# Canterbury Community Newsletter

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## From the Pastor

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

As we have begun moving through the season of Lent at CUCC in anticipation of Easter, I have again encouraged folks to consider a slight revision to the religious practice of "giving something up for Lent."

"Pick something up" instead, something important to you, or important to someone you care about. I have encouraged us to again dig a little deeper in our spiritual practice, to listen intently to the specific ways that the Spirit may be trying to get our attention and empower us to take positive action in our world as people of faith. Yes, sometimes that process does entail identifying the aspects of our lives that no longer serve to help move us in that direction, bringing about a need to become serious about letting some things go so that they no longer deter us from moving toward that wholeness.

And yet, I must say this year it's been difficult to follow my own suggestion to determine one specific something to intentionally pick up this Lent. Maybe you're like me, maybe this year that idea feels especially challenging. Given the pandemic and the barrage of challenges leaving our nation divided and emotionally overloaded, I've struggled to pick much of anything up these days beyond the absolutely necessary.

Given all that, I find myself reflecting on hope. I've come to the conclusion that hope is what I most need to find a way to pick up this season. Just plain old hope, the kind that doesn't necessarily need to find voice in a sophisticated theological discourse. It may be found best this year in the everyday. The snow has been falling all day as I write this in the middle of February, and though it's beautiful, I'm longing for an emergence of green. So today I pick up my pen and paper and jot down my plans for what our family will plant this spring as a hope-filled claim that growing season will return. I pick up that same pen and jot down my hopes for particular community gatherings to take place in a time distinctly revived post-Covid. And I share with you that I know it takes courage to hope, but hope finds traction when we do it together.

It is my prayer that we might all find ways to dust off the hopeful spirit within as we move toward the spring, toward Easter, toward the emergence of green new life and restored community we know lies down the road.

God's Peace, Pastor Sara

Pastor Sara and the community church are here for everyone.

Contact us by email at mycanterburychurch@gmail.com or leave a message at 783-9365.

Pastor Sara is distributing a weekly athome worship packet by email. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, leave a message at 783-9365 or email mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

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**DEWEY SCHOOL:** The Dewey School welcomes children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Deweyschool.net.

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~ Mark and Brenda Travis, editors newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

## **Fair Committee meeting: March 10!**

Good morning, Canterbury Fair fans! We are going fullsteam ahead with plans for this year's Fair on July 31. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we can gather together safely after a year of disappointment, maybe with a few pandemic precautions.

The final decision will be announced before Memorial Day weekend to give our vendors and others time to make other plans in our crazy Covid world. We are always looking for volunteers, both new and returning Fair alums. There are always jobs to fill, from the Food Tent to the BBQ, from set-up to takedown there are plenty of opportunities to help out.

We will have our first meeting of the Fair Committee and any others interested in helping on Wednesday, March 10, at 7 pm. The Zoom link will be sent a few days before and posted to the Fair Facebook page as well. If you would like to attend or get on the exclusive Canterbury Fair email list, notify Rick at rick.crockford044 @gmail.com. Thanks for keeping the faith.

~ Bob Drew & Rick Crockford

### Here's the plan for Easter flower orders

We will not be taking orders for Easter flowers as we have in the past since we will not be having in-person church services. However, you can order your own Easter flowers from Marshall's Florist in Boscawen. Easter lily, hyacinth, tulip and daffodil plants are \$10 each and a Bulb Garden is \$20.

Please order by March 19 and tell them you're with the Canterbury Church for this price. You can order directly by calling Marshall's Florist at 796-2272. You can pick up your order at their shop at 151 King St. in Boscawen.

~ Donna Miller

### State lawmakers plan listening session

Canterbury's three state representatives, Howard Pearl, Mike Moffett, and Jose Cambrils, will conduct a virtual "Legislative Listening Session" on Saturday, April 10, from 9 to 11 am or for as long as citizens have questions and want to discuss any bill or issue. Just email one of the representatives for the link:

howard.pearl@leg.state.nh.us michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us jose4nh@comcast.net

Citizens can also email questions or comments in advance to be addressed during "the show."

A special guest will be Rep. Tim Lang (Sanbornton) who is a member of the Governors Reopening Task Force to share the latest regarding the COVID situation. Other special guests will be in attendance as well.

