

LITTLE ROUND MIRRORS

The author Robert Fulghum tells a fascinating little story of a lecturer in Greece he met in a conference that Fulghum attended. When Fulghum, on a whim, asked him the huge question, "What is the meaning of life?", he received a most profound and thought provoking answer. The lecturer took out a small round mirror and explained that the small mirror was something that he had picked up and used as a toy, when he was a boy. One of the things that fascinated him as a child about the mirror is the fact that he would reflect the sun with it to anyplace that he chose. Before long, this became a game to him and he began to try to reflect the sun into places that the sun would never normally go--holes in the ground, corners under a roof, etc. As he grew older the mirror and the game began to take on a meaning beyond mere amusement; it became a metaphor of the meaning of his life--reflecting light from a great source of true, pure light to places normally dark, normally untouched by the light. The man was a peace worker in a very volatile place in the world, and this man has made a difference. A mission, a metaphor and a meaning in a small round mirror!

Disciples of Jesus are, by commission of the Lord Himself, also little round mirrors in a world which hasn't been touched by light for a very long time. We, too, are to be little round mirrors reflecting the powerful light of the Son (Play on words fully intended) which brings both cleansing and life. Will you be a little round mirror in manchester? It's not so hard; just reflect the true light that gives light to every man" in the dark places (mention God's word now and then, invite friends and family to Bible study or worship, etc.) You , too, will make a difference.

Thanks you, God , that I can be a little round mirror.

-Park Linscomb



This Sunday we'll continue with our series on what comes after this life, "Now and Later". Comes with a Bible and an open heart to what God's word says.

What are you doing to grow spiritually this year? Taking on the challenge of becoming a daily Bible reader and reading the Bible through in a year?



Park Linscomb, our minister

Committing to attending every worship assembly or Bible class this year? Getting to know the brothers and sisters in the congregation that you don't know well? Bring at least one visitor to church per month? Bringing one person to Christ this year? Find a way to serve or encourage at least one brother or sister in Christ per week? The transformed life isn't satisfied with a spiritual status quo, but wants to grow (2 Peter 1:3ff). What are you doing?

Our Family

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

TEENS

FUSE: This Friday, Jan. 20 from 7-9 pm. Place: TBA. Planning for youth rally!

Monarch's Hockey Game: Fri., Jan. 27. Cost: \$14. Please let Preston know tonight (Wednesday) if you can come. We will meet at the church building at 6 pm.

Conway Youth Rally: Feb. 24-26. Info and registration forms are on the youth board. Fill them out and send them in as soon as possible!

Youth Rally 2012: Mark your calendars for April 20-22 for our youth rally focused on serving!

Dinner/Devo/Movie: Sat., Jan. 28 at the Nashua church from 5:30-9 pm. There are several teens from NE going. You can meet there or we will leave from the Manchester church at 5. Bring \$4 for pizza. We will be watching the movie, "Soul Surfer." We will probably be back at the building around 9:30 or 9:45.

Connexion Groups will meet this Sunday at the front of the auditorium after first service.

NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

If you are not meeting in a small group Sunday evenings, please join us at the church building for worship services at 6PM. If you would like to join a small group, there are two that meet Sunday evenings, one in Merrimack focusing on studying with and training the children of the group (see Stu Peacock) and one in Bedford currently studying the Book of Hebrews (see Doug Paul). Let's remember to encourage one another and build each other up by attending one of these services on Sunday evenings.

NEWS

We started using our paperless hymnal this past Sunday!

If you need a copy of your contributions for taxes, Please let Tony Casella know.

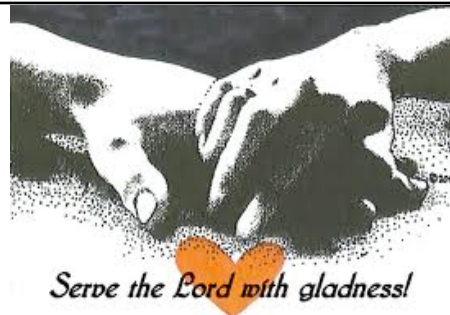
Susie Peacock will return from helping her folks tomorrow.

Did you know that there are handouts for kids in the foyer by the bulletins? Crayons and coloring books are also available on the foyer shelves to the left of the window.

New phone (cell) for Deniza Chase 603-591-3175

MENU

January 25
Meal begins at 5:45
Italian Meatball Subs
Caesar Salad
Lemon Bars



OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE

- Help with the Youth Rally.
- Help prepare/ clean-up communion on Sunday evenings.
- Take the trash & recycling to the curb on Wednesday nights.
- Mentor a younger Christian.
- Visit those sick or shut in.
- Cook for a Wednesday night supper.
- Use YOUR talent for God.

The Pantry is in need of YOUR help. We get a lot of requests this time of year so please bring donations of food (Place in boxes under coat rack.) Cash donations can be given to the Skerrys.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 21 Singing Small Group at the Evans' 6pm dinner (rsvp) 7pm singing

February 1 Leslie Taylor:

Japan Mission trip Presentation (Leslie applied for the Youth Minister position. Now planning to serve thru FT mission work in Japan.)

