

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Come one, come all to the Christmas tree lighting in Canterbury Center!

'Tis the season and everyone is invited for the annual lighting of the beautiful spruce on the Center green!

Please join us on Friday evening, Dec. 2, at 5:30.

We will light the tree and join together to sing some carols. This simple and brief event will allow all the kiddos who wish to attend the *Polar Express* movie night at the library to get there by 6 pm.

A heartfelt thank you to **Brian Magoon and our friends at Unifit** for stringing the lights on the tree! This is no small task and takes precision and time. Thank you also to **Gordon Jackson**, who has managed and stored the lights for the tree for many years. The job has been turned over to **Jan and Mike Cote**, and they have gladly accepted.

We hope to see you all there for some holiday enlightenment and walk away with some holiday spirit. The tree will remain lit through the entire month of December and into the new year for all to enjoy. It truly is a lovely sight.

~ Jan Cote

Why not stay for movie night too?

We at Elkins Library are so excited about our *Polar Express* Movie Night, Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 pm! Come in your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow and settle down to watch Chris Van Allsburg's Christmas classic. A hot cocoa bar and snacks will be provided by the Friends of the Elkins Public Library. **You'll find more about library holiday treats on Page 8!**

And ... check out the Historical Society's "Christmas Gathering" on Dec. 4. Page 7!

And ... enjoy two special holiday events at the Shaker Village on Dec. 3 and Dec 11. Page 7!

The church opens its arms to you!

Everyone and anyone is invited to join in celebrating the season at any of our December services. **For a full calendar and a holiday message from Pastor Becky, see Page 4.**

4-H: Where your kids can learn skills, gain an edge in life — and have fun!

Parents, guardians, and grandparents with Canterbury kids—what comes to mind when you hear "4-H"? UNH scholarships? Summer camp (more scholarships)? Leadership roles from age 8-18 (kids actually run the club)? The coolest (and most practical) learning opportunities, like public speaking, photography, sewing, resume writing, robotics, cooking, lamp repair, woodworking, entomology, tree identification and many more?



It turns out that many hands can make ... great bread!

Not what you thought?
Then take a fresh look!

We know kids are busy these days, but if yours are not involved (and having a blast) in 4-H, they're missing out. Our club meets once a month during the school year. Your kids don't have to give up sports, band, etc. But adding 4-H to their lives will enhance their self-esteem, independence, helpfulness, and future potential.

Give your kids a chance to explore what the Canterbury Rascals 4-H Club is all about by bringing them to our Community Open House, on Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 at the Parish House (behind the Country Store in the Center).

- Sample our Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (with a healthy side)!
- Learn knot tying (why knot?)
- Try a make-and-take craft
- Talk to 4-H kids about their experiences
- See samples of (awesome) past projects created by our members
- Talk to adult leaders about cool projects

You can just drop by ... but, even better, please let us know that you plan to come, as well as how many kids you're bringing. Email Kim Scamman at kimscamman@hotmail.com no later than Friday, Dec. 2.

In 4-H, youth complete complete hands-on projects in areas like agriscience, STEM, healthy living, and citizenship. 4-Hers receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. (Merrimack County 4-H)

See you there!

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CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting waitlist applications for children 3-12 yrs to nature/art based preschool & before/after school care. 603-783-4370 or CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com for more information.

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This month only! Holiday emoji specials!

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Wishing everyone well for the holidays! We're open regular hours but closed Christmas day. You'll find great local foods and locally made products (and your Canterbury neighbors), as well as a variety of convenience store items. Open Monday-Saturday, 6:30-6, Sunday, 8-5. Call us at 783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.



HUTCHINSON FAMILY SUGARHOUSE offers fresh PYO/Tag Christmas trees (mostly blue spruce and \$50 each) weekends 10 am-2 pm and by appointment starting Saturday, Nov. 26! 603-783-4691 or HutchinsonFamilySugarhouse@gmail.com



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~ Mark and Brenda Travis, co-editors

Community Power initiative is taking shape!

Bring your questions to public hearing set for Thursday, Dec. 15, in Parish House

Much has happened with Community Power in Canterbury since the last issue of the newsletter! The Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC) was formed with volunteer members appointed by the selectboard. A committee chair was elected and working groups formed to focus on specific goals.

