

NEWS OF THE PEWS

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Striving to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community

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News of the Pews is a monthly publication intended to share events of the Plainfield Community Baptist Church and extended church community as well as thoughts by church family and friends. You are invited to share by submitting information to newsofthepews@gmail.com. Submissions received after the 20th of the month are not guaranteed to appear in the next edition.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

By Maggie Monroe-Cassel

We are in the midst of summer and it is beautiful. Sure, some days are too hot and some days are too cold for our liking but the plants are in full bloom, fresh vegetables are starting to come in, and folks are travelling far and wide. For all who have traveled with children, we know that oft quoted phrase: "When are we going to get there?" It makes every parent cringe and finally answer in annoyance either: "SOON" or "NEVER," depending on how annoyed the parent is. We all have also been in the shoes of the children. When ARE we going to get there? When will school be out? When will I be old enough to drive? When will I graduate from college? When will I find the perfect mate? When will 5 pm on [Friday](#) finally come? Some of the members of the church may be asking: "When are we getting our new pastor?"

We are people anxious for the next step, the next phase. And sometimes we are so anxious for what is next that we fail to appreciate the present and all that it has to offer. The present is really all that we have. If we are on a road trip to the Grand Canyon and only keep asking when are we going to get there, we will miss all the sites, sounds, and people between here and there. It's good to want to move forward but it is also good to enjoy what is right here now. Enjoy your children when they are young. They don't need to grow up right now and get to the next stage of their lives. Find a way to enjoy your workday right now. [Friday](#) will come soon enough. Enjoy the gifts of your fellow church members as they share them in the absence of a settled pastor. They are precious people. Enjoy the rain, and then the [sun](#) when it emerges. Enjoy the [sun](#), and then the rains when they come. Enjoy the heat of the day and the cool of the night. Enjoy and be thankful for that is the way of the Spirit! Safe and happy travels in these summers months to all.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

By Deb Johnson, Co-Chair

The pastoral search committee continues to meet weekly and we are making progress. We recently reviewed about 22 profiles given to us by Dale Edwards. Each of us, separately, gave careful consideration to all of these for a week. When we met again, we reviewed all the candidates and decided to send invitations to 6 of the candidates to respond with more information. We are currently waiting to hear from these folks and will then proceed with Skype or personal interviews as we are led. We continue to be in prayer, always seeking God's guidance in this process. We surely have

much work to do before we are ready to complete our task. We ask your patience and prayers as we move along.

JULY 4TH STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

By Ruthie Stalker

THANK YOU for making Strawberry Shortcake possible on the Fourth:

Pickers (98.54 lbs) – Helen Koehler, Deb Ryan, Russ Kelley, Barb Freeland, Doris Mercier, Ruthie & Jesse Stalker, Sarah Gillens, Ashlyn Taber, Sophie Longacre, Ruth, Margaret & David Cassedy

Hullers – Helen Koehler, Deb Ryan, Russ Kelley, Barb Freeland, Ruthie Stalker, Jean Strong, Loretta Weitzel, Sandra Yeaton, Jesse Stalker (berry transport)

Biscuits – Deb Johnson & Sarah Gillens

Thanks also to: – Edgewater Farm & McNamara Dairy

PCBC FACILITIES PROJECTS

This section of *News of the Pews* is intended to keep reader aware of the “nuts and bolts” projects going on to keep the PCBC facility viable and safe for operation

KNOX BOX – *Input from Mark Overman*

No update at this time

NEW CHURCH OFFICE – *Input from John Hendrick, and Rosie Pelletier*

No update at this time

PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

Happy Birthday to:

3—Joy Hutchins

8—Tim Longacre

10—Don Unhjem

11—Tina Overman

13—Jan Allen

20—Loretta Weitzel

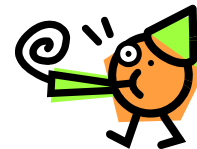
Apologies are given to any PCBC family/friends who have August birthdays that are not listed.

Please consider sending unlisted birthdays to newsforthepews@gmail.com so our database will be more complete.

