

THE BULLETIN

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday evening, September 10th, we had a Congregational Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Elders want to thank everyone who came out and attended the meeting. After a brief devotional period the meeting proceeded as follows:

Finances:

A handout detailing the church current financial status was handed out to each family in attendance. The church is still operating in the black but with a small cushion. However, there was discussion on a few maintenance issues that need to be addressed relatively soon.

- (1) The roof over the classroom wing needs to be replaced. A leak has developed where the roof meets the main building. Approximate cost \$10,000-\$15,000.
- (2) The sewer pipe that connects the church building to the city sewer pipe is in the process of failing and needs to be replaced. Will Hamel has obtained an estimate of @\$18,000 to repair the pipe.
- (3) Removal of trees located between the church building and the parsonage. Estimate for that work is @ \$3,000.

Parsonage:

There was discussion on whether the church should put the parsonage up for sale or keep it. The Parsonage was used as part of the Associate Ministers salary package.

Associate Minister:

There was discussion on whether to replace Mark and hire a new Associate Minister. Mark was part time and his salary consisted of a weekly stipend and the Parsonage, inclusive of all utilities and maintenance costs. Hiring a full time youth/family minister currently is beyond our financial ability.

Benevolence:

There was discussion as to how the church should respond to the recent hurricane devastation in Texas and Florida. One suggestion was to use the funds from a savings account, @ \$5,000. Also, because the recovery is going to be ongoing for the better part of a year, it was suggested that a special collection be taken up periodically, (either monthly or bi-monthly as the church desires) and sent directly to a sister church that is tasked with distributing relief supplies in both Texas and Florida.

Any giving for disaster relief should be above and beyond your weekly giving to the church here in Manchester.

2018 church Budget:

Please submit ideas/needs to be included in the next years budget in writing to any of the Elders or Deacons.

Please speak to Barry or Gerry if you have any questions.

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Benevolence - David Skerry
Building & Grounds - Will Hamel / Pete Steffensen
Education - Doug Paul

Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30am
Bible Class - 11:00am
Sun. Evening - 6:00pm
Wed. Bible Class - 7:00pm



Dear Lord, make me a person of
patience and kindness. Make the
things that I say and do helpful to
others, so that through me, they
might see You.

Amen



Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the really tall guy), or any other church member.

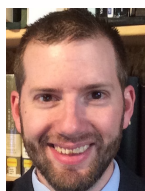


- SEPT. 21-23 - MEN'S RETREAT
- SEPT. 23 - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
- SEPT. 30 - APPLE PICKING

FALL EVENTS

- Oct. 7 - Teen Devo
- Oct. 13 - Family Nature Walk
- Oct. 31 - TRUNK OR TREAT
- Nov. 3-5 - GOSPEL MEETING

FALL MEETING



Nov. 3-5, David Rollert, minister at the Tilton church of Christ, will conduct a meeting - "What is this Gospel that People Talk

About?" Begin to think & pray about the meeting and who you will invite. Watch for additional information on times and topics. Lessons from 1 Cor. 15.

Nov 3 - Fri. PM - Reporting the Facts of the Good News

Nov 4 - Sat. am (men) - Is it really worth it? A look at a life changed

Nov 4 - Sat. pm - Resurrection? Really? That sounds awfully mystic

Nov 5 - Sun. worship - Unfading victory

Nov 5 - Sun. class - The promise of a better life



Penny is donating any money from the sale of her cards to the disaster relief efforts. Cards are in the foyer. If you would like a list of churches to send money to, please call the church office. A special contribution will be taken up here in the coming weeks.



Mowing & Grounds

The rains have been good to replenish the water supply. They also help the grass and weeds grow - a lot. We need your help to keep things looking good. It gives a caring impression to those around.....if we care about the building, we must also care about their souls.

Before long sign-up will start for snow - it's coming!

Lord's Supper to shut-in

Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with Doug Paul about this.

Pantry:

The pantry is thankful for all donations, please check expiration dates on food. If it's expired, please don't bring it. Anyone willing to participate at the pantry either Wed. evening or Sun. morning, please let Dave Skerry know.

THANKS

To all who attended the Congregational meeting last Sunday night

To all our teachers & helpers

To the person who came and made our grounds beautiful

To those who get the trash out each Wednesday



GB DORM PROJECT -The church here has been associated with and enjoyed Gander Brook for years. We all know how much the camp has meant to kids and adults alike. But now Gander Brook has a challenge before it; our dorm needs serious attention. A new building would cost \$750K+, so we will need to completely overhaul it—at the cost of about \$450K.

At this point \$225K has been pledged, but requires matching gifts of \$225K. We need help, especially from the churches and Christians of New England. One-time gifts are appreciated, but a monthly pledge from now through Dec. 31, 2018 may be more manageable. Please consider helping us. There are brochures in the foyer, complete with a tear-off section, if you should decide to provide a monthly pledge toward this great project, or go to www.ganderbrook.org/retreat-house

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Sept. 17- Sept. 13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17-2 Kings 23	18-John 2 Robyn Mackey -BD	19-2 Kings 24-25	20-John 3 Kaleb Owen - BD Wendy LeCat - BD	21-1 Chron. 1 Lucille Levesequ - BD	22-1 Chron. 2	23-1 Chron. 3

Youth & Family News



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for future events. If you can help lead an event, please volunteer! You can call the church office.

