North Church takes this opportunity to congratulate its High School Graduates!

Portsmouth High School Class of 2010

Hannah Leach, daughter of Marcia and Randy Leach, granddaughter of Joyce Browning. Hannah will attend the University of New Hampshire.

Lisa McDevitt, daughter of Julie and Jim McDevitt, graduated 9th in the class and will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Eric Mauer, son of Lisa and Rick Mauer, graduated 10th in the class and will attend the University of Delaware.

Nathan Jones, son of Deb and Gene Jones, grandson of Russ Brightman, will attend Wake Forest University.

Exeter High School Class of 2010

Sarah Pardus, daughter of Sandy and Chris Pardus, will attend Goucher College.

Suitcases are Filled!
Thank you to so many of the North Church members and friends for donating to "Betty's Suitcases". Your generosity has been significant through donations of general medical supplies, school supplies, items for children, women, and men. In fact, over 50 neckties have made it into the suitcase!

The Mission Committee has donated funds to purchase other items for the Marondera Church. It is hoped to purchase a digital camera with which pictures can be shared between our churches. Pastor Dawn has purchased a book for Pastor Fredrick. Carolyn Layton is working her magic with the needle and thread for a "gift" to take. And I have been working on infant blankets and a knitted lap throw. I have also collected a variety of children's books. And the list seems to grow with each day.

I am allowed to take three suitcases of 50 lbs. each because we are traveling with missionary status. One will serve for my personal items and the other two will hold all these items that you have so graciously contributed. My sincere thanks, Betty Gilman

NORTH CHURCH WOMEN

At a recent board meeting of the North Church Women, the 2010-11 program year was planned. In the fall a program schedule, circle and collation information will be mailed to every woman of the North Church Family. If you have an interesting idea for a program it isn't too late to suggest it to President Phyllis Lundgren. Several programs are planned for the evenings so it looks to be an interesting year.
New Books in the Library
Each year $200 is available from the Feaster Book Fund to purchase books for the Library. The titles are generally chosen by our Librarian, Betsy Kinner, in consultation with various other people including me, Pastor Dawn. This year I asked to order all the books and Betsy graciously let me. For the most part I have chosen titles that help the reader begin to grasp the language current in the world of theology and practice, offer insight into questions such as “What does post-modern Christianity mean?” “What is the Emergent Church Movement—should we care and what might it offer us?” Other books are biographical or invitations to consider the spiritual life. Some of these books would be happy on the beach; others will require a little more focus. You will find them together in the Library soon. I look forward to some conversation and perhaps the opportunity to do a book discussion on occasion. Happy Reading! ~Dawn

By Brian D. McLaren
A New Kind of Christian (Book One)
The Story We Find Ourselves in (Book Two)
Last Word and the Word After That (Book Three)
A Generous Orthodoxy
A New Kind of Christianity

By Phyllis Tickle
The Great Emergence

By Diana Butler Bass
Christianity for the Rest of Us
A People’s History of Christianity

By Phil Snider & Emily Bowen
towards a Hopeful Future: Why the Emergent Church id Good News for Mainline Congregations

By Joan Chittister, OSB
Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is
Called to Question: A Spiritual Memoir

By Karen Armstrong
A History of God: The 4000 Year Quest for Judaism, Christianity and Islam

By Barbara Brown Taylor
An Altar in the World

Food Pantry Needs
The supply of tuna is very low. Suggestions are small flip top cans of fruit or 4 packs of plastic cups of fruit, Vienna sausage, small cans of flip top canned meat, spam, corned beef, deviled ham, sardines, crackers.
Dear Members and Friends of the North Church of Portsmouth:

At the Annual Meeting of the North Church of Portsmouth on May 16, 2010 we heard a report of the Finance Committee regarding the approximate $150,000 loan balance for the restoration of our Market Square Church. There were several options discussed and reported, which included:

- Paying off the loan with trust funds,
- Rolling the balance into the proposed Spinney Road project,
- Make the payments part of the annual budget,
- Other similar methods.

