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Pastor John and Sylvia Shaw

Pastor John Shaw has served the Bartlett Union Congregational Church for the past year and our church has been so fortunate to have his great leadership. Pastor John has been such a great teacher to all of us in many ways. By his wonderful preaching, he has been able to increase the membership and the attendance at services. Because of his great leadership we have been able to have a growing youth group, junior choir, a web page, and many other wonderful programs from our church.



Pastor John and Sylvia live in Moultonboro and have commuted up to Bartlett two or more times a week for meetings, visitations, preparations and services. His preparation for Sunday worship service shows a lot of time at the computer as he did the bulletin insert and even enlarged it for those with vision problems. Using the internet, he has come up with some very different music for us to sing.

On Sunday morning as soon as they arrive in Bartlett, Sylvia makes a run to the corner store for hot coffee before coming to church. We see her in the kitchen helping out during coffee hour, and not to forget all the assistance she gave us during the February suppers in 2008.

The picture shown above was done by Dana Clemons and presented to Pastor John and Sylvia on the last Sunday before their departure for a two month vacation in Florida, visiting their children and grandchildren. A well deserved vacation and a chance to leave the snowiest part of the winter behind. We wish you a safe trip south and look forward to your return to the mountains.

BUCC Annual Meeting

Ben Howard, Moderator

Bartlett Union Congregational Church's Annual Meeting is slated for Sunday, January 18th at 11:15am in the dining room of the church.

Please put this on you calendar and plan to attend this important meeting.

Members and Friends of the church are all urged to attend.

Committee chairmen need to get their reports into the clerk as soon as possible to enable printing before the meeting.

The Bartlett Church has accomplished great things this year so please come and see for yourself.

Church Mice

Greta George, President

The ladies of the **Bartlett Church Mice** will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at the home of Greta George on Main Street across from the corner store at 2:00pm.

The ladies will be making plans for those Famous February Suppers that will be coming up soon. It takes a lot of planning and cleaning before the actual suppers begin.

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend this meeting.

Church Ministry

Seminarian, **Patricia Jackman** will preach at the Bartlett Church on the Sundays of January 4th and 11th.

We are currently looking for a new interim.

Christian Education

Judi Coffield

The Christian Education committee has planned a meeting after church on Sunday January 4th to discuss future youth group meetings. Pastor John was the instructor for our older kids. He related to them so well, as he did with all of us. Now we are in a mode of changing things a bit but want to continue what pastor John so modestly said he hadn't started.

We are all so very proud of our children's performances on Christmas Eve! We have Beri Hiscox to thank for the children's choir. The band played Silent Night and decided that they should play a different instrument. We appreciate their courage so much. As a matter of fact, we didn't have to push them at all to perform, they wanted to. They were awesome!

Beri, with Ellen Hayes' help, is continuing to have youth choir practice on Sunday mornings as well as Bible Study meetings at night. Thank you!

We will keep everyone apprised of up-coming youth group events.

Happy New Year!

Judi Coffield
Mary Miller
Lee Coffield

Music Department

Ellen Hayes, Organist and Choir Director

Bartlett Union Congregational Church is fortunate to have a great choir. Singing soprano is Janet Green, Evelyn Bailey and Judith Botsford; Altos, Nancy Lawson-Jacobs and Hope Dustin; Tenors, Charles Anderson and Ernie Hiscox; and bass is Bill Botsford.

We will soon be practicing music for the Lenten season and encourage others to join us. Choir practice is held every Friday afternoon at 2:30pm.

A Note from your Editor

Judith E. Botsford

It doesn't seem possible that we are already into 2009. This past year went by much too fast! Hope that you all had a great New Year.

As you can see, I have had to go back to the old format of newsletter. Pastor John has been a tremendous help in getting a "fancier" newsletter, but I just can't seem to get the hang of it myself and will plug along and try to the best I can and hopefully I will get the "hang of it" soon.

It is very important that everyone send me news for print as I can only send you what I receive. I plan to have the newsletter out the first of each month so please try to get your news to me by the last week of the month.

Newest Members

On Sunday, December 28th the Bartlett Church welcomed its newest members, **Ernest and Beri Hiscox**. Ernie is already a valuable member of our choir. Beri is leading the Thursday evening Bible study group as well as the choir director for the junior choir.

Bible Study

Bible Study is held at the church on Thursdays., January 8th 15th 22nd and 29th. The Bible Study is led by Beri Hiscox and begins at 6:30pm.

Invite your friends and neighbors to this informative inspirational event

Happy Birthday

Jan. 14 Gigi Miller
Jan. 18 Nancy Wiggin
Jan. 24 Nancy Lawson-Jacobs
Jan. 29 Gus Owen

Happy Anniversary

Jan. 6 Ray and Evelyn Bailey