A new CCPC page on the town website (canterbury-nh.org/canterbury-community-power-committee) will have meeting agendas, minutes, announcements and important information going forward.

Work continues on an Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP), which voters must approve at Town Meeting in March in order for Canterbury to participate in the electric power market as a member of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.

Please mark your calendars for a public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 pm in the Parish House, when the CCPC will:

- Outline the benefits of and respond to questions about Community Power (CP);

- Summarize key provisions of the draft EAP and ask for your feedback; and

- Identify steps you can take *now*, before CP “launches,” to reduce monthly electric bills.

Please look for our town-wide survey, available in digital form on the CCPC page on the town website and in paper copies at the Country Store and the Library. It will give us valuable feedback on residents’ preferences and concerns about Community Power, and we will use it both to improve the Electric Aggregation Plan and to develop future communications and programs. We want community input as we move forward!

A series of Community Power FAQ’s is being presented in the weekly town-wide email and will be posted on the CCPC page on the town website. If interested in Community Power, please also visit the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire’s web page at cpcnh.org.

Stay tuned to our town website page, the weekly town email, this monthly newsletter, and the Canterbury, NH Facebook page for news and announcements!

~ Kathy Doherty



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This Season, May You Light a Candle ~ and Share It!

Dear Canterbury,

First snow last night—and this morning the branches and ground are still lined with white. And across the northern half of the globe we feel ourselves sliding downhill into winter, shorter days and longer nights, and of course, cold.



Pastor Becky

In the church we enter the season of Advent, when we tell again the story of Jesus's birth and the Good News of the power of love and forgiveness. Followers of many traditions take time this season to consider the

power of light, hope, and faith. As we light candles on Advent wreaths, menorahs, and kinaras, as we gather around solstice bonfires, we collect our families and communities to tell our stories and remember who we are and what we're about. These are radical acts in this desperate era of competition and division, of buying and spending, keeping busy to outpace a creeping worry that, with all our striving, the darkness remains deep.

It's a radical act to light a candle, and a radical act to share it.

If you need a break from the rush and push of holiday pressures, I invite you to come to CUCC some Sunday this month. Take an hour to light candles, sing, think and pray and listen as we tell the old, old story of hope, peace, joy, and love.

~ Becky

This month at CUCC

Sundays in December: We worship at 10 am, with coffee and fellowship at 11. We will light the Advent candles, sing hymns of the season, and consider the call of the prophet Isaiah and the coming of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark—and how they speak to us today.



Welcome to our new members!

Wednesday evenings, 7-8:

Stillness in the Center. Quiet, candlelight meditation and contemplative prayer. Come to reset and recenter; stay for a few minutes or for the hour.

Dec. 8, Thursday, 7-8 pm: Blue Christmas Service, a worship service for those who have suffered loss.

Christmas Eve: 7 pm, Lessons and Carols. We mark the coming of the light with story, song, and candlelight.

Christmas Morning, Dec. 25. No services.

New Years Day, Jan. 1, Hymn Sing and Communion in the Sanctuary.

CUCC Holiday Poinsettia Orders — Deadline Sunday, Dec. 11

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CES Students Honor Veterans and Seniors!

Canterbury Elementary School students recently honored veterans in our community with a special assembly. We would like to thank: **Dale Caswell, Chris Duquette, Rhonda Houston** (one of our classroom assistants), **Wayne Mann, Edgar Rivera and Mark Stevens** for their service and for attending our program.

Each class prepared either a song, poem or a letter to a veteran. The students did a wonderful job and it was touching to listen to all of the reasons that they were thankful for the veterans as well as those currently serving in the military.



Erin Chubb

Mr. Bailey's class created haiku poems that they mounted on rocks for the veterans to take; students in **Mrs. Gosselin's class** read a poem and named their family members that had served or are currently serving in the military; **Mrs. Briggs's class** wrote heartfelt letters that each student read out loud; **Mrs. Wieck, Ms. Hebert, Mrs. McCauley and Mrs. Whitney's classes** all performed patriotic songs.

