

THE MESSENGER

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, UCC; 301 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, NH 03275-3234

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Off and Running!

The school year has begun with a bang around our church!

- This “old dog” pastor is having to learn “new tricks” to accompany enhanced vital, and authentic worship!
- A new middle school class is getting rave reviews from the youth.
- The Worship Vitality Team has created an exciting series of Sundays this fall focused on what we truly “hunger and thirst for” in our lives and the fulfillment that our faith offers.
- Hearing devices are available from the head usher, Dean Hopps, which allow users to control their own volume and sit where they like.
- Begun over the summer, our monthly “church night” at UNO’s continues and provides good food, fellowship, and 20% of your bill gets credited to the church! (Oct. 12th is “our night”)
- If you also purchased a Scrip Card for UNO’s, then another 12% benefits the church! (see article below on Scrip)
- Some 8 women from our church attended the Women’s Retreat at Camp Berea over two weekends in September.
- A potluck was enjoyed by around twenty folks prior to a screening of “Soul Surfer” on Sept. 17.
- A small group from our church once again raised funds and/or walked in the Concord Area CROP Walk on Sept. 24.
- Our church continues to host/sponsor cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts, VNA senior health clinic, and AA.

But there is more in the works for October and beyond!

We especially need to have lots of church folks present for and at the **Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5:30 on.** We host this event for our own children, youth, and families along with those of our girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts and their families. The party begins with a potluck supper and includes games, contests, and a haunted house. Details will be available on Sundays and on our website. Contact Eric Pearson for more information.

A Worship Team is needed to plan for Advent through Epiphany (Nov. 27 to Jan. 8). Every aspect from themes and topics to the details of music and anthems, visuals to project, songs and hymns, decorations, readings, prayers, and service order will be included. Past teams have found this to be very fulfilling, fun, and creative work. Please speak with Rev. Jim or Eileen Herring for more information or to volunteer!



NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting is Oct. 22 at the Grappone Center in Concord. Rev. Jim and Jillian Landry will be delegates from our church, but YOU can accompany us (as our church is entitled to one youth and two more adult delegates). See Rev. Jim for more info.

Church Fair coming November 5th

Contact Judy Pearson, Allison Hardy, or Sharon Chase to learn what you can do to help out!

All of this is but the *external* signs of the *spiritual* growth and increasing consequence faith in Christ plays in our individual and church life. The positive effect is the *visible* impact our church is making on others and the community. Lend your hand, find your fulfillment and let us persevere!

To the glory of God,



WORLD SERVICE ...

Our Family's Table serves free meals on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Cooks are greatly appreciated (we can shop and help with whatever meal is going to be prepared).

Please continue to bring canned goods/nonperishable items in such as cereal, baked beans, tuna, spaghetti-os, hash, etc.

October 9th is the annual **NEIGHBORS IN NEED** collection. NIN is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. Continue saving spare change/pennies (they add up) and cash in before OCT. 9. There is also a web site www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you to all those who contributed or Walked for CROP WALK on Sept 24th. You know who you are (totals not yet available.)



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) Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (December).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sophia Maslauskus – 2	Mike Denis - 25
Barry Mulari – 13	Hazel Curry - 25
T ad Curry – 15	Jillian Davis - 26
Emily Polsin – 15	Emma Daley - 30
Matt Schulte - 24	

ANNIVERSARY

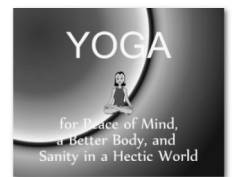
Dave & Nancy Bibbins - 17

YOGA CLASSES ...

The yoga class, held at 8:30am in the Memorial Room will continue through October. Suggested donation made to the church is \$10, but whatever you can afford is fine.

Beginner level or beyond will be covered and focus on alignment, breathing and postures and will include series of postures in lying, sitting, kneeling and standing for strength and balance of body, mind and spirit.

If you have any questions about a health condition, you may want to ask for your doctors' approval.



COFFEE HOUR ...



Please plan to join us for fellowship after worship in the Parish Hall. Refreshments are provided in October by the **Trustees**.

OCTOBER USHERS ...