February 19 Deacons annual status presentations

February 19 Third Sunday Potluck

April 20-22 Manchester Youth Rally This year more chaperone help will be needed because of the focus on service for this rally.

Important DATE!

Promoting the Fellowship

The fellowship of the church is important. We're not just a crowd that collects in a building on Sundays; we are the Lord's church. God has called us to be a family, His children. He has called us to encourage each other, to work together, to help each other. Jesus, in fact, told us directly that it would be the very mark of authenticity to the world around us: John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Indeed, it is something that we need to be growing and increasing in (1 Thess. 3:12)!

So how do we cultivate it, grow it, and increase it? Although there are many things that could be done, let me suggest ten things we could all do to cultivate and grow in our fellowship.

1. Don't leave church until you've shaken hands and had a short conversation with at least three brothers and sisters — preferably three you don't usually talk with. You haven't really had fellowship, if you simply slip in and slip out of worship services. And from a different angle, sometimes it's way too easy to just talk to people we already know — branch out!
2. Sometimes people balk at starting up conversations with others: "I just don't know what to say." Here's a way that seldom misses: ask about the other person's life, family and work. People like talking about themselves. Start to really get to know the other person.
3. Find out if there's anything you can do for the other person. Service is a key part of Christian living and here's a good way to get started. You might be surprised at the needs that the individuals in the church has.
4. Consider asking the other person over for coffee or dinner sometime. Hospitality is a Christian virtue, yet many of us have never been to one another's homes. And can we dispense with the pressure to make our home and hospitality "Martha Stewart" perfect. Let's be honest here, everyone's house gets lived in and has a little mess. Everyone's life is kind of busy and few of us have the luxury of preparing a "Julia Child" dessert. Such pressure dampens hospitality.
5. Come to work opportunities at church — e.g., Monday Night for the Master, workdays, special projects or programs (like Give Away Day, VBS, etc.)
6. Host a youth event at your home. Our youth are part of the fellowship, too, you know. :)
7. Host a small group at your home. Most small groups need homes to rotate through and they provide a great opportunity to get to know others.
8. Come to Wednesday evening dinner, 3rd Sunday evening dinner, and even Sunday morning coffee break downstairs. Fellowship happens around food!
9. Bring surprise brownies to a church family you don't know well. There's nothing like an unexpected gift to open up lines of communication and fellowship.
10. Sit in a different place, a different row or even side, in the auditorium and get to know the people around you.

Will you commit to doing some or all of these between now and the end of February? You might be surprised at how much your love grows, at how much you get out of it, at how much the church grows in love and spirit! You might even be surprised at how much it improves our evangelistic outreach! You just might decide (I hope so) to make it a permanent part of your transformed Christian walk (Romans 12:1,2). Let's grow in our fellowship!

THE MANCHESTER CHURCH OF CHRIST "WE ARE HERE & WE CARE" JANUARY 18, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 New adult Sunday School classes began Happy Birthday to Nicole Mosier & Tom Allen Happy Anniversary Heidi Huddleston & Greg DePerry	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Susie Peacock	20 Happy Birthday Colby Chaffin Happy Anniversary Doug & Linda Paul	21 Singing Small Group at Evans 6pm dinner rsvp 7pm singing Happy Birthday Aaron Abood
22	23 Happy Birthday Emilee Kerrins	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Jacob Devoe	27 Happy Birthday Dayne Dumas	28
29	30	31 Happy Birthday Linda Linscomb	1	2 Happy Birthday Mike Mosier	3 Happy Birthday Krystal Roukey	4
5	6 Monday Night for the Master 6pm dinner	7 Happy Birthday Deb Garven	8	9	10	11

8:30	WORSHIP LEADERS	11:00	Stats Sunday morning attendance:.....111 Sunday morning contribution.\$3125.90 Weekly budget.....\$3710.00 Pantry served 1 family this week.
Doug Paul	Songs	Gary Diaz	
Stuart Peacock	Closing Prayer	John Ogunsuyi	
Brandon Hombs	Scripture	Rich Therrien	
Mark Evans	Lord's supper	Rick Gordon	
Stuart Peacock	Coordinator	Rick Gordon	
Eve: Mark Evans	Songs	Wed 25: Doug Paul	

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Elders' Link: January

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Larry Glass 887-1741 larrycalling@yahoo.com

If you have any concerns that the elders should be aware of, or need to speak with them, please contact Larry or Lee this month.

Deacons

Finance: Tony Casella

Small Groups: Stuart Peacock

Education: Doug Paul

Maintenance: Peter Steffensen

Our Worship Services

Sunday AM: 8:30 & 11:00

Bible Class: 10:00

Sunday PM: 6:00

Small Groups:

West Side: 5PM at Doug Paul's house, Hebrews study

Merrimack: 5:30PM, contact Stuart Peacock, youth studies

Wednesday PM Devotional/Bible Classes: 7:00

Contact David Skerry with Benevolence/Pantry needs.