At the end of the presentation, Wayne Mann thanked everyone at CES for all of their efforts and the entire school saluted the veterans in attendance. Our guests were welcomed to the library for coffee, cider, breakfast pastries and some delicious homemade breads and cookies. Thank you to all who have served and are serving our country.

Senior citizen luncheon: We were thrilled to hold our Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon this year for the first time since 2019. The luncheon was served by the nine members of our Student Council. Entertainment was provided by our kindergarten and first grade students. It was wonderful to gather together with so many community members, and to have **Mrs. Morrison** and **Mrs. Blanchette** in attendance to help serve! Thank you to Mrs. Wieck, our Student Council Advisor, for coordinating this event.

PTO Christmas tree sale: Early tree shoppers can get a bargain price of \$50 through Nov. 30. The price for December will be \$60 per tree. PTO volunteers will be selling trees in the town center on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. During the rest of the week, customers can pay inside the country store.

Cash or checks made out to CES PTO are accepted. Profits from the tree sale are used to fund programming, supplies, and staff requests at CES. We appreciate your support!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal



Entertainment for the seniors (above); Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Blanchette (below left); and a special trio (below right)!



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Cows are extremely cold tolerant, provided they are dry and well fed. In fact, they are much happier most days in January than they are in July. Although hot weather can be tough on cows, research has shown that a dairy cow at a healthy weight with a winter coat will be content in the cold even when the temperature drops well below freezing. Their large bodies are efficient at holding in heat, and with stomachs that serve as large fermentation vats, they actually generate considerable heat just by digesting forage.

Of course, there are a few adjustments we need to make in the winter to keep everyone comfortable. Water sources need to be monitored closely to ensure they don't freeze over. Heavy plastic windbreaks are hung on the north sides of the barns to keep the draft down. Calves are given extra bedding. Snow and ice need to be kept clear from walkways to allow cattle safe access to stalls, feed and water. Extra feed is provided as needed, as cows tend to eat more in cold weather.

So, as winter quickly approaches, we humans certainly



appreciate warm wishes, but our cows are happy as can be to welcome Jack Frost back to the farm.

~ Nicole Glines, Sloping Acres Farm

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All Around Our Busy Town!



Shaker Village offers two holiday events

Concert & Cocktails

Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 pm

Enjoy a concert at 4 pm from the Symphony New Hampshire String Quartet in the Canterbury Shaker Village Meeting House followed by a festive reception with farm-to-table appetizers by The Rustic Gourmet and a signature cocktail by Cold Garden Distillery in the Hubbard Gallery at 5 pm. Cost is \$75. Tickets available online at shakers.org.

Canterbury Singers

Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 pm

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with the Canterbury Singers as they perform Holiday Shaker songs. Before the performance, make pomanders and cinnamon trees in the Hubbard Gallery from 12 pm to 4 pm. Free, donations accepted. See the event listing at shakers.org.

Tours are also available on weekends through Dec. 18!

Historical Society hosts Christmas Gathering

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 4, when the Canterbury Historical Society will host a "Christmas Gathering" from 11 am to 2 pm in the Elkins Memorial Building, the former library in the town center. This will be the perfect opportunity to view or purchase selected items from the Historical Society's many items, including framed and matted vintage photographs in several sizes, several book titles by Canterbury authors about our town, and Canterbury commemorative items—all of which will be on sale! We will serve cookies and mulled cider, so come and share holiday wishes and perhaps find that unique Canterbury gift for that special person on your list.

The Town is on Fire: In early October, the Elkins Library sponsored a program by historian Mark Stevens in which he told the harrowing story of the 1943 fire that devastated Canterbury center. His program was recorded with the cooperation of Rachel Baker of Elkins Library and videographer Kris McLaughlin. Mark has generously granted the Historical Society permission to post his program to our website. Go to canterburyhistory.org to enjoy this excellent presentation. Thank you, Mark, for allowing us to share your work!

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Indoor Winter Market awaits you!

Thank you to all of those who came to our November Indoor Market! We had a full house of over 30 vendors and over 260 shoppers came out to support them. It is with a grateful heart that we extend a huge thank you to our community for the continued support of Mary Ellen's Basket. Because of you all, we were able to support a local family with fresh produce, delicious baked goods and handmade crafts to enjoy the holiday season!

