

THE CENTER HARBOR LIGHT



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Special offering this month: "Blankets and Tools of Hope"

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God's Good Earth

It is time to remind you of a story that I told you very early on in my time here: I told the story of my father at 7 or 8 years old during the Great Depression. He was spending the summer on his grandparents' farm in the Texas Panhandle. Mary Ellen Dennis Hamilton, his grandmother, was a wonderful woman. She was warm and joyful, and she thought that all her grandchildren were just nearly perfect. She was a buddy, a confidant, a teacher, and the final source of information to end all quarrels between children.

One day my dad found himself in the middle of a muddy rainstorm with no cousins to play with. He slouched in from the front porch and plopped down on a chair in the kitchen and said to his grandmother, "I'm tired of this rain. I'm bored."

Suddenly, his grandmother jerked him to his feet and stared at him with her blue Irish eyes blazing. She said, "Now, you listen to me, young man! You are not now, nor will you ever be in my lifetime, permitted to be BORED! Don't you ever let me hear you say that word again. God made this great world and put animals and plants all over it under the dominion of man. He made mighty mountains and wide deserts and oceans and forests and waterfalls and put beautiful stars in the sky – and you have the unmitigated gall to say that you are bored with God's effort! Shame on you!"

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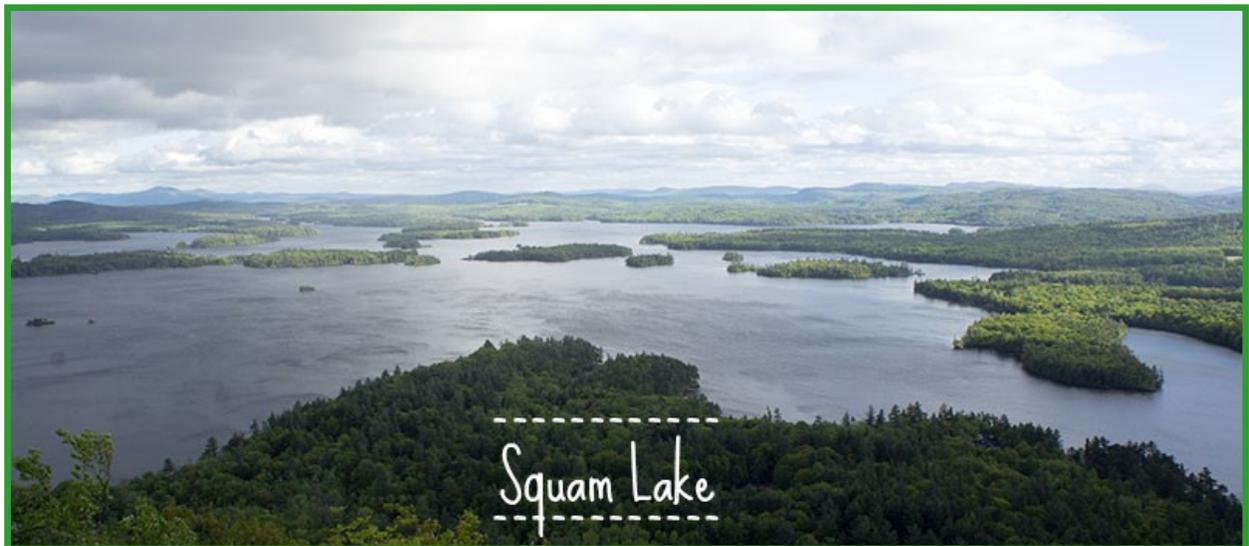
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Just as suddenly, the anger left her and she went back to her normal approach with children, explaining nature's mysteries. She told my Dad that spiders' mouths work sideways instead of up and down! Together they slogged out through the mud to the pump house and searched high and low until they found a spider, way up in the rafters. They carried the spider back into the house to investigate. Mary Ellen allowed my Dad the rare privilege of opening the library table drawer (which was usually off-limits to children) to get the big magnifying glass, and with it they looked at the spider's mouth. Sure enough, it opened sideways!

I remind us of this story now because spring is here, and the wonderful New Hampshire summer is just around the corner. We are blest to live in the most beautiful place on God's green earth. Enjoying the world around us is our sacred duty. Being fascinated by the wonders God has given us is a holy way to spend our time. God dares us to be amazed by this world and all that is in it.

So, as we spend time in the garden or on the lake or in the mountains or just under a shady tree, may we always remember the source of all good gifts, and never, ever be bored with God's Creation.

Pastor Cathy



News from the Mission Board!

Our **Blankets and Tools** offering supports the work of Church World Service, a faith-based agency supported by religious groups around the world. Church World Service also sets up the Crop Walk for Hunger each year which has raised millions of dollars over the years.