The Finance Committee through brainstorming had the idea to ask the North Church Women to donate $50,000, which they graciously and unanimously approved. Then to secure $50,000 from the trust funds, with the final $50,000 to be raised in a pay off the loan fund drive amongst the membership. These ideas were presented at the Annual Meeting by Phil Pettis. This drive has already received five sacrificial pledges, one for $5,000, two for $1,500, and two for $1,000, totally $10,000 to date, and $6,000 of this is already paid! Your pledge, which we understand will require an element of sacrifice no matter what its amount, will make a difference in this effort.

After nearly an hour of very good conversation, looking at the pros and cons to go forward with this proposal the final vote was to proceed as presented. I need to say that I have been a member of North Church for more than two-decades and I have never seen such a thoughtful, respectful, and meaningful discussion to assure we complete this project before we start another.

I wish to thank the North Church Women for their donation to this cause, I wish to thank the Cabinet and the Finance Committee for their tireless work in developing a plan that I feel we can come together and complete this project, and lastly I wish to thank you for your understanding and willingness to complete this project and celebrate the unity that our Church has, especially as seen in these discussions at our Annual Meeting.

Enclosed is your pledge card, on behalf of the Cabinet and the church, I hope you will do all you can to help with this effort. It is my sincerest desire to announce no later than December of this year that we have completed the Market Square Steeple restoration project, from the first day of the campaign to paying off the outstanding debt!

Thank you, and in Faithful Service, Richard A. Mason, Chair North Church Cabinet

When the Pastor is on Vacation

Pastor Dawn will be on vacation for a week, July 1—July 5 and later for two weeks, August 16—August 29. Guest preachers will provide Sunday services and area clergy will provide emergency coverage during a serious illness, accident or following a death. Please call Melissa at the church office Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM or call Deacon Brenda Delfino at 275-9000.

Other Staff Vacations

Melissa will be out of the office July 7 and July 12-13.
Paul will be out of the office July 6-16 and August 2—13.

Other staff vacation dates may occur.
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**Welcome Betty Gilman back from Zimbabwe!**

| **September 5: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** |                                    | 10:00 | Market Square Sanctuary   | Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philippians 1:21; Luke 14: 25-33             |

**July 21 & Aug 18**

8am

Café Espresso

![MEN'S FELLOWSHIP](image)
Stewardship Update! The Stewardship Committee thanks the 84 people/households that have made a written pledge in support of the work and mission of North Church for the 2010-2011 year. Your written commitment is vital to the work of the Finance Committee in its effort to develop an accurate budget based on the contributions of members and friends. As of June 28, 2010, those people listed below have made their written commitments for a total of $99,550. Only $10,450 to go to reach our minimum goal of $110,000! Together we can surpass this minimum! Can’t find your pledge card? We can get you another one! Or you can tear off the form below and send it in!

If you have never made a written commitment to the church before—perhaps you are a new or prospective member or simply would like to better understand why it is important to put it in writing and would like to understand the process better, please speak with either David Greer or Janet Cushing of the Stewardship Committee, or with Pastor Dawn. Thank you all for supporting your church in these challenging financial times.

Sylvia Alden   Jean Erickson   Phyllis Irish   Barbara Long   Alan & Melissa Robinson
Leo Appel     Marty Fernald    Deb Brightman Jones  Knute & Phyl Lundgren  Rodney & Barbara Robinson
Miriam Bailey  Mike & Sue Foye  Irene Kelley       Ken & June Lurvey     David Sanderson
Charles & Pat Beatty  Mark & Mary Furber  Paul Kelley      Harold MacLean     Mabel Sargent
Fred & Cathy Bisset  Elizabeth Gilman    Sandy Kern       Rick & Kathy Mason     Dawn Shippee
Barbara Bolko  Mark & Lizbeth Good  Peter & Betsy Kinner  Don & Ahdra Moore    Janet Taylor
Glenvia & Paul Brown  Betty Goodrich   Russell & Dorothea Knox  Ellie More       Barbara Toomire
Mary Louise Brozena  Omar Gordon   Bill & Claris Lacey     Betsy Murphy     Russell & Barbara VanBilliard
Cal & Betsy Canney  Ted Gray        Mark & Pauline Lampert  Ellen Nickerson     Jeremy Waldron
Edwin Clark  David Greer     Elizabeth LaPage     June Parker       Bill & Connie Warren
John & Jean Crist  Ann Grimbilas  Betty Larsen      Sue & Dan Parr     Jon & Gloria Wennberg
Mildred Dennett  Tom & Christine Groeleau   Herbert & Roberta Larson  Marjorie Perkins  John & Pat Wolfe
Les Dorr       Harold Hapgood    Andrew & Judith Layton   Priscilla Pettis  Ralph & Barbara Woodman
Mary Ann Drapcho  Richard & Barbara Hay  Nancy Layton  Louanne Pratt  Ralph Woodman Sr.
Shirley Edmunds  Norm & Betty Henderson   Robert & Carolyn Layton  Martha Rahn   Joanne Coleman Yeaton
Daniel & June Ellis  Clifton & Charlene Hodgdon  Dorothy Lee   Anita Rice
William & Lillian Elwell  Shirley Hodgdon  Nancy Lehoux      James & Judy Ringer
Jim & Nicole Enright  Dorothy Hoyt   Walter Littlefield    Ken Ritcey