~ Mike Moffett

## It's Decision Season!

## Get your town meeting info here!

The **2021** proposed budget, warrant articles, and sample ballots are on the town website at Canterbury-nh.org. There is one zoning amendment on campgrounds this year.

The **First Session of Town Meeting** (the balloting), which includes School District voting, is Tuesday, March 9, at the Town Hall from 7 am to 7 pm. With the country still in the grips of the pandemic, and the governor's emergency orders still in place, the **Second Session of the Town Meeting** (in person) will be postponed until Saturday, May 1, at Canterbury Elementary School at 10 am. The plan is to hold the meeting outside. We have secured a large tent that will provide sufficient coverage in case of bad weather.

The **Town Report** was sent to the printers and should be available soon. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and the staff at the town office for all the hard work that goes into putting the report together.

We now have the capability to video broadcast meetings via GoToMeeting. The details on how to sign in are on the town website. Boards and committees will be using this platform for meetings to provide better access to our residents.

We have been working on a proposal for broadband expansion in Canterbury. Currently we have two companies interested. We hope to have a "shovel ready" plan in place in the event of additional federal grant money becoming available. We will send out updates as things progress.

April 1 is the start of the new tax year. The Town Assessor, Mandy Irving, will be out visiting properties that have recently been issued building permits or verifying previous construction projects. Mandy will also start a townwide revaluation this spring. The last revaluation was done in 2016. Details and frequently asked questions can be found on the town website. The revaluation should be completed by August. April 15 is the last day to file for any property tax exemptions and or credits. It is also the last day to file any new current use applications.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

### Thanks for your service, Laurie Lockwood

It has been my honor to serve as a trustee of the Canterbury town trust funds since 2009. Under the able leadership of our Chairman Greg Heath, first with fellow trustee Jennifer Hopkins and more recently with trustee Tiffany Brown, we safeguarded taxpayer dollars in Capital Reserve accounts and exercised oversight on disbursals from trust funds. I want to thank Canterbury voters for placing their trust in me, and thank Jennifer, Greg, and Tiffany for these enjoyable years of service as I step down from this position. With my best wishes for the next trustee, and with thanks to the town,

~ Laurie Lockwood

### Looking to vote by absentee ballot?

Absentee Ballots for Shaker Regional School District: If you wish to receive an absentee ballot for the Shaker Regional School District in addition to the Town of Canterbury ballot, you can do this in one of two ways:

- 1) Contact the SAU directly, attention Stacy Kruger, and they will send you a ballot. You can reach Stacy at 603-267-1315 or email her at skruger@sau80.org.
- 2) Apply thru the Canterbury Town Clerk's office when you apply for your town ballot. Applications are available online or by request. Please specify that you want a school ballot as well. The SAU will then send you a school ballot, and Sam Papps, the town clerk/tax collectior, will send a town ballot. You can reach Sam during business hours, Mondays 9 to 3, Tuesdays 3 to 7 and Thursdays noon to 7, at 783-0153, or email him at spapps@canterbury-nh.org.

#### Thanks, farewell and best wishes to Nick Baker



At the end of February, the Canterbury Fire Department bid farewell to Deputy Chief Nick Baker after eight years of service to the town. Until recently, Nick was a lifelong resident of town, and he was a second-generation member of the CFD. It is this department that acclimated him to the firefighting profession, which he has chosen for his career. Nick's passion for assisting others as well as his institutional knowledge and energy will be sorely missed.

Chief Baker wore many hats in his tenure at CFD. His rise to

Deputy Chief in a relatively short time is indicative of his work ethic, knowledge, commitment and pride that he has exhibited for the profession. Chief Baker has been instrumental in procuring grant money for the replacement of aging equipment for the department over the past several years, saving the town approximately \$100,000. Nick co-held the title of acting chief for a majority of 2020. He also held the title of EMS director and Training Chief as well many other responsibilities.

The department would like to wish Nick the very best in his future endeavors. Happiness, good health and safety.

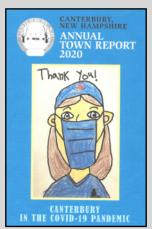
~ Mike Gamache, Fire Chief

(Photos by Jay Heath Photography!)

## Great Job, CES S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g C-h-a-m-p-s!

## First-grader's drawing says it all!

The Canterbury Historical Society has been collecting photos, journal entries and other memorabilia relating to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to create an archive of Canterbury's experience in this extraordinary time.



