

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Greetings Canterburians,

It is no surprise that this month's newsletter is full of holiday season events to take part in during this special time of year! We invite you to take a look at the many opportunities happening around town this month detailed in this newsletter, and to soak up the Spirit in its many forms represented among our activities and those of our neighbors.



What's this lovely holiday scene all about? Turn to Page 4 to find out!

I believe it's also important to recognize that for many, this year's holiday season may not feel so merry and bright. The holidays can be challenging emotionally and physically for a number of reasons. Perhaps you can relate to the experience of the "underside of the holidays" or care about someone who finds themselves in this space this year. If so, I'd like to invite you to a special opportunity to find and offer support to one another:

The Canterbury United Community Church will be teaming up with the Congregational Church of Hooksett to offer a Blue Christmas Service at the Hooksett church (5 Veterans Drive, Hooksett) on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7 pm.

The goal of this service is to provide a sacred space to honor the grief, pain or challenge that can be part of the holiday season, to acknowledge our sadness as sacred; to know that we are not alone in the darkness we may experience, and to offer light to one another in the darkness. For more information, or to find out about carpooling from Canterbury to this service, please contact the church office: 783-9365.

Additionally, CUCC would like to open our sanctuary to you if you'd like to use it for a personal time of prayer and meditation. You may contact the church office to arrange a time for us to open the space for you as desired.

May this season be a time of embracing the light, the darkness, and the light to be found even in the darkness.

God's Peace,
Pastor Sara

Local Businesses, Here for You ...

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Come visit us! We've got everything you'd expect in a well-stocked country store as well as great products from local suppliers: eggs, meat, cheese, maple products, jams & jellies, soaps, music, sandwiches from the Newell Post Restaurant, fresh produce in season, and more. And we've got what one customer described as an "awesome beer selection."

BODY & SPIRIT DAY SPA — All of your skin care, nail care, and massage needs in one place. Don't forget the Holidays! Get a Gift Certificate online! www.bodyandspiritdayspa.com
603-226-4261

CANTERBURY WOODS is open for dinner every Thursday night from 4 to 9 pm. Kids welcome. Weekly specials. Catch up with friends or join in a friendly game of cribbage or corn hole. Feel free to call 783-9400 x7 (Kate) or 783-9400 x4 (Erin) for more information.

THE DEWEY SCHOOL is pleased to welcome children ages 3-5 to nature-based, Reggio-inspired early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Learn more at deweyschool.net.

GULF BROOK RENOVATIONS "When Ordinary Just Won't Do." Bathrooms, Kitchens, Additions & more. Aging-in-place specialists. Certified Green Professional. Jim Higgins, 226-0212, www.gulfbrook.com.

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"SHE'S HANDY" ... Tending to your small jobs. Painting, carpentry, odd jobs, extra hand, and your to-do list. 20+ years exp. Insured. Donna Bond. 724-5838. drbond1@comcast.net.

THE CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting applications for nature & arts-based preschool and before/after school programs. Open **7am-6pm M-F**, serving students 2.9-12yrs. CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com. facebook.com/CanterburyWholeChildCenter. 783-4370.

BROOKFORD FARM — Farm store open daily from 7 am - 7 pm. Organic vegetables, 100% grass fed dairy and beef, pastured pork, chicken and eggs, aged meats and lacto fermented products. Online ordering and year round CSA! Email: brookfordfarm.csa@gmail.com Phone: 603-742-4084 Website: www.brookfordfarm.com

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GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC — A Lifetime Present! Flute and guitar lessons with Aprylle & Reed. Holiday Special: 5 lessons for the price of 4. All ages and abilities. Call 603-708-1483.

Clough Tavern Farm Christmas a local shopping tradition



Nov 29 - Dec 8

Fri, Sat, Sun 9-5
Weekdays 10-4

Join us for 10 days of holiday shopping at one of Canterbury's oldest historic homes. Complementing our garlic and sheep products are five rooms offering a diverse and eclectic collection of 50 NH Artisans, Artists and Authors, as well as Antiques. This year's special gift theme celebrates "Our Furry Friends."

From Canterbury center take Old Tilton Rd., turn left onto Clough Tavern Rd. Follow the Christmas signs!



783-4287

23 Clough Tavern Rd., Canterbury

Clough Tavern Farm Christmas on Facebook



RIVERLAND B&B Riverland, a cozy, family-friendly B&B on the Concord-Canterbury line, is accepting 2019 reservations. Send us your tired, your hungry, your out-of-town relatives. www.riverlandonthemerrimack.com. 603-562-6059.

CANTERBURY CENTER BED AND BREAKFAST: "Where history meets hospitality." 4 guest rooms available to guests. Delicious healthy breakfasts. See ccbnbnh.com or email scribnerlois@gmail.com or call Lois at 603-783-0206.

