



Spectacles

May 2011



A Month of Sundays

Services Begin at 10 am

May 1st - The Power of Good - Part 1 - The Historic Perspective - Rev Tobias Paddock & Kathlene Fleckenstein. Starr King UU Fellowship Choir (Plymouth, NH) will perform.

May 8th - Rev Kent McKusick - Susan Haines worship assistant

May 15th - OPEN - contact Kathlene Fleckenstein or Susan Haines if you are interested in presenting a Make Your Own Sunday Service . A documentary about genetically modified food, "Unnatural Selection" will be shown after the service. The Canvass Committee will host a breakfast before the service.

May 22nd - The Power of Good - Part 2 - The Contemporary Perspective - Rev Tobias Paddock & Kathlene Fleckenstein. A documentary about Sir Nicholas Winton, the English stock broker who facilitated the transport of hundreds of Jewish children out of Czechoslovakia to save them from the Nazis, will be shown after the service.

May 29th - Rev Kent McKusick - Susan Haines worship assistant

Farmer's Market Update

The last month or so I have been waffling back and forth as to whether or not we should go forward with the farmers market this year. A week ago I sent out a notice to all our past vendors and supporters asking for a commitment to our market, by April 25th, for the 2011 season. Only bakers, wool producers, and musicians have committed. We can't have a market without food!

Without the WIC coupons this year, many of our vendors are deciding not to sell in Franklin. Our biggest veggie and fruit vendor, Surowiec Farms is creating a CSA at their farm instead of coming to our market this year. The Wheelers and Mountain Farms will not be there either. Sad to say, I think we probably will not have a market this year. There are still few days left for people to sign on. I want to make a decision and give the vendors an answer by April 30th.

I welcome any input from the congregation.
Sincerely, Cindy

*Parish Committee Meeting Notes
April 12, 2011*

The members of the Parish Committee who met on April 12, 2011 included Debbie Steadman, Sheryl Anderson, Colleen Jacques, Stan Robinson, Gail Morrison, and Susan Haines. During that meeting, the following business matters were discussed:

- *The minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.*
- *Esther visited for her annual evaluation. It was good that she came to the April meeting anticipating that she would be on maternity leave at the time of the May meeting. In her absence, Mindy Morgan will be doing the publicity work – the newsletter, weekly news and notes, and the newspaper announcements. We still need someone to answer the phone and handle the Community Assistance Program. Scott Wilkinson is the web site administrator, and the Orders of Service will be done with assistance from the Music and Worship Committee.*
- *Treasurer's Report (Sheryl) – We are at the 86th percentile for the fiscal year. Pledges, collections, and building use are down, while all the other income sources are either at or above the 86th percentile. Much of the meeting was spent working on the proposed budget for the upcoming Annual Meeting. In looking at hiring a quarter-time Minister, it's important to include those expenses while not taking away from the services and programs that we need and want to maintain.*
- *Music and Worship Committee – The Parish Committee would like to invite Rev. Kent McKusick to present a couple of sermons so the congregation can meet him before they are asked to vote at the Annual Meeting. Colleen will contact him to offer him to preach on May 8 and May 29. (Since the meeting, Rev. McKusick has been contacted and accepted those dates.)*
- *Religious Education Committee (Debbie) – The Easter Intergenerational Service is being planned. The RE Committee is also wondering if Parish would consider how the RE area could be recouped for them to once again use. At the very least, this would require removing and replacing the bottom three inches of the sheetrock. There will be further discussions on this matter.*
- *Building and Grounds – The outside Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 1st after the service. We also need to confirm who will be mowing the lawn this year. In addition, there needs to be some brickwork done to the rear of the building where the front layer of bricks has fallen.*
- *Community Assistance Fund – Someone is needed to answer the calls and distribute the funds while Esther is on Maternity leave. There is currently about \$300 in the fund. There are about 6 calls per week and each person has an annual \$100 limit. The calls are for grocery and gas cards and sometime to get their laundry done.*
- *Old Business –
 - *Canvass Committee – The committee is comprised of Joel, Vince, and Howard. Watch for news on what they are planning for this year's canvass.**
- *New Business –
 - *Fundraisers – The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday June 4. Start saving your "good" items!**

*Respectfully submitted,
Susan Haines, Clerk*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - Worship Service	2 4pm - Bread&Roses @	3 7pm - Pool Night	4 7pm - Choir Practice	5 4pm - Bread&Roses @	6 7pm - NA @ Parlor	7
8 10am - Worship Service	9 4pm - Bread&Roses @	10 7pm - Parish Committee	11 7pm - Choir Practice	12 4pm - Bread&Roses @	13 7pm - NA @ Parlor	14
15 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Documentarv	16 4pm - Bread&Roses @	17 7pm - Pool Night	18 7pm - Choir Practice	19 4pm - Bread&Roses @ 6:30pm - Worship Meetinga	20 7pm - NA @ Parlor	21 8am - Post Card Club @
22 10am - Worship Service 11:30am - Documentarv	23 4pm - Bread&Roses @	24	25 7pm - Choir Practice	26 4pm - Bread&Roses @	27 7pm - NA @ Parlor	28
29 10am - Worship Service	30 4pm - Bread&Roses @	31	1 7pm - Choir Practice	2 4pm - Bread&Roses @	3 7pm - NA @ Parlor	4

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Don't Forget to Run for Office!

We Need:

- a **Moderator**
- a **Treasurer**
- a **Trustee of the Trust Funds**
- **2 people for the Parish Committee**



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



Spring is here!

That means it's time to clean out the closets, the basement and the garage.

Save those items for the UUCF Yard Sale on **Saturday June 4th**.

Your 'trash' could bring us a treasure!