By necessity, the musicians are in front of the congregation, and are really song leaders. Microphones are used to help amplify the voices over the sound of all of the instruments. There are some that object to the presentation because it looks like a concert; this is really not the case. The congregation is invited to participate in every musical offering.

We have sung hymns that might be considered “traditional,” like “Amazing Grace” and “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and added a more modern arrangement. For that matter, we have sung songs that might be considered “contemporary” at our “Traditional Service,” such as “How Beautiful” and “One Bread, One Body.” This keeps the music alive, provides an interesting musical diversity, and greatly enhances our worship experience.

I don’t believe that God has a preference of musical styles; that is our own creation. I am glad that I have the opportunity to offer music to His praise.

Dave

### From the Desk of the Trustee Chair:

This is probably the most hectic time of the year for the Trustee Board. The Proposed Budget (PB) has left the Sub-Committee of Budget and Finance, and the Trustee Board will vote this week to move it onto the Church Council for their review and vote. Our By-Laws mandate that the PB be sent out to the membership 2 weeks before the Annual Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

A “major” change in the format of the PB, that was discussed at the Budget informational meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, was the use of the General Fund Account to fund **Missions & Outreach** and **Capital Expenditures** going forward, leaving Pledge & Plate Income to support the “operations” of the church in the traditional manner. This is still provisional as both the Trustee Board and then Church Council must approve these changes before heading to the Church Family Membership.

Brick & Mortar: You will see that work has begun to replace the Ramp on the Parking Lot side of the Church. It will be a couple of weeks before the new ramp will be ready for use, but the project has begun.

Stewardship Update: As of Pledge Sunday, we now have \$170,062 in pledges for 2018, leaving a \$81,938 amount to reach the \$252,000 goal. If you have not Pledged, we ask for your prayerful consideration on behalf of FBC.

Respectfully, Ben Barton, Chair



# HEALTH MINISTRIES

***IT'S COMING.....***

**Thanksgiving, Christmas and then.....  
STONE SOUP!**

**We have a wonderful line up of cooks.....and speakers for our  
STONE SOUP THIS COMING YEAR!**

Did you want to know more about what COA is all about?  
and

**How about the prison ministry....**

TLC – what do those letters mean?

**Have you heard about “AT HOME”?**

**Are you aware of ‘addiction awareness’?**

What is a land trust?

We have speakers lined up to answer these questions.

Know you will enjoy each and every one.

Of Course, the Sunapee Singers will join us again and lighten our  
lives with their musical repertoire.

The first stone soup will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 11:30.  
Save the date and tell your friends.

From then on we will be meeting every Tuesday in January and February.  
Just two months this year.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful  
**stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10**

### ***ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS***

The First Baptist Church of New London Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on **Sunday, November 19th @ 11:30 a.m.** immediately following the 10:00 am single service. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Preliminary Budget for 2018, to update members on the Annual Plan for 2017 and present the 2018 Annual Plan, to hear proposals from the Nominating Committee and elect individuals necessary to fill the open positions on the Church Council, Boards, and Committees, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Copies of the preliminary budget are available in advance of the meeting in the church office. Or you may request that they be sent to you electronically. A quorum for this meeting will be 47 or 10% of the currently registered members of the church with an address in the State of NH. Only members may vote. Voting by proxy is not permitted. Friends are welcome but may not vote.

### ***THANK YOU FROM STEWARDSHIP***

Thank you to the 94 (64%) of you who have returned a 2018 Pledge Card. The amount pledged is \$180,352 leaving a gap of \$71,648 to fill. We ask those who have not returned a pledge card yet, to please consider doing so soon, as the budget process has already begun; we appreciate your responsiveness. Gratefully, the Stewardship Committee

### **From the Nominating Committee:**

Deacons - Tom & Tracy Coverdale,

Member at Large - Sandy Messer

Trustees - for the 3 yr. slots - Peter Donovan, Steve Foy, Howard Hoke  
 - to fill the 1 yr. opening (2018) Beth Foy  
 - to fill the 2 yr. opening (2019) Patti Durkin

Christian Ed. - Lynn Wenger

Missions & Outreach - Merlene Dunlop & Ken Thompson & Liz Edmunds

Health Ministries - Cathy Todd and Allan Gould

Human Resources - Susan Hansen



### **MEET the PPRC Committee**

Conrad Boulton, Marion Hafner, Sandy Messer and Allan Gould

If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the church please do not hesitate to contact one of these members.

