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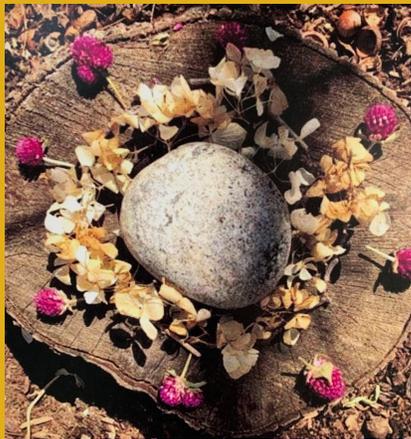
“One of the marvelous things about community

is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.”

– Jean Vanier, Community And Growth

Have you ever felt alone in a challenging situation only to find out later that others have traveled a similar path? Have you wanted to share your gifts or inspiration with others, but found no outlet? Have you dreamed of belonging to a group of people who thoughtfully and intentionally live a life of faith, hope, and justice? Join us for a three week worship series beginning **Sunday, November 7** entitled: *Building the Beloved Community* to explore what it means to live and build a community of faith.

Church Events



Moment for Mission

The collection for November is going to replenish the South Church Relief Society Endowment. This endowment quietly provides funds for people within our congregation, our local community, and our schools who find themselves financially challenged for one reason or another. Since we are only allowed to spend the interest from the endowment, it is important that we give generously to help grow and maintain the principal. Thank you for your anticipated gift and for the gifts that have previously been given.

To make a donation you can put your contribution in the offering plates on Sunday, mail checks to the church office or donate online by going to our [website](#) and choosing Monthly Missions.

Bakeless Bake Sale



The Genesis Circle is a Christian women's fellowship group that provides services to South Church and its community. We work hard to ensure the CAMEL program, the Women's birthday dinner, and educational programs are available to the congregation. Over the years, our annual fundraisers have been the Thanksgiving and Valentine's bake sales.

However, due to the the pandemic and safety concerns, we can not continue with our tradition again this year. This year, we are hosting a bakeless bake sale. Instead of baking, we are asking for a monetary contribution which will allow us to continue our mission with the hope that we can fill Fellowship Hall with tasty treats in the near future. If you are able, please consider donating to the Genesis Circle. All checks should be payable to Genesis Circle and mailed to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration,
Edie Dimick and Lorraine Fournier
Co-Presidents



Advent Booklet

Hope for Christmas Past, Present and Future written by Stephenie Hovland, celebrates the eternal gift of hope found in the past, present and future presence of Lord and Savior, Jesus! This booklet of daily Advent prayers focuses on the long ago promise of the coming of Christ, the present coming of Christ into our daily lives and the hope of Christ's glorious return and our eternal home. These prayers lift one's spirit throughout the Advent season with a daily reminder of the infinite ways God has, is and will continue to bless us all. These booklets are available in Fellowship Hall.

Advent Booklet for Families

Countdown to Christmas! Each family can create their own Advent centerpiece to count the days until Jesus' birthday. The



rhyming devotions in the sticker booklet add to the excitement and anticipation by retelling the biblical story of the prophets, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wisemen and the angels. Each Sunday, a flame-shaped sticker is added to one of the four Advent candles, brightening the Christmas countdown. These booklets are available in Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Poinsettias

Once again we will be celebrating, honoring and remembering our loved ones this Christmas season with flowers. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia, please fill out an order form available in the church office, Fellowship Hall or order [online](#). The cost of each plant is \$15. The deadline is **Friday, November 19**. Flowers and names will be displayed on for our Christmas Eve worship services.



Epiphany Tableau

This year we will performing *Once Upon a Manger* written by Tracy Wells. We will bring the story of the birth of Jesus to life! This easy-to-stage Christmas performance has a role for everyone, including members of the congregation! Guided by a storyteller, participants get in on the act in this memorable pageant celebrating Jesus' birth.