2020 was a challenging year, but many congregations stepped up and provided 101,472 Church World Service Blankets and Tools and Hygiene Kits to families impacted by the pandemic, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises including homelessness and poverty. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives. Many denominations partner with Church World Service, which works to support sustainable development, to meet emergency needs and assist refugees, to carry out the mission of caring and sharing, especially where people are struggling with disasters.

At home and abroad, when tornadoes, floods or fires hit in various places, items for immediate comfort and clean-up are shipped out of warehouses as soon as the need arises. Hundreds of blankets go to refugees, homeless and economically disadvantaged. All of these items are ready to be distributed because of the generosity of partner churches affiliated with Church World Service... all collected during the previous year.

Blanket the
world with
love
CWS



Tools and Kits are part of the items sent around the world with blankets. Tool kits include: basic farm tools, fishing tools, basic carpentry tools, basic tools for masonry, AND the training to use these tools correctly. We are part of this wonderful network of caring as we give this month to BLANKETS PLUS, spreading our gifts of love with others in this partnership where they are most needed.

Fred and Margee Doscher

CHCC 2018 Missions

January	The Christmas Fund (UCC)
February	Mission Trust Fund
March	One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)
April	New Beginnings
May	Blankets & Tools of Hope (Church World Service)
June	United Campus Ministry
July	Strengthen the Church (UCC)
August	Habitat for Humanity
September	Focus on Africa
October	Neighbors in Need (UCC)
November	Hunger
December	Alternative Christmas & Angel Tree

Food Pantry:

We in our congregation continue to collect groceries to deliver to both Meredith and Moultonborough food pantries. This food is very helpful to local folks trying to deal with insufficient food resources. Suggested items for the month are canned tuna and canned chicken. Any non-perishable item is welcome so please add something on each trip to the grocery store and the supplies for folks in need will build up. Leave groceries in the lounge at church (11:00 to 3:00) Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, or on Sunday morning.

News from the Mission Board cont.

Soup Kitchen:

The Center Harbor Soup Kitchen, part of our mission to the community has continued serving @ 40 meals/week. They are currently purchasing the meals from local restaurants which has eased the burden of cooking & packing, and is supporting local restaurants as well. We are helping to bag the meals and distribute them on the 4th Tuesday of each month. If you would like to help with this work, let Fred know: fred.doscher@gmail.com

2021 Mission Cumulative Giving through April 20:

Christmas Offering: \$115

Interlakes Community Caregivers: \$450

(This includes \$100 from the Chocorua Chapel that the Board gave to ICC during March)

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$2225

Our Church's Wider Mission: \$1625

New Beginnings \$305

Deacon's Fund: \$320



Your Mission Board: Pam Brown, Joyce Larson, Paula Young, John Eaton, Fred and Margee Doscher, Cathy Turrentine, Pastor.

Do you know about Qualified Charitable Distributions directly from an IRA?

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you are eligible to make Qualified Charitable Distributions directly from an IRA. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity (e.g., CHCC). QCD's can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income. Also, QCD's don't require that you itemize on your tax return. You can take advantage of the standard deduction and still use the QCD for charitable giving. Consult your IRA custodian (e.g., Fidelity, Schwab, etc.) and/or tax accountant for more information.

We Care, a Sandwich area coalition (including members from Meredith, Moultonborough, and Tamworth) invites you to explore a community gallery of resources for mental health support. As neighbors, we share our personal mental health journeys, music, artwork, poetry, stories and connections to our community and the natural world.

The link is:

bit.ly/wecaregallery

Virtual Reception via Zoom

Monday, May 3rd 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Getting to Know You - Abby and Emma Olden

Abby has spent her entire life living in New Hampshire (lucky lady). The daughter of Meg and Ken Greenbaum, she grew up in Moultonborough graduating from Moultonborough Academy. As a teenager, Abby was already interested in the medical field and became a licensed nursing assistant (LNA) working at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro during high school.

The next step for Abby was college at Salve Regina in RI where she graduated with her B.S. in Nursing. Life only became more complicated. She got a job at Franklin Hospital working three twelve hour shifts a week and enrolled at UNH to get her APRN degree. As she said, there was no free time for 7 ½ years. Abby became a Nurse Practitioner at Belknap Family Health in Meredith in 2010.

Abby's husband Brendan (her high school sweet heart) has always been her support team. He is a stone mason with his own business Branching Walls.

Brendan and Abby have a daughter Emma, who is 9 years old and in third grade at Interlakes Elementary School. Emma is learning French and Spanish in her world cultures class but likes art the best at school. When Emma is not in school, she likes lots of dance classes: tumble, jazz, hip hop, ballet and dance team competitions. They each meet weekly! This is how Emma has been making new friends for the past 7 years. Right now, she likes tumbling the best. Sometimes she builds forts in her room or skis with her family in her turquoise jacket (her favorite color).