Prayers of sympathy and condolence are offered to the family of **Brad Miles**

Prayer Concerns:

While we keep all of our PCBC family in prayer, we especially lift up prayers for: Joyce and children (friend of Jim & Joanne Longacre); Jeff McNamara; Jack & Carolyn McNellis; Cheyenne Chellis; Michael Finneran (friend of Nancy Scott); Grace Tisdale; Marcia Swett; Sharron Murray; Saunders Family; Nora Cheney; Jo Clarke; Cedric White; Florence & Jim MacConnell (Barb and Sue’s sister & brother-in-law); Vicki Kuskowski; Donna Small; Frank Orłowski (Elise’s friend); Pastor Rubin Jennings; Julie Barber; Peggy Dunn; Meghan Saben; Sarah Saben; Shawn Stalker; Henry Ingham Jr.; Betty Cross; Richard Fortier; Bev Widger; Ann Grobe; Jane DeLue



LOOKING BACK



Circa 2003 – Chris Pelletier and Bob Michal were part of the PCBC mission trip to Cabos St. Lucas Mexico

TREASURY

Submitted by Deb Johnson, PCBC Treasurer

For the month of July, our collections totaled \$3496 vs the budget of \$3393. The generosity of everyone towards the continuation of God's work at PCBC is a true blessing. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY BANK

By Doris Mercier, PCBC Missions Point Person

The Birthday Bank for August is Singing Hills and Mr Jordan will be speaker.

MUSIC NOTES

Input from Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator

August Sunday Worship Special Music Offerings:

August 6 – ???

August 13 – Annie Lucksinger

August 20 – Holy Dubbers and Others

August 26 – ???

If you are willing to offer your gift of music as part of a Sunday service, please contact Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator.

PIECES OF PCBC HISTORY

By Mary Dickerson Sweet

I read with interest in the church magazine that there are plans to make a study for the minister in the parsonage. When my mother, sisters and I moved into the parsonage at Christmas 1948 (my father was already here) his study was about one third of the living room as it is now. The rest of the room was a very large dining room, with a door into the study from that room and also a door from the study into the hall. There was no door facing the main street. The door facing the church was used by everyone, including the Sunday School kids who went upstairs into the big room at the top of the stairs on Sunday mornings.

I think I'm right in saying, also, that there was a huge water tank under the pulpit floor in the church that was used for baptisms - thus the name of the church at that time - the Plainfield Baptist Church. There were two quite large trees in the front of the church and the steps went clear across the front of the church. In the front of the church there were two stained glass windows.

I also found another piece of history about the church in my father's memoirs that his family always found amusing.

If anyone wonders why we didn't all come together, it was very expensive in those days to fly and he was needed to start his ministry here in August, 1948, while my mother, my sisters and I came over on the Queen Mary but couldn't get tickets until December. Shortly after he arrived, a member of the church took him sightseeing in the area and there was a violent thunderstorm.

I quote, "We went a number of miles before a thunderstorm burst upon us and on our return we heard a sudden crack that was unmistakable and I said 'Something's been struck.' The something turned out to be our church steeple. Fortunately, though it was very costly to repair, there was no fire. The comments that followed in the ensuing week were amusing. Some of the villagers said that the new minister had certainly brought the fire of God to Plainfield: others said that the Devil was opposing his ministry, and yet others said it was a divine warning!!"

Editor's Note: Mary's father, Rev. Herbert W. Dickerson, was PCBC pastor 1948-49.

PLAINFIELD CHURCH WOMEN

By Loretta Weitzel, PCW President

No news from PCW this month.

MASTER BOARD MINUTES

Submitted by Sandra Yeaton, PCBC Clerk

28 May 2017

Present: Jeff Moore, Annette Moore, John Hendrick, Mark Overman, Tine Overman, Deb Johnson, Doris Mercier, Jim Longacre, Loretta Weitzel, Nancy Scott, Sandra Yeaton.

Mark led us in prayer.

Sandra read Minutes of April 30, 2017. Doris moved to accept, Nancy seconded, accepted.

Deb handed out Treasurer's Report. Deb thanked John. Deb spoke to the Yates family, they donated the work of shoveling snow to the church. Nancy moved to accept, Mark seconded, accepted.

Old Business – To take out paneling on North wall, insulate, sheet rock, wire. How much will it cost?

Missions – June – Cornish Rescue, July – Rolling Thunder

Doris moved to adjourn, Nancy seconded, accepted. Next meeting, June 25.

25 June 2017

Present: Mark Overman, Annette Moore, Nancy Scott, Doris Mercier, John Hendrick, Jesse Stalker, Tina Overman, Jim Longacre, Sandra Yeaton.

Mark led us in prayer.

Sandra read the Minutes of May 28, 2017, Doris moved to accept, Nancy seconded, accepted.