The forthcoming Town Report will contain a small sampling of some of the materials we have received. Pictured is the cover which is a drawing by a Canterbury first-grader named **Annabelle**. Be on the lookout to get your copy of the Town Report when it is published.

The Historical Society believes that this record is a positive reflection of the special nature of Canterbury residents and how they respond to challenging

times. Please keep your COVID experiences coming! All submissions will be recorded in our archive. Send to canterbury.nh.historical.society@gmail.com.

~ Bob Scarponi, President

## Farmers Market seeks your support!

As each month brings us closer to summer and the Farmers Market, we wanted to share information with you on how you

can show your support. Our weekly market has shown to be an important venue for the community to connect with our local food producers and provide a sense of normalcy.

Each \$25 membership helps support "Mary Ellen's Basket" (the Market's charitable giving program), coupons for Loudon Food Pantry patrons, musicians, advertising, and insurance.

If you would like to mail in your membership form, you can make checks payable to CCFMA and mail them to PO Box 3, Canterbury, NH 03224. You can print the membership application from our website at canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

~ Emily Sullivan

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## **Addison Safi to represent school**



Congratulations to our CES spelling bee winners! Fifth-grader **Addison Safi** will represent our school at the state-level bee.

## Winners by Class

Mrs. Wieck:

Cameron Walsh

Mrs. Charest:

Nathaniel Chesley

Mrs. Whitney: Liam Treadway Mrs. Briggs: Ella Walsh Mrs. Cameron: Levi Lawson

Mrs. Grene: Addison Safi; runner up, Ariana Dewedoff

I Love to Read and Write Month: Last month we celebrated "I Love to Read and Write Month!" Students participated in a bookmark challenge, book trivia, Dr. Seuss week, and much more. We appreciate the many community members who served as virtual guest readers. The students enjoyed hearing all of the fun stories!

**Winter Sports Days:** CES students enjoyed some special activities in the days leading up to February break. Staff coordinated indoor and outdoor events for the children. They enjoyed making snow art, going snowshoeing, creating 3-D figures, and much more.

**Support Staff Appreciation:** CES staff and students are so grateful for our wonderful support staff here at CES! We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of professionals who do their best for our students every single day! Thank you to:

Marie Dalzell - Kitchen Manager
Chris Call - Kitchen Staff
Dawn Angus - Head Custodian
Johnny Cashman - Custodian
Rhiannon Fee - Special Education Assistant
Cathy Collette - Special Education Assistant
Traci Collins - Classroom Assistant
Rick Zeller - Special Education Assistant
Kelly Papps - Classroom Assistant
Lynn Blanchette - Secretary
Heather Drouin - Library Assistant
Elizabeth Babcock - Classroom Assistant
Carole Foss - Reading Tutor

Morgan Jacobs - Speech Assistant

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

## Elkins Library: Check Out the New Programming, Kids!

The next Trustee virtual meeting is on Monday, March 8 at 7 pm.

**Hours:** Mondays through Thursdays, 9 to 5, and Saturdays, 9 to 12.

Elkins Library requires face masks. Please ring the doorbell before entering the building. Appointments are required for computer usage in 30-minute time slots. Please call 783-4386 to make arrangements. The Children's Room is currently closed for browsing. We are happy to find the materials you're looking for and have them ready for pick up. Drop-in is limited to four in the building at one time.

**Curbside pick-up continues!** Call us or link to our online catalog to place a reserve, or email your request. You'll receive notification to set up a pick-up time.

**Wi-Fi is available outside the library 24-7.** Just choose elkins library. No password is required.

**NH Downloadable Audio Books:** Download audio books, ebooks & magazines! Check out the website nh.lib.overdrive.com or contact the library to register.

#### **Adult Programs and Services:**

Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook. Wednesday, March 10 at 7pm. Presenter: Bob Cottrell. This Humanities program looks at how dog sledding developed in New Hampshire and how the Chinook, the state dog of New Hampshire, played a major role in this story. Pre-registration is required at elkinspubliclibrary.org. Click on "Our Programs" and fill in where it says, "Sign Up Here."

**The Old Man Boring Book Club** meets virtually on Thursday, March 4, at 7 pm. Individually chosen non-fiction selections will be discussed.. E-mail or call Sue for the Zoom link.