“From Jesus’ fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”
John 1:16

FOR CHURCH RECORDS

Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State __________ Zip Code ___________

I plan to give beginning ____________________________ each □ week □ month
for an annual total of $ ____________________________

□ I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date: ____________________________

With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

I plan to give ________ beginning ____________________________ each □ week □ month

Each: □ week □ month

Annual Total ____________________________

God is still speaking.

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
OSCAR

School
In Our Thoughts & Prayers

We keep in our prayers those impacted by the environmental disaster in the Gulf of Mexico and those that continue to struggle in these difficult financial times. In August Navy E-2 Marley Conway will be deployed to northern Afghanistan. We keep Marley and all those who serve this country in our prayers. When we have an address for Marley, we will make it available.

Our prayers for healing and comfort are with those recuperating from surgery and those and those struggling with illness, including Joanne Coleman Yeaton, Betty Larsen, Priscilla Eames, Jackie Davis, and others in our congregation, families, and community.

We pray that all our travelers have safe and happy journeys and return refreshed from their sabbath time.

In the quieter summer months, though they have their own sort of hectic nature, may each of us take the time to brighten the life of those we know who are homebound or living in residential facilities. A card, a call, a visit will always be welcomed.

United Church of Christ : Emergency USA Fund
(a One Great Hour of Sharing Fund)

Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, ice storms, chemical spills - disasters occur regularly in the United States and Puerto Rico. Often these disasters escape media attention. Gifts to the Emergency USA Fund enable the UCC to go the "extra mile" in responding to hidden disasters.

Gifts to the Emergency USA Fund may be designated for specific disasters (i.e. Gulf Oil Spill, Midwest Floods, Spring Storms) and will be used as requested. If you have been looking for a way to respond to the Gulf Oil Spill, this is an appropriate avenue. If you wish to donate through the church, simply write your check to North Church with Emergency USA in the memo line. You may also donate online at www.ucc.org

Next Bellman

The next issue of the Bellman will be the September newsletter. Articles for this Bellman will be due in by August 30th.

If the office has a copy of your completed pledge form and you requested offering envelopes are now available in the Parish House Foyer. If you have not turned in your pledge form yet you’ll find one on page 5 for you!
North Church of Portsmouth Presents:
The 27th Season of:

Music in Market Square

Fridays at Noon inside the Market Square Sanctuary

July 9 ~ Piscataqua River Brass
July 16 ~ Artful Noise String Trio
July 23 ~ Petra Pacaric, soprano
July 30 ~ Katelyn Emerson, organ
August 6 ~ Gary Sredzienski, accordion
August 13 ~ USAF Bay State Winds
August 20 ~ Terrie Harman, organ
August 27 ~ Judy Ringer, soprano

Bring your lunch and be entertained by local artists.
No Charge for Admission (donations are gratefully accepted)
From the Pastor

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. ~ Ecclesiastes 3. 1-8~
This familiar passage from the Wisdom literature of the Hebrew Scripture is appropriate in just about any season of life, but I’ve often thought it connected to summer in a special way. Why?
Because this is the season, at least in New England, that long summer days and, I pray, some opportunity for every person to take at least a short time to rest, relax, and recreate offer us a moment to contemplate the meaning of time in our personal, family and corporate lives. This passage helps us keep the realities of our lives in perspective. And perspective is vital to the life of all faithful people because faith is strengthened when we remember that we live in two times at the same time, the life of this very day and the mystery of God’s time.
I pray that summer brings you time and perspective, re-creation and joy. I pray that you remember that in all time you are surrounded by the love of God which is timeless.
Sabbath blessings, Pastor Dawn

