

**1st Congregational Church of Pembroke, UCC
301 Pembroke St.
Pembroke, NH 03275**

September 25, 2011

GATHERING TIME: 9:40-10:00

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE:

Welcome/Greeting

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Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2, pg. 524

WE PROCLAIM:

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Invocation

Anthem: The Heavens Are Telling Beethoven

Scripture: Deut. 30:11-20, pg. 147

Children's Time/Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #586, Open My Eyes That I May See

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Message: "Priorities & Values"

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CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 25	10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School & High School 2pm Merrimack Association Meeting
Mon., Sept. 26	6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Wed., Sept. 28	6pm BSA
Thurs., Sept. 29	6pm Cub Scouts – PH 6pm “AA” Group – MR
Sat., Oct. 1	3pm Memorial Service
Sun., Oct. 2	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School 6pm Cub Scouts – PH
Mon., Oct. 3	6:30pm Girl Scouts - PH
Tues., Oct. 4	7pm Church Council
Wed., Oct. 5	6pm BSA – PH
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Prayers for family of Ruth Johnson (Manuela Shuey's Grandmother) – who passed away

Prayers for the family of Warren Wheeler – who passed away

Stephen Ricci – a kidney issue and stage 3 lung cancer

Alyssa LeMay's friend Carl, 80, who is having a knee operation.

Rick Hochsprung – as he seeks new employment (loss of job)

Betty Jacobs – in Concord Hospital

Ruth Fay (Rev. Jim's friend) – undergoing cancer treatment

Ruth Johnson – Manuela Shuey's maternal grandmother- in Concord Hospital after suffering a stroke

Floyd Smith – stomach issues

Stef Curry's uncle, Eddie – terminal cancer

Asia, 9 & Ben, 32 – medical concerns (siblings of Alyssa LeMay's friend, Amelia)

Frances Maffucci – medical concerns

Athena Petrin's younger brother (and others) struggling with addictions

Evelyn Hoyt (Barbara Matava's sister-in-law) – colon cancer

Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old

Granddaughter - continued prayers for them as they continue to slowly recover from a bomb blast.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps, Helen Chapman and Harold Matava served as ushers. Eric Pearson read the scripture.

PLEASE JOIN US in the Parish hall for fellowship and refreshments hosted by the Choir.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is the **2nd Sunday of the month.** Especially needed are: tuna, spaghetti's, Raman Noodles and Macaroni & Cheese. Food donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

OUR FAMILY'S TABLE, the local soup kitchen serves meals every **Wednesday at 5:30pm.** Contact Pat Hill 485-4790 if interested in volunteering.

VISIONS OF VITALITY FOR OUR CHURCHES ...

You are invited to join Rev. Jim at a talk by the Rev. Dr. Mary Louise Gifford on Wednesday, September 28, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Brookside Congregational Church, 2013 Elm St., Manchester. She will address clergy and lay leaders on issues of vitality in our churches.

IF YOU HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS for the church, both to project on the screen before worship and to include in the print announcement sheet, please get them to the church office by Wednesday noon.

FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

Donations of flowers are always welcome for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**October**), Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (November) and Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (December).

THE SECRETARY will be in the office **8am-12noon** on **Sept. 26-30th**.

Come Teach Sunday School

We have restructured the way we are teaching this year! This year we will be planning our Power Xpress units as Teacher Teams.

What's new:

- We will be meeting before each unit as a team
- We can help you plan your lessons
- You will have more direct support from your shepherd (CE committee member).
- Teaching commitments can be anywhere from one week to four weeks.
- You get to choose what rotation (art, storytelling, science, music, cookery, video) you want to teach at the team meeting.
- You get to choose which age group you want to teach (Pre-k – 2nd grade or 3rd -5th grade).

The following are the dates and that we need teachers for:

October – Unit: Jacob

10/8 _____

10/15 _____

10/22 _____

10/29 _____

November – Unit: The Beatitudes

11/5 _____

11/12 _____

11/19 _____

11/26 _____

If you are able to teach, please put your name on the line next to one or more of the dates of your choosing and place it in the offering plate or give it to a member of the CE committee!

Thank you for helping us teach God's Word to our kids!
The CE committee,
Peter Chase, Tad Curry, Amanda Hall, and Abby Morrison

Praise Guitar Class



Teacher: Marie Mehegan

Certified with Fretboard Fellowship

Learn to play the guitar for the glory of God.

For age 12 to adult

In “Praise Guitar Made Easy” classes we learn:

- **12 chords**
- **Playing over 30 hymns and choruses**
- **3 basic strum patterns**
- **How to use a capo**

Class meets for about an hour on Thursdays at 6:30

The cost is \$100 for 12 weeks of classes, plus \$25 registration fee that covers the cost of the book.

Classes start on October 20. Registration is due Oct. 10



For more information or to register contact me at:
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