

BARTLETT CHURCH NEWS

Bartlett Union Congregational Church

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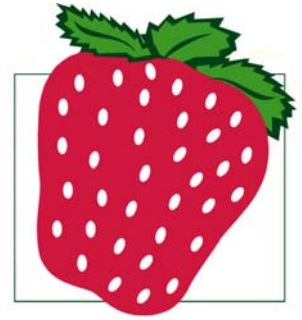
Independence Day Celebration

JULY 4 at 11:00 a.m. — The Independence Day Parade will take place in the village of Bartlett. Please pre-register your floats and other entries, as there will be judging and early entry is encouraged. Formation is up in the ball field at the north side of town. The parade marches down Main Street and to the park where there will be festivities. There will be a barbecue and the Bartlett Church will have their usual home-made strawberry shortcake booth. Please plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful day.



Strawberry Shortcake Booth

JULY 4 — Bartlett Church again offers their delicious home-made Strawberry Shortcake at the Fourth of July Bartlett Village Celebration. The Strawberries are fresh picked the day before by Church members. The biscuits are home baked by member Ben Howard who beats the whipped cream right on the spot. The dessert is a delicious work of art as well as yummy to eat and enjoy.



50's Street Dance



The 50's Street Dance will be held on Saturday evening, July 26, on the side street by the Church. The Church mice will be serving barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and sodas. They will have home-baked desserts of apple pie squares, brownies and cookies.

Dancing will be from 7:00 to 9:00 with music by DJ Kristin Corrigan. Tickets are \$5.00 a

person and \$3.00 for juniors and free under 5 years of age.

Ladies should dig out their poodle skirts and saddle shoes. Dungarees and tee-shirts are great for the guys. Come and join the fun.

*Will there be an Elvis sighting?
Come and see!*



Pastoral Search Committee Organizes

Bartlett Church's Pastoral Search Committee was formally organized on Sunday, June 15, with members Jean Garland, Don Linger, Nancy Wanek, Lee Coffield and Judi Coffield in attendance. Peter Pelletier and John Shaw served as advisors to the initial meeting. Don Linger was unanimously elected chair; Lee Coffield, secretary.

Under the direction of New Hampshire Conference, UCC Minister, Gary Schulte, we will prepare a church profile of ourselves as well as our wishes for a settled pastor.

We plan on polling the congregation to prioritize the qualities deemed most important in our new pastor. (i.e., preaching, outreach, youth work, theologian, "people" person, recruiter, etc.)

Our next step is to meet with Conference Minister Gary Schulte. For more information or suggestions, please contact any of the members of the committee.

Keep this committee and our church in your constant prayers.



**PASTORAL
SEARCH COMMITTEE**

SUMMER MESSAGES



“Faith Always Trumps Facts”

July 6, 2008 — Ephesians 3:14-21 & John 6:1-15

It makes a difference whether you're a *fact*-based thinker or *faith*-based thinker. Learn to see beyond your self-set limits and focus on God's infinite power.

“More Stuff is Never Enough”

July 13, 2008 — Luke 12:13-21

Most of us have too much “stuff”—to be paid for, cared for, or carried—so that we can't “seize the moment” and enjoy living.

“More Confidence and Assurance”

July 20, 2008 — Romans 8:12-25

You are a child of God – your playing small doesn't serve the world. Get beyond a “*thumbs-up*” confidence to discover that everything God has is YOURS!

“Life is Hard but God is Good”

July 27, 2008 — Romans 8:26-39 & Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Millions of self-help books tell us how to cope with life. That's not enough! God wants you to move from just coping to conquering.

“Give Your Best and Let God Do the Rest”

August 3, 2008 — Romans 9:1-5 & Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus fed the 5,000 with the help of his disciples. Jesus says: *“You provide the bread; let God take care of the miracle.”*

“Don't Give Up”

August 10, 2008 —
Matthew 14:22-33

I don't know what storm will rock your boat this week, or what storm you may be enduring at this very moment. But I know this: even as the storm rages around you, if you will listen very carefully with your heart, you will hear a gentle voice calling to you, *“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid. I'm still here.”* And in time the storm will pass. But Jesus will still be there.

“Where Do You Want to Go?”

August 17, 2008 — Matthew 15:21-28

Where you want to go requires having a plan, commitment to that plan, and an unfaltering belief that God will help you succeed.

“What's In It For Me?”

August 24, 2008 — Romans 12:1-8

True worship and spiritual living are not about a search for “*what's in it for me,*” but more about where we locate ourselves in relationship to the structuring power of God's grace and love. Are you ready to find that purpose God had in mind when he made you? Then, start thinking about using your God-given gifts in a purposeful way.