## ***TASTE OF AFRICA***

Taste of Africa, a fundraiser for AIMS, will be visiting FBC on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Africa International Mission Services (AIMS) was founded by Edward Kanu of Sunapee to send material aid to his native country, Sierra Leone. Cooking and serving African foods is a way to both raise money and inform people about the needs in the impoverished country of SL.

For Taste of Africa, Kanu will cook up a wide variety of staple dishes. Diners can enjoy the meal and pay by donation. About a previous Taste of Africa event, Cheryl Mihaley of Newport says, "the food was succulent and rich in the African culture of taste and spices ..."

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to pay for shipment of a land-sea container of items to help raise the living circumstances of those in Sierra Leone. Because education is a prime focus of Kanu and AIMS (which holds a 501 (c) 3 non-profit tax status) many books appropriate for the target population are ready to go. Also included are clothing, basic health care items such as soap, towels, tooth brushes and toothpaste. In previous shipments Kanu has sent a few cars and a donated school bus, with extra engine. These were filled with needed items.

The goal of AIMS is to build a school (already begun) and to begin with comprehensive education for the youngest children, and vocational education for young adults. The school bus will provide reliable transportation for students in place of the overcrowded and unreliable public busses.

For more information visit the website <http://www.africaintmissionservices.org/>. Monetary donations can also be sent directly to AIMS at 18 Central St., Sunapee NH 03782.

## ***'KINDNESS OF STRANGERS'***

Most of us are Samaritans, even those you are secular; let me tell you why I think that is rue.

Recently, I contracted to have my car rocker panels replace Two reasons: (1) I would not have survived the next automobile inspection, (2) This will extend the life of my Ford Focus for another five years, which is much cheaper than buying another vehicle. I was given a loner, a red Chevrolet 4X4 truck, big enough to have its a zip code.

Thursday night, I was driving home after choir rehearsal, about 8:15 PM and coming up the hill on 114 just before the I-89 overpass. It was there that the transmission stopped functioning and I was not going anywhere further. I backed the truck up so that I was off to the side of the road, got out and started walking to houses with lights. I found one; two business partners were still working. I explained what happened and also said that I did not have phone. One of them, Mark, called AAA and then gave me his phone to explain what had happened. There was some wait time, almost three hours, and both Mark and Kurt stayed with me until the truck was loaded and left. Mark then took me home, and then drove to VT.. All this was offered without expectation of payment or onus.

There is a quote by George Santayana, 'Between the thought and the deed, between the idea and the act, falls the shadow.' Put in another way; talking is easy, doing is a little harder. I was lucky that I came across two people who were doers.

Bob Wright

# CLASSROOM CLIPBOARD

## November 2017

Notes from some of our Classroom Teachers:

Pre-School Classroom  
From Priscilla and Briana Thompson

Hi all,

Just wanted to remind you that our Preschool Sunday School has started up and we are studying the life of Moses. We have a lot of fun and learning in store. Our memory verse of the unit is short and sweet-- *Psalm 146:7: The Lord sets prisoners free...*"

We will have a lesson on the following Sundays: (*please note: there will be no Preschool Sunday School on One Service Sundays*)

Oct 22  
Nov 26

Oct 29  
Dec 10

Nov 12  
Dec 17

Nov 19

Hope to see your little ones there.

Middle School and High School Families  
From Lisa Glidewell

Through the end of the year, we will be going through *The Case For Christ for Students* in our Middle School Sunday School Class. Sunday we introduced the study by asking "Do you think it is alright to ask questions about faith?" We looked at two examples of people in scripture who questioned God: Zachariah in Luke 1:5-25 and Mary in Luke 1:26-38. We concluded by reading Matthew 7:7 which says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." We decided that it is absolutely alright to ask questions about faith. God is big enough to handle any and all questions we have for him!