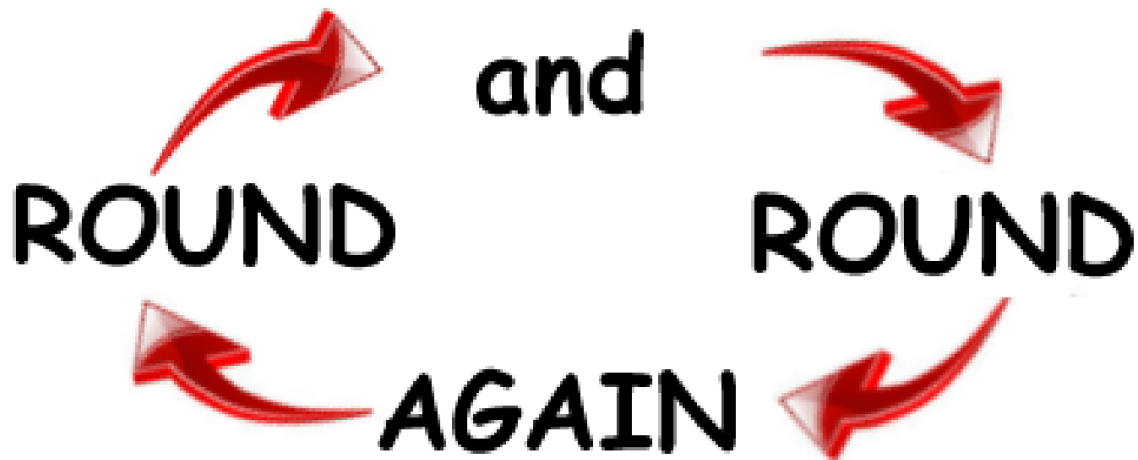
Annette read a letter from Mary Sweet. It had nice history. Annette asked if her letter could be shared. How could we find out when people move into town. Michelle Marsh at the Town Hall would be our best bet. Doris will check with her.

Office space at the Parsonage – North wall is down, now we know what is needed and can get a price.

What could we do to raise the dehumidifier and have it drain into a sink? Bell choir has a table which could be moved downstairs

Rummage Sale – We could store rummage in the breeze way

Annette made a motion to adjourn, Sandra seconded, accepted. Next meeting July 30, 2017.

**ROUND and ROUND AGAIN**

Clothing & Accessories Sale

Plainfield Town Hall

**Lightly used & vintage clothing, jewelry, shoes,
hats, etc.**

Friday, August 25; 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 26; 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Refreshments available.

**Donations: Clothing and accessories
will be accepted at the Town Hall on**

**Monday 8/21 noon-6:00, Tuesday 8/22, Wednesday 8/23 &
Thursday 8/24 from 9:00-4:00.**

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First time from your browser:

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- Find the “charity name or location” box on the right-hand side of the page
- Type: Community Baptist Church Plainfield NH
- Click “search”
- Choose our church using the “select” button
- Click the “Yes, I understand...” box
- Start Shopping!!!

Subsequent shopping trips can be started by either going to the PCBCNH.org website and selecting the link to Amazon, or by using your browser to go to smile.amazon.com directly.

NOTE: The top of your screen under the search box should say: **Supporting Community Baptist Church**

AUGUST EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday August 1 –

Wednesday August 2 –

- **12:30-3 pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce - *Free*** fresh produce at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Everyone is invited to stop by and pick up some free produce. This is a wonderful resource for our community.

Thursday August 3 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOY HUTCHINS**

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **10 am - Bible Study** at Emma Mosher’s home on Rte. 12-A. – Open to all - For more information contact Emma Mosher 675-5643 or Sue Kelley 675-6254 russell.e.kelley@juno.com

Friday August 4 –

- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday August 5–

Sunday August 6 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – Communion Sunday – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.

Interim Pastor: Maggie Munroe-Cassel

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Emmons

Special Music Offering: TBA

- **11 am – Eat ‘n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Monday August 7 –

- **starting at 1 pm – Basic Foot Care Clinic** in the handicap accessible Community Room at the Philip Read Memorial Library.- Appointments are needed - Call Loraine 543-6800 to schedule - Insurances do not cover this clinic - Cost is \$20.00 per person - Professionals from the Lake Sunapee VNA & Hospice provide the Foot Care Clinic
- **Pastoral Search Committee Meeting** (closed meeting)

Tuesday August 8 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TIM LONGACRE**

Wednesday August 9 –

- **12:30-3 pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - *Free* fresh produce at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Everyone is invited to stop by and pick up some free produce. This is a wonderful resource for our community.