Family Movie Night: Sept. 23

Apple Picking: Sept. 30. It's fall and that means apples! Meet at Mack's Apples in Londonderry @10am.

Weather permitting, we will have a hot dog cookout at Ms. Freda's about 1pm. Come join us even if you can't stay for the entire time. Let's build our family through some fun!

Teen Devo: Oct. 7 @ 7pm @ ????

Family Nature Walk: Oct. 13 @ 10am, Heads Pond, Hooksett.

Weekly Contribution
Sept 10, 2017
\$2158.00

Thought Provoking Questions?
How can I help my church family to grow in knowledge, grace and truth?

PRAYER CORNER

New Prayer Concerns: for Lynn Millette who had a slight set-back this week, Peter Steffensen, all the victims of the natural disasters occurring in our country & that, as Christians, we respond in a way to bring glory to God, our elders, deacons, teachers, minister, & our families.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

• Health - Family

- Continuing Recovery
 - Lynn Millette
 - Kerstin Dumas
 - Don Dion
 - Linda Linscomb
 - Gage Dumas
 - Peter Steffensen

- Marge Simon
- Casey Jones
- Brian Day
- Mary Jane Parker
- Tom Jones - shoulder surgery
- Penny Ranger - health issues & her nieces

• Health - Family & Friends

- Jim Cordaro's mom is home. Continued prayers as they weigh her care options - each of which has substantial risk.
- A friend of the Cordaro's, Charlotte Gurney, a 2 time cancer survivor, has been diagnosed with full body bone cancer. Pray for this family.
- Diane Beard's cousin, Denise Noland's cancer has spread to her brain.
- Tom Jones' brother who was airlifted to Boston after an accident

- David Lovering (Cancer)
- Natalie Cleavitt
- Linda Tetrault, illness
- A friend of Darlene's requests prayers - she is dealing with a heart condition and has no support of her children

Struggles

- Darlene Cordaro and her daycare
 - Barbara Lovering, David's declining health and her Parkinson's
 - Devastation in the US - many have family & friends in areas affected by the disasters around the world & especially in the US.
 - For those beginning the all-consuming job of recovery from hurricanes in the south & southeast; and
 - Those impacted by the wildfires in the north and west.
 - A co-worker of Darlene's needs a car. If you have one you are not using or plan to sell, please call Darlene & leave a message on the phone.
 - Those who have been absent in the assembly
- ### • Thanksgivings
- That Lynn Millette, Don Dion, Linda Linscomb, Marge Simon, Kerstin & Gage Dumas, & Peter Steffensen have been in worship with us.

Just thinking... If a blind person hears me, could they tell I was a Christian?
If a deaf person sees me, could they see Christ living thru me?



A Parting Encouragement

“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVOLVEMENT

After the defeat of Ammonites and Moabites, lands east of the Jordan River, the Gad, Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh came to Moses and asked if it were possible for them to settle east of the Jordan. They had large herds of livestock and east of the Jordan had abundant grazing lands. Moses' first response to them was sharp, “...*Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here? Now why are you discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?*” Numbers 32:6, 7. As the story has a happy ending; the tribes explain that they would go to war with the rest of Israel and stay as long as needed (they only wanted to settle their families in the east), and Israel conquered Canaan. But Moses brought up a very good point that applies to the Lord's people in modern times, too: failing to join the work at hand discourages those who are working, but joining in uplifts. And with that in mind, let's do a little soul-searching.

Are you a lifter or a leaner? Have you ever lifted something with a 3 or 4 year old? If you have, you might remember that sometimes you get to lift not only the original load, but the child also. It's not their fault, they don't know how to lift—yet. But we expect more from an adult, right? In the Lord's church there is much to do; be a lifter, not a leaner. When you lift, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you a server or a customer? Some folks see the church as a place to be served, not unlike a store or a restaurant. When the service is fine, they offer no complaint, but if the service is off—well, that's different. But the Lord's church isn't a store or restaurant, and members are not customers, they are servants. Instead of looking to be served, shouldn't we be rolling up our sleeves and doing what needs to be done? When you serve, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you an owner or a renter? Owners tend to be more careful with the homes they live in, the

cars they drive, and the furniture they use. It's theirs and they take ownership. Renters are usually not as careful; because these things aren't theirs. Owners paint the walls, maintain the cars, and clean the furniture; renters just call the owner when things get broken. Do you see the church and the work of the church like an “owner” or a renter? We know the church belongs to the Lord, but we are all stewards, charged with the duty of caring for it the way the Master would. And when we have an owner's perspective, things start getting done. When you “own” the work of the church, you encourage others with your involvement!

Are you part of the church's core workers or a peripheral member? Ask any church leader... It's not that the core workers are just that talented; most often it is that the core group is willing to say, “Yes!” It's not that the core group has more time than anyone else (they often have less); most often they are simply the ones who have eyes to see the need and are willing to *find* the time to get it done. Sometimes they are the ones who are willing to cancel other plans to get the Lord's work done. Become one of the church's core workers, and encourage others with your involvement!

When the church has a high rate of involvement, the whole church gets encouraged. Things get done by God's power. New opportunities arise with God's blessings. Souls are saved by God's message. And the momentum of growth snowballs into great things. Get involved. Get excited. Invite others to get involved. And watch what God will do!

Park Linscomb