Keep Calm and Craft On: Two crafts in March! On Wednesday, March 3: No-sew fabric stars (2 per kit). You will need small scissors and an iron. On Wednesday, March 17: Gnomes. You will need a sock with a fairly long cuff and a glue gun. Emily Preston is teaching both crafts this month. She has assembled kits that are available at the library. Come in or pick up curbside. Provide your email to receive the Zoom link to join the fun!

**Book Group:** March 16 at 7 pm. Copies of *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett may be downloaded on NH Downloadable Audio Books. The library also has print copies available curbside or inside. Please call or email Sue for the Zoom link.

**Frontier Soups:** Delicious, easy shortcuts to homemade that contain all-natural seasonings with no added salt, no preservatives or MSG and many are gluten free! \$8 each or 4 for \$30. A Friends of Elkins Public Library fundraiser that provides materials and programs.

#### **Youth Services:**

We are excited to announce some new programs!

TREAT Boxes (Teens Read, Eat and Talk): Sign up now and get a box of goodies delivered right to your door! Contact the library and fill out the signup survey, and we will build a personalized monthly box just for you! You'll get a book to keep, a book to borrow (and return, please!), snacks, and more. Before you return the box itself, make your mark on it; draw something, add a sticker, write out your favorite quote. The boxes will be safely quarantined before being sent out to another teen, who'll make their own mark, and so on. Suggested for ages 13 and up.

**Snowmen at Night Walk!** Elkins and The Canterbury Whole Child Center have come together to create some fun! Visit and walk among the snow people near the Meeting House and the space between the Church and the Library. We want to fill this space with snow people and would LOVE help building them so come build a snowperson! Much like a traditional "Story Walk," people are encouraged to be outdoors while enjoying text from a children's book: *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner.

**Sticky Science** on YouTube: For the next few weeks tune in to view some crazy science experiments! We will float taffy, explode soda and even make our own lightning. Access this channel on Youtube or follow the link from our website.

**Story Time-To-Go!** These kits are created for young readers to promote literacy development. Each kit is based on the interests and reading level of the individual reader and contains books, activity sheets and multiple crafts. Call or email to receive your own kit for curbside service or in-library pick-up. Best suited for people aged 0 to 13 years old.

**Book Bundles/Curbside Pick-up:** Is your school age child having difficulty finding a book of interest? We can help! Sometimes, just the right book can make the difference in the life of a reluctant reader. We work closely with the school to help your student fulfil reading requirements and projects.

Phone: 783-4386 Website: elkinspubliclibrary.org

**Material requests:** elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org, 783-4386 or our catalog link on the website.

Mrs. Baker (Youth Services) mrsbaker@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Susan LeClair (Director and Adult Services) sleclair@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and check out the "Elkins Virtual Library" page on our website!

## Canterbury United Community Church

How to reach us: By phone, 783-9365. By email, mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

Parish House: Call Judy Patterson, 783-4419

Online: canterburychurch.org facebook.com/ MyCanterburyChurch

**Newsletter:** Deadline is 16th of month before publication. Editors: Mark and Brenda Travis, 783-0420, or email newslettercanterbury@gmail.com

#### **Canterbury Fair:**

twitter.com/CanterburyFair facebook.com/CanterburyFair

#### **Town Email List**

Rachel Baker manages the Canterbury Town Email List. Join or submit by emailing canterburytownemail@gmail.com

#### **Post Office**

**Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm (closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm); Sat., 8:30 am to noon; 783-4158

#### **Stores**

Canterbury Country Store: Mon.-Sat., 6:30 am to 6 pm; Sun., 8 am to 5 pm; 783-9933

**Brookford Farm Store:** 7 am to 7 pm daily; 783-4084

**106 Beanstalk:** 6 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

### **Loudon Food Pantry**

**Hours:** Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4.

**Service:** By appointment only at same hours as above.

**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 EMERGENCY? Dial 911

**Police Department:** Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Concord police dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

**Fire Department:** Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire @canterbury-nh.org

**Elkins Public Library:** 783-4386. Website: elkinspubliclibrary.org

Town website: canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation @canterbury-nh.org

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** 783-0153. Email: spapps@canterbury-nh.org