All children ages four and older are welcome to participate in this performance. Our first rehearsal will be on **Sunday, November 28** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Space located in Room #4. All children interested in participating in the Tableau should be present at this rehearsal. We will eat lunch together (bring a bagged lunch); read the script; and figure out who wants and does not want a speaking part. The performance

will be a part of the worship service
on **Sunday, January 9** at 10 a.m.



Amazon Smile

This holiday season, don't forget to support South Church through Amazon Smile. If you sign your Amazon account up with Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to South Church at no cost to you and no cost to the church! Contact the office with questions.

NH UCC Conference Events



Ecosystems of Compassion

On **Monday, November 15** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Becky Field and Will Hopkins will lead a discussion titled, Ecosystems of Compassion. Becky Field is a NH photographer and advocate for immigrant communities. Her photography illustrates that, while we may have very different backgrounds, we all have the same dreams for a safe home, good jobs, quality education, and freedom to practice our faith. However, few people know about her former life. For 25 years before picking up her camera, she was a federal wildlife ecologist and university professor. Studies of ecosystems and photography of diversity might seem worlds apart. Yet in this conversation with NH Peace Action director, Will Hopkins, they will explore the threads that connect our understanding of natural ecosystems and multicultural communities, with special focus on how interconnections can lead to greater compassion and peacemaking. To register for this event, click on this [link](#).



Film & Discussion

Watch the film, *The War Games* on **Tuesday, November 16** starting at 7 p.m. This 45-minute film depicts growing conflict between NATO and the USSR resulting a nuclear attack on Great Britain. World renowned film critic Roger Ebert gave the highest praise to *The War Game*. "*They should string up bedsheets between the trees and show 'The War Game' in every public park. It should be shown on television, perhaps right after one of those half-witted war series in which none of the stars ever gets killed. It should be shown to the leaders of the world's nuclear powers, the men who have their fingers on the doomsday button.*" Renowned noble laureate, Dr. Ira Hefland will answer questions following the film. To register for this event, click on this [link](#).



Horton Center

During the Annual Meeting, the conference staff was able to recap the 2021 Summer Camping Season. This includes speaking parts from Gordon Rankin, Tim Hughes, Tivvi Pare, plus a [video](#) featuring amazing photos and inspiring quotes from our campers! Be sure to check it out.

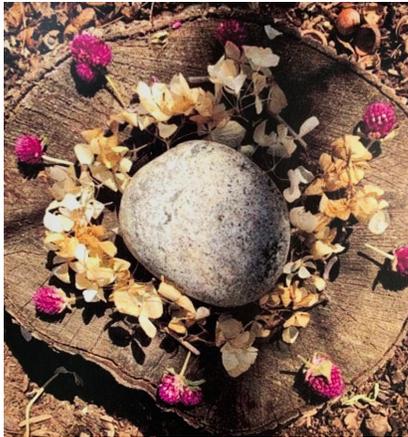
Community Events

A Million Thanks

Join the *A Million Thanks* organization in kicking off their Veteran's Holiday appreciation writing campaign! This allows us to thank those who have made daily sacrifices on our behalf. The goal is to collect 1,000 letters by the end of



November. Simply write a letter of appreciation and drop it off at Crossroads Chiropractic located at 556 Pembroke Street in Pembroke. The NH Chapter of *A Million Thanks* was founded by the reigning Miss NH Teen USA, Emilee Mills. Emilee has sent over 10,000 letters from her collections. For more information check out their [website](#).



Thanksgiving Baked Goods

The Crust and Crumb Baking Company is taking orders for Thanksgiving. Everything is hand-made from scratch using local ingredients. Orders must be placed and paid in full by **Friday, November 19**. Here is the [link](#) to ordering.

The next e-Lation will arrive on **Thursday, November 18**.
If you wish to add something to our newsletter,
please submit your article by **Monday, November 15** to Alison.

Don't forget we change our clocks on **Saturday, November 6**.

The images used in this e-lation! were created by students at Rundlett Middle School.
There are more images on display in Fellowship Hall.



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