- 2 Don & Laurie Hill and Alan & Anna Gibbs
- 9 Eric & Judy Pearson and Luke & Cindy Bonenfant
- 16 Floyd & Dot Smith and Tom Allison Hardy
- 23 Kurt & Jodi Ehler, Randy Shuey and Marc Herring
- 30 Helen Chapman, Dean Hopps and Harold & Lynn Matava

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR

WE NEED YOU!!!



The Church Fair is happening on **November 5th** from **9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** We will be having raffle baskets, silent auction, cafe and baked goods/candy tables as well as renting spaces to outside crafters. If you are willing and able to help with the food table - we need you!!! If you know of crafters who would like to rent space - we need them! Please contact Judy Pearson (210-1687) if you are able to help out or have any questions.

Thank you!

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

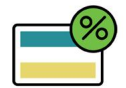
The cost is \$100 for 12 weeks of classes, plus \$25 registration fee that covers the cost of the book.

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



For more information or to register contact me at:
blestby8@myfairpoint.net

SCRIPS PROGRAM



The concept is very simple and it also helps with budgeting your day to day expenses. As an example if you spend the following on a weekly basis

Groceries	\$100.00
Gas	\$ 50.00
Non- grocery purchases	\$100.00
Eating out	\$ 25.00

then by using scrip cards you could still spend that amount but the church would receive \$11.00 based upon 4.0% return. If there were 20 families that did this on a weekly basis, it would generate \$220.00 a week and for the year it would be \$11,440.00!

If you shop at any of the following stores, you could help the church with its finances.

Hannaford Supermarket	J. C Penney
Shaw's Supermarket	Dunkin' Donuts
Wal-Mart / Sam's	Home Depot
Target	Lowe's
Kohl's	BP Gas stations
Marshall's	Shell Gas stations
Sears	

Nearly all of the chain restaurants like UNOs, Outback and Applebees.

These and nearly 550 more businesses are part of the program. If you shop you can help the church. You can talk to Marc Herring or contact him at mherring@imarcinc.com to order your cards. You can also go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com> and create an account. This will allow you to place your order online. The code to use to set up the connection to the church is **DD9FF8BF29466**.

PEMBROKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ...

The Pembroke Historical Society is pleased to present their Fall schedule of programs which are free and open to the public. Please join them at 7pm in the town library on the following dates:

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Vinnie Greco presents a program on his past experiences as the Health Officer for Pembroke.

Monday, Nov. 7, 2011 – Jack French, another well known Pembroke personality, will tell us about the many farms in town, particularly the Pembroke Street area.

Refreshments will be served at each meeting and they look forward to seeing everyone in the autumn months.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ...

We're off to a great start this year. Lots of kids showing up for Sunday School. We love it. If you have not filled out a registration form, please contact the church office so we can send you one, or just see a member of CE in church.

October's Sunday School unit is Jacob, a big figure in the Old Testament! Stay tuned at the end of the month for the opportunity to acquire candy.

Bring a friend to Sunday School! One of the best things in life is sharing our interests with friends. What a better way to share God's love with friends than to bring them to church!

WANT TO BE ON THE PRAYER CHAIN?



Please contact the Secretary (e-mail: secretary@pembrokechurch.org or by phone: 485-9639) and let her know or if you want to pray for people on the prayer list (you will be sent an e-mail or if you want someone listed to receive prayers.

Any questions, please call the church office in the afternoons.

UNO'S – THE NEW CHURCH SUPPER

The next UNO day is **Wednesday October 12, 2011**. This is a easy way for the church to raise money and have fun doing so. Get together with friends to go and eat at UNO's, or order take-out and have a party at your house.

The church receives 20% of the total tickets for that day. Take advantage of an easy way to help out the church and not have to worry about doing the dishes afterwards.

If you want to use a Scrip card, you can contact Marc Herring to get an UNO card and that will give the church an additional 12% for every \$25.00 card used.

MONTHLY SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC

The VNA is at the Church every **2nd Wednesday** from **1-4pm** serving local residents. A **\$10** fee is requested per visit.

Services offered include:

Foot Care	Medication education
Ear Wax removal	Blood sugar screening
Blood pressure (free)	Nutritional counseling

An appointment is needed. Please call. 224-4093.