Thursday August 10 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DON UNHJEM**

- **10 am - Bible Study** at Emma Mosher’s home on Rte. 12-A. – Open to all - For more information contact Emma Mosher 675-5643 or Sue Kelley 675-6254 russell.e.kelley@juno.com

Friday August 11 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TINA OVERMAN**

- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday August 12 –

Sunday August 13 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JAN ALLEN**

- **10 am - Worship Service** – “Fill the Food Box” - Birthday Bank to support Singing Hills – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.

Guest Pastor:

Worship Assistant: Doris Mercier

Organist/Pianist: Annette Moore

Special Music Offering: Annie Lucksinger

- Consider bringing a non-perishable item to help fill the food box
- **11 am – Eat ‘n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Monday August 14 –

- **Pastoral Search Committee Meeting** (closed meeting)

Tuesday August 15 –

- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall – Anyone who wants to move to music is welcome. First session is free. Cost is \$6.00 per session starting with the second session. For more information contact Liz Burdette: liz.burdette@hanovernh.org

Wednesday August 16 –

- **12:30-3 pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - *Free* fresh produce at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Everyone is invited to stop by and pick up some free produce. This is a wonderful resource for our community.

Thursday August 17 –

- **10 am - Bible Study** at Emma Mosher's home on Rte. 12-A. – Open to all - For more information contact Emma Mosher 675-5643 or Sue Kelley 675-6254 russell.e.kelley@juno.com

Friday August 18 –

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish

Saturday August 19 –

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish

Sunday August 20 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LORETTA WEITZEL**

- **10 am - Outdoor Worship Service** - All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise
Interim Pastor: Maggie Monroe-Cassel
Music Offering: Holy Dubbers and Others
- **11 am – Senior Field Day** in Cory Taber Field

Monday August 21 –

- **Noon–6pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale Donations** accepted at Plainfield Town Hall
- **Pastoral Search Committee Meeting** (closed meeting)

Tuesday August 22 –

- **9am–4pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale Donations** accepted at Plainfield Town Hall
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall – Anyone who wants to move to music is welcome. First session is free. Cost is \$6.00 per session starting with the second session. For more information contact Liz Burdette: liz.burdette@hanovernh.org

Wednesday August 23 –

- **9am–4pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale Donations** accepted at Plainfield Town Hall
- **12:30-3 pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - *Free* fresh produce at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Everyone is invited to stop by and pick up some free produce. This is a wonderful resource for our community.

Thursday August 24 –

- **9am–4pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale Donations** accepted at Plainfield Town Hall
- **12:00–1:30 pm - Senior Social Luncheon** – Special Event with Cornish Seniors - Offering warm conversation, delicious food, networking, blood pressure screenings & eye glass support
Locations change so please check Plainfield Town Website or call Stephanie 469-3527 - Rides can be provided with advance notice.

Friday August 25 –

- **1–4pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale** at Plainfield Town Hall
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday August 26 –

- **9am–4pm – Round ‘n’ Round Clothing Sale** at Plainfield Town Hall

Sunday August 27 –

- **10 am - Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise
Lay Pastor: TBA

Organist/Pianist: Helen Davidson

Special Music Offering: TBA

- **11 am - Eat 'n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall
- **Master Board Meeting**

Monday August 28 –

- **Pastoral Search Committee Meeting**

Tuesday August 29 –

- **6:30 pm - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall – Anyone who wants to move to music is welcome. First session is free. Cost is \$6.00 per session starting with the second session. For more information contact Liz Burdette: liz.burdette@hanovernh.org

Wednesday August 30-

- **12:30-3 pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce - Free** fresh produce at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Everyone is invited to stop by and pick up some free produce. This is a wonderful resource for our community.

Thursday August 31 –

- **10 am - Bible Study** at Emma Mosher's home on Rte. 12-A. – Open to all - For more information contact Emma Mosher 675-5643 or Sue Kelley 675-6254 russell.e.kelley@juno.com

Friday September 1 –

- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday September 2 –

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday September 28 –

- **12:00–1:30 pm - Senior Social Luncheon** – Annual Harvest Lunch at Plainfield School - Offering warm conversation, delicious food, networking, blood pressure screenings & eye glass support Locations change so please check Plainfield Town Website or call Stephanie 469-3527 - Rides can be provided with advance notice.