Selectmen's Office and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.org assessing@canterbury-nh.org

**Town Administrator:** 783-9955 kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org

**Building Inspector:** 783-9033 buildinginspector@ canterbury-nh.org

Highway Dept: 783-4123 canterburyhighway@ canterbury-nh.org

Planning Board: 848-2059 planningboard@canterbury-nh.org

**Monthly Meetings:** All held virtually for now.

- Planning Board: 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- Conservation Commission: 2nd Mon., 7 pm
- Selectmen: 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- Solid Waste Committee: 4th Mon.. 6 pm
- Zoning Board: As needed.
   Energy Committee: 1st
   Tues., 6 pm

### Local group equips Zimbabwe hospitals

Like the rest of the world Zimbabwe has been impacted by COVID, a declining economy and school shutdowns.

Recently a dear friend died of COVID: the Rev. Peter Khosah. I learned that the hospital didn't even have oxygen!

Because I was unable to travel to Zim last fall and now, A Light for Zimbabwe decided to dedicate my travel funds of \$2,000 toward medical supplies. These items were purchased in Harare and included an oxygen concentrator, nebulizer machines with medication and PPE. They were delivered to Chikore and Mt. Selinda Hospitals by two board members from Lighthouse Mission Trust, the registered name of our sister organization in Zimbabwe.

We remain committed to our main mission of education for our six university students and approximately forty from Grades 1-13. In addition to tuition and school fees made possible by sponsorships and fundraising, AlfZ provides the basics of monthly food and clothing as well as shelter.

To learn more or support our efforts, visit our website: alightforzimbabwe.org/

~ Sue Heppenstall

## Ready for some roadside cleanup?

Remember last year, when we were all looking for a reason to get outside and do something useful? Well, it's almost that time of year again, when we pick up the litter along our roadsides across Canterbury. The annual Townwide Roadside Cleanup is happening next month, on Saturday, April 17 — Earth Day weekend!

The rules are the same as last year, but it's always helpful if you sign up for your favorite stretch of road by contacting Patrice Rasche at mattieandriley@yahoo.com or 783-9360. The blue bags specially designated for use in the roadside cleanup can be picked up at the Transfer Station.

~ Patrice Rasche

### Food pantry to give volunteers a needed break

During the last year we took no time off other than major holidays and inventory. Our volunteers have been working diligently throughout the pandemic with no breaks. We have been feeding people twice their allotment of food each week for quite some time. Now that they seem to feel more secure, it's time to give our volunteers time to take a breath.

We will close on March 15 and reopen on March 23; close again on June 14 and reopen on June 22; and close again on Oct. 11 and reopen on Oct. 18. Holiday closures will be announced later.

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple. See our hours and location at left!

~ Sue Houck

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## Snowshoe race? Old sugar camp tour? Winter heats up at the Shaker Village!

Join us for snowshoeing at the village! In partnership with the New Hampshire Snowshoe Trail Race Series, Canterbury Shaker Village will be hosting a Bonus 2-4 mile snowshoe race Saturday, March 6, at 10 am. The race winds through the village's 700-acre grounds, with racers free to explore its open pastures and wooded trails. After the race, enjoy hot cocoa & treats. In addition, prizes will be awarded.

Registration is \$20 and is open at shakers.org. Participants may opt to run either one or two loops on race day. The race is limited to 75 participants, and there will be no day-of registration. It will follow strict COVID-19 guidelines.

In the event that our snow melts by race day, the race is still on. Snow or no, we go! For more information please visit shakers.org or email Tom Walton twalton@nedelta.com or info@shakers.org.

It's maple syrup season! Join Mark Stevens for a four-mile round trip guided hiking tour to the remnants of the Shakers' remote sugar camp.

Tours are Saturday, March 20, and Saturday, March 27, from 1 to 3 pm. Tickets are on sale at shaker.org at \$50 per person, and to ensure social distancing, each tour is limited to 12 people. Masks are required and participants should dress for



the weather and come prepared to hike four miles round-trip through the woods on trails that could be muddy or icy.

All participants in the tours will receive a complimentary bottle of maple syrup made by **David Lamb**, which is produced locally from real Shaker maple trees.

We are grateful to North Family Farm for sponsoring the event.

For more information, please contact Rae Easter at info@shakers.org or 783-9511, x205.