“Make Anger Work for You”

August 31, 2008 — Romans 12:9-21

Don't ever let anyone tell you that it is un-Christian to be angry. Like any emotion, anger is part of being human. However, there are appropriate ways to deal with anger:

- Count to Ten
- Channel Anger
- Commit your Anger to God.

You'll live longer, love more, and fulfill the law of God.



If you would like to serve as Liturgist during the Sunday Service, please speak to John Shaw. This usually involves leading in the

Responsive Call to Worship, Unison Invocation, and reading the First Lesson.



YOUTH CLUB'S SWIM & BARBECUE

A caravan will form after worship on Sunday, July 27, to journey down to Sylvia and John's place on Lake Winnepesaukee for a cookout and beach party. All youth, as well as their parents and friends, are invited.

For more information, please see Sylvia or John after worship – or phone, 603.476.2221

Honored on Father's Day

Father's Day at the Bartlett Church was a special Day. Pastor John asked all the Dads and Grand Dads how many children and grandchildren they had. The honor was given to BEVIN BARNES as he had the greatest number of children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren — *Eighteen!*. Congratulations to Bevin.

Birthdays

- July 10..... Charlie Anderson
- July 18..... Natalie Worrey
- July 23..... Bert George
- July 31..... Paul Coffield
- August 16 Bob Burcaw
- August 28 Alan Worrey



Anniversaries

- July 17Ernie & Beri Hiscox
- July 23John & Sylvia Shaw
- August 30.....Jim & Donna Iovino



NEW COMMUNION TABLE

A beautiful and functional Communion Table graces our Chancel. It is given by his family, in memory of Lt. Col. Henry Lowell Mead; United States Air Force; September 18, 1918 — December 12, 2007. We will start using it for Communion in July.

Music Department

Ellen Hayes, Music Ministry

The Choir has stopped their Friday rehearsals for the summer and will practice Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. before Church Worship Service.

Our choir has grown, and we hope that you will enjoy the music we select each Sunday.

The choir is currently composed of three Sopranos: Evelyn Bailey, Janet Green and Judith Botsford. There are two altos: Carol Santacrose and Nancy Lawson-Jacobs. The two tenors are Charles Anderson and Ernie Hiscox. Bill Botsford is our Bass. During the summer months while many are vacationing afar, we may have a smaller (*but, mighty*) choir. If you would like to join us for even a few summer Sundays, we would love to have you. Please give Ellen Hayes a call (397-7640)



Just the Men

A first at the Bartlett Church! A hymn sung by the men! They sounded super. The title of the Hymn was: *I am a Man.* Very appropriate for Father's Day.

...A word about Hymn Selections

In each service we attempt to bring together different genres of music in the selection of hymns. Each service usually begins with a contemporary "Praise Song." The middle hymn (usually taken from the *New Century Hymnal*) ranges from classical to gospel. We close with the *Spirit Song* which comes from the Roman Catholic tradition.



A Note from your Editor

Judith E. Botsford

Summer is finally here! Hooray! Hope that you are able to enjoy the summer. There are lots of fun things planned by our Church for members and friends, as well as town events for the summer months.

We kicked off the summer with the Memorial Day Parade and Celebration. Independence Day Celebration, with its great patriotic parade of floats and antique cars, winded its way to the park for a barbecue, strawberry shortcake and entertainment.

Next comes the annual 50's street dance on Church Street with a barbecue and dancing to DJ, Kristin Carrigan. An event you can't miss.....even if you don't dance, come and sit and watch the dancing and listen to your favorite oldies music.

Wednesday evenings in August feature enjoyable concerts. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music. The Church Mice will have their booth there for you to have a delicious treat while you listen to the music.

The summer tops off with our Church Booth being hauled down to Sandwich Fairgrounds to work the "Veggie Pocket" stand. This is a big fund raiser for our Church. We need lots of help! Please volunteer a shift. Please let me know (383-9554 or 662-5488)

We have decided to do a combination *BARTLETT CHURCH NEWS* for July and August for the summer and then will go back to monthly issues in the fall. Please take photos and send them to me for the newsletter whenever there is an event you would like to share in the newsletter.

Judy

School is out for the summer!

School is out for the summer! Be on the lookout for walkers, runners, bikers, and skate boarders on the roads.



Jackson—Bartlett Food Pantry

The Jackson and Bartlett Food Pantry operates Saturday mornings at the Glen Community Church from 10:00 to 12:00. The ladies who work the pantry are in need of the following items:

spaghetti sauce, canned goods, frozen meats and veggies, breads, rolls, snacks, toiletries, toothpaste, tooth brushes and shampoos.