Did you miss out on our November Market? No problem! We still have one more Indoor Winter Market for you this season!

Our December market will be held in the gymnasium of the Canterbury Elementary School on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 am to 1 pm. We are looking forward to offering the chance to do some last-minute Christmas shopping from some of the best local artists and craft vendors around! Please check our website and Facebook for the most up-to-date information on our Indoor Winter Markets. You can visit us at canterburyfarmersmarket.com/.

~ Emily Sullivan

Food pantry to distribute holiday food vouchers

In October, the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 226 individuals for them to prepare 4,376 meals. Of these people, 126 were age 60 and older (56 percent), 31 were age 18 or under (14 percent), and 61 were between those ages (33 percent).

Saturday, Dec. 10: Holiday Vouchers given out. This year Holiday Vouchers to Market Basket will be given out instead of holiday baskets. This will allow people to get the food they need and enjoy for their holiday meal.

Dec. 17-Jan. 2: The food pantry will be closed and unavailable for the holiday and inventory. We will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Through Jan. 1: Gift of Lights. This is a great event. To find out more go to giftoflightsnhms.com.

The Lions Club Food Drive, LES Halloween Party, and Scouting for Food by Troop 247 all did a great job. Thank you for your help!

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment! See our hours, address, and more contact information on Page 9!

~ Sue Houck

Congratulations to the Tireless Cheryl Ingerson!

We will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 27, for the Christmas holiday. We will be closed Saturday, Dec. 31, and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 9 am for the New Years holiday.

Big news! Elkins Public Library is getting better and better! We will be closed from Monday, Jan. 16, until Monday, Jan. 23, for inventory and interior changes. Highlights include a new Teen section, new Adult Fiction area, improved work areas and a new art display space. We are very excited!

As winter approaches, remember that we follow the Shaker Regional School District schedule. If there is no school, we are closed. On days when there is a two-hour delay, we will make it to the library as safely as we can for our regular hours, but it's always a great idea to call ahead.

Christmas treats!

We are so excited about our *Polar Express* Movie Night, Friday, Dec. 2, at 6 pm. You'll find full details on Page 1!

We invite adults to visit the library the week of Dec. 5 through Dec. 8 for a cup of cocoa and holiday cookies.

Elkins is a great place to take care of your holiday list! Our Book Sale is packed with new titles in great condition. The Friends of Elkins Public Library will be selling soups at the Dec. 10 Farmers Market and at the library starting on Monday, Dec. 12. We have the Canterbury Trails book and map, the Canterbury history book, Meadow's Pond Soaps and Kate Goegel's greeting cards.

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet again on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 pm. Bring reviews of a book that you have read that may interest the group.

Sweet Grass Group: Sweet Grass meetings are on hiatus until we restart on Thursday, Jan. 26. After this, monthly meetings will be on the third Thursday each month in the Meeting Room.

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6 pm. We will be discussing the book *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiavarinni. Copies are available at the library or downloadable via Libby.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure: Our next meeting will be Jan. 24 at 2 pm. Prepare yourself for a delightfully mysterious year ahead!

On Pins and Needles: We meet by the fireplace every Wednesday afternoon at 2. All levels of crafters are welcome! Come have a cup of something warm and enjoy your visit.

Phone: 603-783-4386 **Website:** elkinspubliclibrary.org
Email: mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Please join us in honoring our state Children's Librarian of the Year!



Cheryl Ingerson has been awarded the New Hampshire Children's Librarian of the Year Award for 2022!

Since joining the Elkins Library family last year with over 15 years of library expertise, Cheryl has worked tirelessly to learn about the community and the families we serve. This prestigious honor goes to Cheryl, who brings her warmth and amazing skill to every program and interaction in the Children's Room. She is an outstanding person who exemplifies professionalism in our field.

The library staff, trustees and Friends of Elkins Public Library invite you to a reception in her honor on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 5 pm.

Elkins Café: Join Rachel by the fireplace on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 pm for an hour. We will meet on Dec. 1 for rock painting; we will have all the supplies you need. On Dec. 15, come to the Café for our most popular program: Storytelling! Come share your tales of Christmas past.