Over the next few weeks, we hope to equip students to understand the reasons we have Christian faith, to learn to respond in a positive way to arguments against Christian faith, and ultimately to have students who choose faith in a personal way.

We will have books available for anyone who would like to read more each week. However, this study will not have required reading. Parents are encouraged to read this book as well to continue discussions at home!

Adult Class  
From Stuart Nutter

Come and join us for an exciting new Fall adult Sunday school class. We will be exploring the lives and works of some of the great men and women of the Christian faith. What better way to learn more about what we believe than seeing Biblical principles demonstrated in the lives of the spiritual giants of the faith? This series is based on Warren Wiersbe's book: *50 People Every Christian Should Know*, available in both Kindle and paperback versions. Each session will be a complete unit, so even if you cannot be there every Sunday, you will still be able to enjoy and profit from the class.

## **Womens' Class**

From Tracy Coverdale

Ladies,

We have started *I AM, A 60 - Day Journey to Knowing Who You Are Because of Who He Is* by Michele Cushatt. (You can check it out at <https://g.co/kgs/bQNnHk>.) The book is a 60 day study. Looking forward to getting started on this journey!

Middle School Youth  
From Steve Allenby

I wanted to let you know that once again St. Andrews middle school youth group want to join with you for the coming year for fun and good works!

Our first meeting is planned for Sunday afternoon, October 29th. We will meet from 2-4:00 at St. Andrews and we will carve pumpkins to give to the residents at Bittersweet, a home for people who are even older than me! We have some great carving tools and are looking forward to creating several pumpkin masterpieces. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE FRIENDS.

We will provide a snack and the pumpkins. We will also discuss what you would like to do for the rest of the year. The plan right now is to meet once a month on a Sunday afternoon. If there is interest, we will also throw in an overnight.

I hope to see you on the 29th!

Mission Project Opportunity  
From Pam Shughart

A few adults are getting together to make some lap quilts to have on hand for either mission project for Hurricane relief or local shut in/nursing home ministry. We have chosen the date of Thursday 10 - 2 November 2. The only items people need to bring are their sewing machine, either tan or gray thread and a sandwich (if they want to eat). I will provide drinks (hot apple cider) and cookies. Later on my Sunday school teaching day I'll have the kids make some cards that we can put with them. I'm working on the sample quilt right now but don't think I can get it to you by this Sunday.



The Pat Kelsey Fund has been created to promote ministries in this community. The Kelsey Committee is seeking suggestion for ways to support and connect individuals in our faith community who are acting as the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. If you know of individuals who may be in need of our financial support and/or creative ministry opportunities within the community please contact the church office at [fbc@fbcnlh.org](mailto:fbc@fbcnlh.org).

# 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

Nursery Available



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## NOVEMBER ISSUE

NEXT DEADLINE:

THIRD THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER

MAILING AND WEB POSTING:

FOURTH TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER

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## IN THE FAMILY

### Birthdays

- 11/1 Sheridan Danforth, Peter Durkin
- 11/2 Carol Tucker
- 11/8 Allan Gould
- 11/12 Ted Brown
- 11/14 Seamus Heffernan
- 11/14 John Tucker
- 11/15 Sandy Brown
- 11/16 Bruce Parsons
- 11/19 Jonathan Glidewell
- 11/20 Verne Barrett, Alisa Petry
- 11/22 Steve Allenby, Margaret Doheny
- 11/25 Ellie Anderson, Bob Ligon, Darlene Ligon  
Jane Ann McSwiney, Tom Rubin



**In Observance of Veteran's Day  
the church office will be closed on  
Friday, November 10**

### **FUN TIMES, LOW COST & GREAT FASHIONS!!!!**

Another great rummage sale was held on October 7th. Lots of treasures with style were found and much fun & laughter was enjoyed. We raised \$1539.85 to go towards local worthy causes. And all the leftovers went to good use for various causes.