ADDITIONAL HYMNALS CONTRIBUTED
The Music Committee thanks those who continue to purchase new hymnals. In addition to those noted in previous Bellmans the following gifts have been made. We are well on our way to having the next 100 hymnals that we would like to have to provide adequately for both worship spaces. If you would like to place an order please call the office for an order form. Thank you!

Ken & June Lurvey In Honor Of their children
Ken & June Lurvey In Honor Of their grandchildren
Lee & Leo Appel In Honor Of Karen, Nick & Justin Brown
Jackie Davis In Loving Memory Of Heather Wennberg-Vogt
Jim & Rhonda Davis In Loving Memory Of Heather Wennberg-Vogt
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Anyone game for a Fisher Cats Baseball Outing?* Fisher Cats vs. Binghamton Mets!
Faith & Family Night: Thursday, July 15, 2010 – 7:05 PM
(Pre-Game Festivities 5:30 - 7 PM)
Group Tickets**: 4/$40 ~ $10 each, (package includes ticket price, food voucher good for hot dog, chips and a small fountain drink)
Pre-Game Festivities include: Free T-shirt to 100 lucky participants, Take part in Baseball Chapel, Exclusive Question and Answer session with Fisher Cats Players and Team Chaplain, Giant Flag Ceremony, Photo opportunity with Fisher Cat Mascots, Fireworks Show following the game!
*Please sign up by contacting Mary Ann by 7/11
**North Church group ticket price

Church Picnic ~ Food, Fun & Sun! July 11, 1 PM:
Great Island Common, New Castle
Please pack place settings, bring a dish to share, chairs, friends and family!
No later than July 7, please sign up on the bulletin board at the Parish House or contact Mary Ann (Rain Date: July 18, 1 PM)

Living our Promise
Here at North Church, we make a promise at each baptism.

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gifts of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and are to the one about to be baptized, as he/she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Will you help keep and live our promise? We need Teachers, Youth Advisors and Helpers to complete teams for our 2010 – 2011 Church School and Youth Ministry programs. Our Director of Parish Life provides complete lesson plans and on the job training. No experience, just kindness necessary. Please prayerfully consider what you may do, and contact Mary Ann. Thank you.

Wee Worshipers teachers: twice monthly
Preschool helper: twice monthly,
First and Second Grade Team Teacher: twice monthly
Third and Fourth Grade Team Teacher: twice monthly
Fifth Grade Team Teacher: twice monthly
Junior High Youth Advisor: twice monthly

Please join a team from North Church this summer in painting a Habitat for Humanity House!

Save the Date...for God’s Sake!
Rally Day
Sunday, September 12th
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Parish House
Mark your calendar and join us for our annual Church Rally Day! Hear what’s planned for the year, including some exciting new ideas for the church school program that the kids will love.

Everyone is welcome as we kick off the season in style!
NORTH CHURCH OF PORTSMOUTH

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Market Square, Portsmouth, NH 03801

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Portsmouth, NH 03801
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Sunday Worship
9:00 a.m. Parish House Chapel
10:30 a.m. Market Square Sanctuary

Fellowship Time
Following 9:00 a.m. service at Parish House

Church School
10:00 am Parish House (Sept - June)

North Church Staff
Pastor: Reverend Dawn A. Shippee
Director of Parish Life: Mrs. Mary Ann Drapcho
Administrative Assistant: Ms. Melissa Wilson
Director of Music Ministry: Mr. Nathan Amsden
Custodian: Mr. Paul Gobbi
Office Hours: M – Th. 9am - 3pm. Closed Fridays.

NORTH CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of the North Congregational Church Family, a loving and compassionate people of faith, gathered to worship God, accept our responsibility to seek justice for all God’s people.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit we resolve to share the Word of God with those seeking spiritual growth.

Following Christ’s teachings and example, we accept and embrace the challenge of a changing church community, nation, and world as we strive to live out our faith.

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