Musical Monday: On the first Monday of every month, come to the library to watch a musical on our big screen at 2 pm. On Dec. 5, it's *Holiday Inn*!

Story Time: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. This program is perfect for children birth through kindergarten. Come meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading. (There will be no Story Time on Tuesday, Dec. 27; see you in the new year!)

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our youngest patrons ages birth through preschool. Come enjoy this active and music-filled program and help your children nurture their love for the library, books and their community. (There will be no Tunes, Tales and Tumbles on Thursday, Dec. 29; see you in the new year!)

Free Tech Help! Thursdays from 5-7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

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Location: Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

Town offices and organizations

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Town website:
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Planning Board: 848-2059
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Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 7 pm
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:** Monthly on 4th Thursday, 3:30 pm, Library, or as needed.
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Tues., 6 pm



Thanks to everyone for a MOST successful Community Thanksgiving dinner! More to come in the January newsletter, but gathering in the spirit of community and of thankfulness, it doesn't get any better! ~ Polly Camire

Thanks to tree lighters and Center helpers!

Thank you to **Gordon Jackson, Art Hudson, Brian Magoon** and the crews from **Unitil** for once again putting up the lights on the tree in the Center. This is the last year that Gordon and Art tackle this; they are handing the reins to **Mike and Jan Cote**. We want to thank Gordon, **Pam** and Art for sharing their holiday spirit by lighting the tree.

An opportunity to help in the Center: Gordon, Dale Caswell and the other "Tuesday Morning Crew" are stepping back from all the hard work that they have been doing to help maintain the town center area. They are hosting a get-together for anyone interested in taking on some of these projects, which include pruning, weeding and maintaining the property at the Elkins Museum, Center Cemetery, Houser Museum, library and the Sam Lake House. Gordon and Pam also have been providing the plantings in the "Water Trough" in the center and holiday decorations for town buildings. **Please join them on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 pm at the Meeting House.** Cider and cookies will be served and they will explain more of all they have been doing for years.

Election turnout: There are 1,943 registered voters in Canterbury. Of these, 1,472 voted on Nov. 8, which is 89 percent. Sixty new voters registered on election day. Thank you to everyone who voted and especially the poll workers.

The regular Board of Selectmen meetings will be held on Dec. 5 and 19. The Budget Committee will join the Board and the Department Heads on the 19th to discuss the 2023 budget. Please see the town website for the agendas and how to access the meetings remotely.

The Town Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season!
~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

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Please give in support of Canterbury's community church!

This month, I invite you to donate generously to CUCC to sustain our work in Canterbury and around the world. Of course, your dollars keep the lights on and the doors open in the church and the Parish House. And your generosity helps to sustain this amazing, free, community newsletter—that literally keeps us on the same page from month to month. But there's more.

Your gifts help us care for Canterbury's people in need. We hold fast to Jesus's teaching that we are called to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to invite in all who are strangers, to clothe those who need clothing, to visit those who are imprisoned. Your generosity allows us to give material and spiritual help; it helps us to feed and welcome and marry and remember the people we love.

Your donations fuel our ministries that serve Canterbury's elders and youth, including the Canterbury Elementary School and those who are housebound or in the hospital. You help us

refresh our community spirit after years of pandemic separation. The Parish House is not just home to the Whole Child Center preschool and afterschool programs, but also a home we all share: It's a meeting place for community groups, a venue for parties and receptions, and of course a great living room for community dinners and concerts and dances!

Finally, your gifts reach beyond Canterbury with CUCC support for the Loudon Food Bank, the Red Cross, and World Food Kitchen in Ukraine, Church World Service, and A Light for Zimbabwe.

So, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, please give generously to your community church this year, to strengthen the ties that bind us and share the love and light of Canterbury.

Thank you and
May you know God's blessing,
~ Becky

Please support the Canterbury United Community Church in its service to the town!

If you feel like the presence of this church in your community would be on your list of the regular elements of your day-to-day that you're thankful for, **please consider participating with us**, and/or offering a financial contribution to the church this fall so

that we can continue to be a vital part of the fabric of this community. If you like, you can designate your gift to help support a specific aspect of our work for which you are especially thankful.

~ Pastor Becky Josephson

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Thank you. We are grateful!