

The Caller



What if I really want to go to church, but I keep not getting there?

Often I run into someone around town and they seem uncomfortable... uncomfortable because they haven't been to church in a while. I think they feel guilty. It's like they've been caught by the church police. But the surprising part is that most people I meet in that kind of situation tell me that they'd really like to come to worship. They say that they feel peace and love when they come. Those with children tell me that their kids want to be there, but life just gets in the way.

What if I really want to go to church, but I keep not getting there? That's a tough question. I've been there myself. In fact, to be honest, if I weren't the pastor, I'd probably still be struggling with getting to church each week! Why? I sure wanted to be there, and I felt better when I got there. But like so many of us, I work hard during the week, and Saturday ends up being really busy too. So it can be really

tempting to find a couple of extra hours in the week by not going to worship on Sunday. Paul writes about his own struggles in his letter to the church in Rome: "I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway." (Romans 7:19)

So how can we overcome that? Well, when I was a young adult, I had the same challenge, and one thing made the difference. I found a way to get involved. Then, instead of making it to church every few weeks (and feeling really guilty about it), I was able to go every week! Having a responsibility that others were counting on me for gave me that extra push. I started by helping in Sunday school and then I became a deacon. You might want to help in the kitchen, be a greeter, volunteer to lock up, teach Sunday School, help in the nursery or

preschool, work with youth, help count the offering, or one of many other possibilities!

You'll find that a little job not only makes a difference by helping others to worship and feel welcome, it may be that extra little push you need to get to church and feel blessed by worship and fellowship with God's people!

We just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning and in that celebration we learned about the power of God that gives us life. That power of God calls us into the church and invites to be more than just participants.

If you'd like help finding a little Sunday job, contact any of our nominating committee (Jacque Mongeon, Shirley White or Robin Orutt) or just call or email the office. We'll hook you up!

*Excited about
Worshiping with You,
Pastor Josh*

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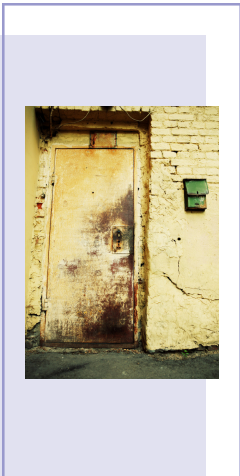
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Summer Book Study: *The Shack*

This summer we will be studying *The Shack*, a book written by William P. Young. This book was written by a Christian father for his children, to help them understand his relationship with God. The book addresses the most difficult of all theological dilemmas, the goodness of God and the problem of evil. Where is God in the midst of pain and suffering? How can a

good God allow the kinds of horrific evil that humans and other creatures experience? Why does He not do something to stop it? In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. There will be ideas that challenge you

and others that inspire you. The group will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm beginning on June 29th and concluding on August 17th. Each session will conclude with a time for fellowship and dessert. If you want Pastor Josh to order a book for you please contact him. The cost for each book is \$10. I hope you will join us for this study as we seek to know and understand our God better.



SUMMER CHURCH HOURS

Starting on Sunday, July 3rd and going through Sunday, September 4th, NCC will have Sunday

service at 9am. This is just a summer schedule to get us into church before the heat of the

day sets in, and to give us more time outside enjoying the warm weather and our families.

YOC

The Gress Family and The Young Organist Collaborative Extends an Invitation to their Annual Student Recital. This recital will be held at:

Christ Episcopal Church
43 Pine Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Saturday, May 14 at 3:00pm



Admission is FREE- donations welcome

May Birthday's



Josh Gray	5/9
Miranda Gross	5/10
Jaimie Costa	5/13
Lucas Russell	5/15
Melissa Courtney	5/31



From your Nominating Committee:

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
-1 Peter 4:10

It is that time of year again! We will soon begin our meetings to fill our Boards and Committees for next year. There are many opportunities for you to share your gifts and talents in service to God. Whether you have been a member of Newmarket Community Church for many years or just a few months, there is a place for you. I ask you to prayerfully consider the ways that you could give your time and heart to our wonderful church. It has been exciting to see so many new faces in our pews each week and it is our hope that some of you will feel the call from God. It may not be a call that hits

you like a lightning bolt. It may be a feeling, a desire, or something in your heart that tells you to not be afraid to step forward. You will find that what you receive in return is nothing less than the love of our glorious Lord.

Do you enjoy working with children? *Consider Christian Education.*

Do you enjoy fundraising events? *Consider Stewardship.*

Do you enjoy the Christmas season? *Consider Christmas Fair.*

Do you enjoy serving the community? *Consider Missions, Thrift Shop or Food Pantry.*

Do you enjoy budgets or are you a handyman? *Con-*

sider Trustees.

Do you enjoy caring for and serving our congregation? *Consider Deaconate.* There are also the Altar, Music, and Living Memorial committees. If you are willing to serve the Lord, we will find a place for you to shine!

In God's blessing,
Robin Orcutt, Jacque Mon-
geon, Shirley White



Come enjoy the Penny Sale!



St. Mary's Penny Sale

St. Mary's is having a Penny Sale on Saturday, May 7th from 9am to 6pm to fundraise for repairs to the church. There are a number of interesting auction items, as well as door prizes, raffles, bake sale and other food items. Come see what the fun is all about!

MISSIONS

This will be the last report as chairman of the Missions committee. I want to thank the nominating committee for asking me to be on the committee and for the support that Missions has received for various projects that we have undertaken.

Missions did hold a Missions fund raising supper a few months ago. We raised \$380.00.

The missions committee will support summer camp again this year with schol-

arships for the youth wanting to go.