In Abby's free time she hikes, XC skis, and enjoys jigsaw puzzles. The family always has a rescue dog. Pepper was a stray from Mississippi, a pit bull-cattle dog mix. The Olden family has a very busy life.

Emma, Abby, Brendan and Pepper



Take a Friend to Camp at Horton Center

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce an opportunity to take a friend to camp this summer at the Horton Center. Through the Bliss Fund, the CHCC pays 1/2 of the tuition for camp for every child in the church who attends 50% or more of the Sunday School program. Given that we have not had Sunday School for the past year, we are waiving the attendance requirement for children currently within the church congregation. To encourage more children to have a church camp experience, for this year only, we are also providing the opportunity to invite a friend to go to camp. We will extend the same 50% scholarship to that friend for one week. Information on the camp program at Horton Center can be found at <https://hortoncenter.org/summer-camp-sessions/>. Horton Center camp is open to children entering 3rd grade and above. Contact Norman Larson (603-387-2489) if you have questions about the scholarship or the camp.

We are again a **5 for 5** congregation!

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of
Congregational Church, Center Harbor

For your 2020 contribution of
Six thousand, one hundred fifty nine and 36/100

For Basic Support of
Our Church's Wider Mission
Changing Lives



John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ



Conference Minister



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Thank You!

To the members of
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for being a **5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2020**.

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.



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Books 'n Bites

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm**. During these continued social distancing times, our meeting will still be held via Zoom, but hopefully we can meet in person again soon. Join us to share your recommendations for books that you've read and enjoyed. Everyone is welcome and, even remotely, a good time awaits!

If you'd like to participate, please contact Jill Morton.

For the love of books!



Board and Committee Meeting Minutes Available

Minutes of all board and committee meetings are always available to all church members by contacting our secretary. If you do not have access to electronic mail, you may request a printed copy.

Open Meeting Policy

All board and committee meetings of the church are always open to any church member.



Birthdays



- 05/02 Kaylee Smith
- 05/08 Pam Hulkow
- 05/17 Caitlyn Curran
- 05/22 Tyler Manville
- 05/22 Jeff Koniszewski
- 05/24 Priscilla Manville
- 05/29 Dave Ostroth
- 05/31 Emma O'Hearn

Anniversaries



- 05/23 David and Leslie Crane
- 05/28 Phil and Rachelle Smith

We apologize if we missed anyone. Please let us know if you want to be added to the list(s).

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day and in 1914 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday.



Spring Clean-Up

Many thanks to all of you for your work in cleaning the grounds of God's House. It really looks great. It was wonderful to see so many people rally to the cause and give up part of their day to help beautify the area. Thanks again and God's Blessings to everyone.

Don Edwards



Congratulations!

2021 Graduates

Nancy Leighley's grandson, **Connor McGinley**, is graduating from Boston College.



Holly Fair Crafting is Underway

Please contact Su Mansur if you can help



Springtime Wreath



Warm Winter Scarf



Pocket Prayer Quilt



Christmas Pillows



Bookmarks



Outdoor Placemats



Tall Fabric Boot Trees



Fabric Pillows



Eggshell Ornaments



Christmas Ornament



American Girl Doll Outfit



See what crafters are preparing for Holly Fair 2021





Belknap County Department of Corrections



Wish List

We are looking for clothing items to assist with community re-entry success. **Please help out if you can!**

Men's Clothing

Jeans: sizes 32-34-36

Color Tees: sizes large and extra large

Crew neck Sweatshirts: size medium, large and extra large

Work shoes/boots: any size in good condition

New packages of socks and underwear: any sizes

Ladies' Clothing

Jeans: size large and extra large

Tops: sizes large and extra large

Shoes: any size in good condition

New packages of socks and underwear: any size

Arrangements have been made to have all donations picked up here.

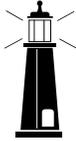
(A donation box is in Gilpatric Hall)