Contacts are: Evelyn Bailey at 374-7549; Ellen Hayes at 397-7640; Brenda Medeiros at 383-9246; or, Donna Schiegoleit at 383-6408

HOSPITAL STAYS

— In order to serve all of our members and friends, please inform the Pastor of admittances to hospitals and nursing centers.

PASTOR'S HOURS

— John Shaw is usually in Bartlett on Monday, Friday and Sunday.

However, any time that he is needed, he will be available! While in Bartlett, John can be reached on his cell phone: 603-707-1430 or Bartlett Church's NEW office phone: 603-374-2795. His home phone in Moultonborough is: 476-2221.

Nursery/Child Care is available following the Children's Time. An usher or Deacon will assist you in finding the Child Care Room. Many thanks to Beri Hiscox for leading in Christian lessons and games.

Candy Treats for the children attending the Children's Time in worship have been provided by Nancy Lawson-Jacobs.

Bartlett Church was represented at the **New Hampshire UCC Annual Meeting** by Janet Green, Garry Roy and Pastor John Shaw



Sandwich Fair



The Sandwich Fair will be held on Columbus weekend, October 10-13. This year promises to be a very busy fair as the Fryeburg Fair will be over, thus we expect a much bigger crowd in attendance. Because of this prediction, we need to schedule a large crew for Saturday and Sunday. Our previous fair records show us that the year that the Fryeburg Fair was over we had the highest sales and income.

Judith and Bill Botsford and Greta George, staying in their motor home at the fairgrounds, will be on duty all four days. It isn't physically possible to work all those hours, thus we need lots of help. Once we close the fair for the evening, we still have to empty all the food containers, wash, put away cut-up veggies, plus scrub down the booth.....then we still have to go back to the RV and do the days cash-up and tally of food sold, so we have long days to work this fair. We have a joke....Bill, Greta and I "sleep quick" before we have to start again all over again. It really is a lot of fun working the booth at the fair. This is our fifth year working the Sandwich Fair.

These are the positions:

- Window- take orders and collect money
- Sandwich board
- Backup (slicing and dicing for sandwich board)
- Strawberry shortcake person
- Sandwich wrapper/add chicken person
- Window-pick up hand out food orders/drinks/napkins etc.

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On Saturday and Sunday we need 5 people all day just to keep the customer lines flowing. Each year we pick up a few new tips to make our sales go more smoothly. There will soon be a sheet on the table in the dining room to sign up for shifts. Please check your calendars.....clear a full day during that weekend and plan to help us out. All funds raised will help with our Church's expenses.

Bartlett Church Mice



The Bartlett Church Mice met at the home of Greta George on Tuesday, June 24, to plan for upcoming events for the summer season.

In attendance were:
President, Greta George,
Diane Anderson, Evelyn
Bailey, Carol Santacrose,

Ellen Hayes and Judith Botsford. Plans were finalized for the Fourth Annual 50's Street Dance to be held on Saturday, July 26, 2008.

A lengthy discussion of the Strawberry Shortcake booth took place. It will be held in the park on the 4th of July. Strawberries will be picked the day before at *Shatners fields* in North Conway. The ladies will spend much time in the Church kitchen preparing the strawberries.

Judy led the discussion on the Sandwich Fair booth to be held October 10-13, 2008. The sales will again be veggie pocket sandwiches and home-made strawberry shortcake along with sodas and water. The biggest issue at this point is ordering the food and obtaining enough help to work the booth for the busy weekend.

Meetings have been scheduled for the Church Mice to meet on Tuesday, July 15 and Tuesday, September 9. All ladies of the Church are invited to become "Church Mice" and join us.

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WHY BARTLETT CHURCH MUST GROW

A key factor in helping Bartlett Church attract the best pastoral leadership possible is the forward direction that our church is moving in the area of Church growth in worship attendance, youth and adult fellowship offerings, as well as our increasing role in the greater Bartlett Community. To help us accentuate the positives of our church, we first needed to know what our positives are! What has attracted those people we already have to our church? What makes us so special? How can we feature those qualities to potential new members and friends?

We retained the *Glen Group* to lead us in a self-study, as well as to prepare a marketing plan to help us reach our goals. We shall receive their report in the next week or so. The information gleaned will directly influence our programming, outreach and advertising. It will also help us formulate a Church Profile to be used in “selling” our church to potential Pastoral candidates.

The cost of this study has been met from three equal sources — (1) Our church’s regular income; (2) a generous challenge gift from one family; and, (3) the generous matching gifts from the following: Jean Garland, Greta George, Mike & Doris Kirk, John & Judy Ludgate, and Marion G. Owen. In addition, Jim and Joan Wood gave a generous gift in loving memory of Jim Wood, Jr.

Thanks to the youth and adults who participated in this survey. Thanks to you, our church is poised to spring ahead to a revitalized future in which much more than we ever dreamed is possible.