We will be supporting the Warming Station project (in case of emergencies in our community our church will stand ready to assist).

Our partnership with Zimbabwe has been strengthened through a collection to assist with the building of their church which is structurally almost there! They are working on the roof at this point/

A container will be headed to Zimbabwe in June again and we will contribute to that after consulting our UCC conference as well as their UCC conference in

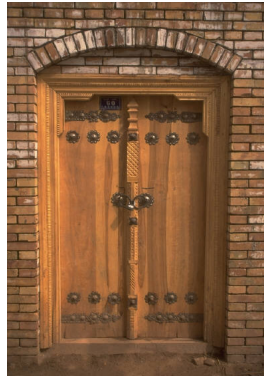
Zimbabwe. Please watch for suggestions on how our church family may assist with items for the container for our Zimbabwe church family and their conference.

Dinners are scheduled to be served at the Salvation Army in Portsmouth both in the fall and Winter of 2011

The church annual report will contain a more detailed report of the many activities of our sub-committees within Missions.

Yours in God's Grace,

Marilyn Allen
Missions Chair



Treasurer

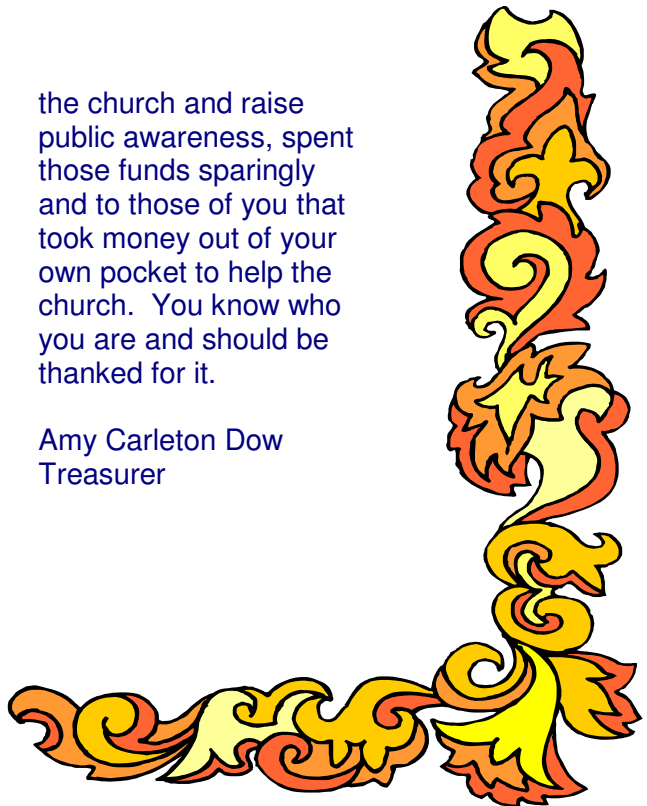


As I get ready for annual meeting this year, I am happy to see how hard we have all worked to keep our costs down and stick close to budget.

Although, we still are operating over income, I believe we have worked very hard to keep our spending as limited as possible. In this touch economy, it is an amazing feat. Thank you to all of you who worked hard to bring in funds for

the church and raise public awareness, spent those funds sparingly and to those of you that took money out of your own pocket to help the church. You know who you are and should be thanked for it.

Amy Carleton Dow
Treasurer



BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE



A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come

over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax.

Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Ecclesiastes 3:4

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Church Beautification News!

New NCC members, Mark and Pam Boutilier, along with Newmarket resident and local landscape architect, Elizabeth Dudley, have been approved by the Board of Trustees to begin work on installing a NCC Memorial Garden. The Memorial Garden will be located in the front yard of the church (eventually on both sides of the front steps) and will give members and community friends an opportunity to memorialize loved ones and friends through everlasting beauty through nature! Note: The existing tree, that the local Brownie troop planted in the 1970's, will remain undisturbed.

Elizabeth's professional plan and rendering will be displayed in the ves-

try. Elizabeth has graciously and generously donated her time to this project as well as \$200 towards "seed money" to get it started. The Boutiliers' weekly offerings will be dedicated to the garden as well. The estimated cost of the materials is \$ 2,000, including plants, soil amendments and supplies, for which a variety of fundraisers will be planned. Memorial gifts are encouraged. A plaque depicting individual donors and those memorialized will be part of the project.

Please see Mark or Pam or email: appledorearbor@netscape.com if you are interested in purchasing a memorial

plant and/or in contributing in any way (strong arms and backs for digging throughout the project will be appreciated too)!

Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry has a list of needs to be filled. You can bring these items by the Thrift Shop when they are open, or drop them off at the church.

Spaghetti Sauce

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| Juice | Mustard |
| Mayonnaise | Syrup |
| Ketchup | Beets |

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We're on the web!!
Newmarketchurch.org

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MILITARY PRAYER LIST

The following is a list of addresses for those in our church family and community who are serving in the military. For addresses please see Pam in the office or the Military bulletin board in the vestry.

TSGT Matthew M. Arsenault	Brian Dossett
Sergeant Jason Dumas	Specialist Adam Hatch
PFC Lance Henderson	SPC Darrel Losh
SGT Jody Donovan	Josh Arsenault
Jamie Bishop	PVT E-2 Ronald Fortier
SPC Darrel Losh	Michael A. Gazda
GSGT Anthony Hines, USMC	Tim Small

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers. Contact the church office to add names. Names will stay on the prayer list for 30 days, unless otherwise specified.

*Zimbabwe Churches Vernice Lucas Colvin Family
Betty Harclerode*

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