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Mar 21</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 21</u>
Income		
OPERATING INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATIONS		
4010 · PLEDGES	5,600.00	16,695.60
4015 · REGULAR GIVING	550.00	950.00
4020 · LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS	<u>27.00</u>	<u>227.00</u>
Total CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPERATIONS	6,177.00	17,872.60
Church Use, Interest, Gifts		
4030 · CHOCORUA CHAPEL	100.00	100.00
4035 · USE OF CHURCH	<u>850.00</u>	<u>2,810.00</u>
Total Church Use, Interest, Gifts	<u>950.00</u>	<u>2,910.00</u>
Total OPERATING INCOME	7,127.00	20,782.60
NON-OPERATING INCOME		
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS		
4065 · OCWM	345.00	1,212.00
4070 · OGHS	2,025.00	2,225.00
4095 · DEACON'S FUND	125.00	240.00
4125 · CHRISTMAS FUND	<u>0.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Total CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS	2,495.00	3,852.00
Miscellaneous Income		
4168 · I.L. COMMUNITY CAREGIVERS	40.00	255.00
4166 · STORE TO DOOR	0.00	0.00
4163 · Carillon Repair	100.00	420.00
4180-Scholarship Fund	0.00	2,500.00
4185-Mission Trust Fund	4,740.00	4,740.00
1155-Church Fund	0.00	1,251.00
4206 · Miscellaneous Income	245.00	245.00
4160 · VILLAGE PRESCHOOL.	3,040.00	9,447.66
4205 · STAFF CHRISTMAS PRESENT	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>8,165.00</u>	<u>19,008.66</u>
Total NON-OPERATING INCOME	<u>10,660.00</u>	<u>22,860.66</u>
Total Income	<u>17,787.00</u>	<u>43,643.26</u>
Gross Profit	17,787.00	43,643.26

Expense	Mar 21	Jan - Mar 21
OPERATING EXPENSES		
MINISTRIES EXPENSE		
PASTORAL EXPENSE		
5010 · PASTOR SALARY	1,294.54	5,788.38
5015 · HOUSING	2,490.84	5,567.76
5020 · PENSION	674.37	2,023.11
5030 · TRAVEL EXPENSE	428.54	1,285.62
5031 · IN LIEU OF SS PAYMENT	<u>289.62</u>	<u>868.86</u>
Total PASTORAL EXPENSE	5,177.91	15,533.73
MUSIC EXPENSE		
5050 · ORGANIST	1,014.54	3,043.62
5065 · ORGAN/CARILLON/PIANO SERVICE	<u>1,125.00</u>	<u>1,125.00</u>
Total MUSIC EXPENSE	<u>2,139.54</u>	<u>4,168.62</u>
Total MINISTRIES EXPENSE	7,317.45	19,702.35
INSURANCE, MISC FEES		
5130 · WORKER'S COMP	<u>0.00</u>	<u>65.00</u>
Total INSURANCE, MISC FEES	0.00	65.00
OFFICE EXPENSE		
5045 · Payroll Expenses	255.45	828.36
5139 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	212.49
5140 · OFFICE EXPENSES & SUPPLIES	61.48	110.83
5145 · SECRETARY	379.44	1,513.68
5155 · POSTAGE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>165.00</u>
Total OFFICE EXPENSE	696.37	2,830.36
UTILITIES EXPENSE		
5170 · OIL	601.89	1,923.47
5175 · ELECTRICITY	192.00	671.00
5190 · TELEPHONE	<u>216.47</u>	<u>642.17</u>
Total UTILITIES EXPENSE	1,010.36	3,236.64
MAINTENACE EXPENSE		
5195 · EQUIP/BUILDING REPAIR/MISC	108.00	1,359.00
5200 · CLEANING SERVICE	320.00	1,040.00
5210 · SNOW PLOWING	1,050.00	1,600.00
5225 · SECURITY SERVICE	<u>0.00</u>	<u>354.00</u>
Total MAINTENACE EXPENSE	<u>1,478.00</u>	<u>4,353.00</u>
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	10,502.18	30,187.35

NON-OPERATING EXPENSE	Mar 21	Jan - Mar 21
CHURCH OUTREACH/MISSION PAYOUTS		
5235 · OCWM..	0.00	3,469.00
5240 · OCWM MATCHING	3,469.00	3,469.00
5245 · OGHS..	0.00	411.00
5250 · OGHS MATCHING	411.00	411.00
5290 · NEIGHBORS IN NEED (N.I.N)	0.00	305.00
5300 · NIN MATCHING	305.00	305.00
5315 · STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH..	0.00	300.00
5316 · STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH MATCHING	300.00	300.00
5320 · CHRISTMAS FUND..	0.00	155.00
5325 · XMAS FUND MATCHING	155.00	155.00
CHURCH OUTREACH/MISSION PAYOUTS - Other	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total CHURCH OUTREACH/MISSION PAYOUTS	4,740.00	9,380.00
MISC. EXPENSE		
5400 · SCHOLARSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIP TRUST	0.00	2,500.00
5415 · VILLAGE PRESCHOOL..	<u>1,944.94</u>	<u>6,270.32</u>
Total MISC. EXPENSE	<u>1,944.94</u>	<u>8,770.32</u>
Total NON-OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>6,684.94</u>	<u>18,150.32</u>
Total Expense	<u>17,187.12</u>	<u>48,337.67</u>
Net Income	<u>599.88</u>	<u>-4,694.41</u>



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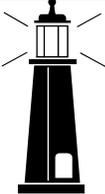


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All are Welcome on Sundays

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

"May: the lilacs are in bloom.
 Forget yourself." —Marty Rubin



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