If you donated, set up, worked it, shopped, or cleaned up at the end, your contribution is greatly appreciated. And if you were not able to participate this time, I'm sure you'll have another opportunity in the spring

Since we started this in 2007 - 10 years ago, wow! - we've raised just over \$34,000!!!



### **Prayers Please**

Carolyn Ryan passed away on October 16. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Help support the Colby-Sawyer College  
Nursing Program

# Brunch Fundraiser



Saturday, November 11, 2017  
11am-1pm

First Baptist Church in New London, NH

Cost: By Donation

All proceeds go to the Colby-Sawyer Medical  
Mission Trip to Costa Rica this January!



## ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Once again, the area congregations will be involved in the Annual Thanksgiving Basket Project. Please bring any of the following items to our distribution center at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall (Gould Road in New London) from **Tuesday Oct 31 through Wednesday Nov 15 (9:00am to 4:00pm)**.

CANNED YAMS	APPLESAUCE
CANNED FRUIT	NUTS, CANDY
CANNED VEGETABLES (OTHER THAN PEAS)	PUDDINGS AND DESSERTS
CONDIMENTS, PICKLES, RELISHES	SOUPS, CANNED
COOKIES, PACKAGED CAKES	STUFFING
CRANBERRY SAUCE	POTATOES, INSTANT
GRAVY (CANNED OR PACKETS)	TEA, COFFEE, COCOA,
JUICES, APPLE, FRUIT	POWDERED MILK

Please no microwaveable food.

Cash donations will be appreciated to provide frozen turkeys, cooked chickens and a small fresh fruit basket.

Please make checks out to:  
Kearsarge Thanksgiving Basket Project  
P.O. Box 331 New London

Thank you for your generosity.

Christine & Mark Kellett 526-4755



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice  
invites you to attend its annual

## Time of Remembrance

a gathering of reflection to remember and  
honor the lives of individuals  
in our Hospice program and community  
who have died over the past year

Wednesday, November 8, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

Sugar River Bank Community Room  
10 North Main Street, Newport

Please join us at this special ceremony with readings, music and refreshments.

The names of the deceased will be read at the ceremony. If you prefer that your loved one's name not be mentioned, please notify us at 526-4077.

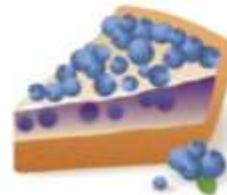
RSVPs are appreciated by calling 526-4077.



"Grieving is a journey that teaches us how to love in a new way now that our loved one is no longer with us. Consciously remembering those who have died is the key that opens the hearts, that allows us to love them in new ways." Tom Attig, *The Heart of Grief*

## "Getting To Know You"

A  
COMMUNITY DESSERT SOCIAL



FREE

Saturday, November 25th  
2-6 PM

First Baptist Church-New London

COME ENJOY HOMEMADE DESSERTS, COFFEE, TEA AND  
MEET OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

TO PARTICIPATE WITH A HOMEMADE DESSERT OR FOR  
MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

GARY FACONE 727-8064  
MARION HAFNER 848-0292

## November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly Meetings not listed</b> <b>AA – Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15 pm</b> <b>AA, Alanon, Alateen – Tues 7:00 pm</b> <b>Food Pantry – Wed 5:30-7 pm, Sat 10:00-11:30 am</b> <b>Boy Scouts – Wed 7:00 pm</b>						
<b>5</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:00 <i>One Worship Service 10:00</i>	<b>6</b> Sunapee Singers 2:00	<b>7</b> Women's Book Study 8:45 Prayer Ministry 9:00 Prayer Ministry 1:30	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10:00 <i>Trustees 5:00</i> Gathering Rehearsal 5:15 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00	<b>9</b> <i>Health Ministries 3:00</i> Choir Rehearsal 7:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day Service 10:00 Colby-Sawyer Nursing Students Fundraiser Brunch 11:00
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