"VISIT CANTERBURY'S VERY OWN BREWERY!" Taste amazing beers in the coolest "pub" in town! Choose favorites in growlers to go! 305 Baptist Hill Rd. Saturdays/Sundays 1-5 canterburyaleworks.com

THE EDWARDS CPA GROUP, P.C. — Are you a small business owner? We are a local full service firm and we don't just crunch numbers! We help you and your family plan for the future. Business Consulting, Tax & IRS Tax Relief specialists. Give us a call! Like us on Facebook! Call Kim Edwards at 286-8000, email info@edwardscpagroup.com or visit EdwardsCPAGroup.com.

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CANTERBURY TIMBER COMPANY – Logging, Land Clearing & Excavation Contractor with 20 years of experience, fully insured. Logging, land clearing, house lots, septic systems, driveways, field construction, stumping. For Logging call Brett Barton 396-3804, brett@canterburytimber.com. For Excavation call Sean McDonald 234-5889, sean@canterburytimber.com.

MAQ DESIGN — Offering quality custom upholstery, slipcovers that fit, and artisan window treatments. Where Quality Counts and Details Make the Difference! By appointment. maryann@maqdesign.net, 783-9640, maqdesign.net.

COLD GARDEN SPIRITS — Come taste our new bottling of two-year-aged BOURBON and BRANDY. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4:30. Come visit, learn about our process, enjoy a tasting and take some home. 338 Shaker Road, just North of Shaker Village.

CENTRAL ENERGY, LLC When was your furnace cleaned last? Central Energy, LLC, "celebrating 85 years in business." Offering ductless A/C systems, traditional A/C installations and service, as well as all your oil heat needs for service, installations & annual cleanings. Oil tanks & water heaters too. Call Barry at 603-724-9603 here in Canterbury and visit us at www.centralenergy1.com.

PEABODY HOME, a not-for-profit private home offers many different care options for elders including day care, assisted living, nursing and "respite" care. A nurse is present in the building 24hrs a day/seven days a week. Visit our home (24 Peabody Place, Franklin) and/or website to learn more about the "Peabody Home difference" <https://www.peabodyhome.org>

NORTH FAMILY FARM – Organic maple syrup from 2019 from the producer, available at local stores, the Canterbury Farmers Market or by appointment at the farm. Check our website for more information at northfamilyfarm.com, or call Jill or Tim at 783-4712.



What's this? A cool, new image-based ad size! Think of it as a business card ad. The cost: \$25.

Email us at the address below to learn more about our advertising options!

Last Farmers Market of the year!

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10am-1pm, CES Gym

This month we invite you to SHOP HERE FIRST! While the Market has adopted the motto "It Takes a Community to Feed a Community," it is important to note that it also takes a community to support our local farms, barns, and coops, orchards, bakers, cooks, and crafts-people.



The Market Challenge: How many items can you get at the winter farmers market instead of at the brand-name grocery or big-box stores?

-- Fill your bags and baskets from our wide selection of local ingredients for your crockpots, holiday dinners, and future good eating from the freezer, root cellar, and pantry.

-- The winter market also features more craft vendors so you can complete your holiday shopping, or find the perfect host or hostess gift.

If you miss the December Market you can still SHOP HERE FIRST!

-- Check the Market Facebook page or go to www.canterburyfarmersmarket.com for a list of how to find many of our vendors during the winter months.

-- Check out the Canterbury Country Store. It carries many local food and craft items and is open every day of the week!

-- Check the NH Dept. of Agriculture list of Winter Farmers Markets in the area. Take advantage of the winter markets in Concord, Contoocook, Bradford and at least 15 other locations!

As always, many, many thanks to the intrepid volunteers who help set up and break down each of the markets, put up and take down the road signs, pay the bills, organize the vendors, and the hundred other tasks it takes to keep the whole thing going. It takes a community to run a community market, and that's for sure!!

THANKS for your generous newsletter support

We have received a number of contributions in recent months to help cover the costs of the newsletter — even a book of stamps from a former resident to cover the cost of mailing a copy their way! The newsletter is a publication of the Canterbury United Community Church, and your contributions — as well as business advertising — help immensely toward closing the deficit the church takes on each year to bring the newsletter to you in service to the community. We've also received a number of kind comments, and they're much appreciated, too. The booklet form we introduced last month has drawn raves. But we did want to note that we can only do it when the newsletter is 8 or 12 pages long. Otherwise, it's stapled at the top corner!

~ Mark and Brenda Travis, editors

Don't Forget to Nourish Your Soul This Holiday Season

Follow the Star ... to the town center!

It's time to prepare for the Canterbury United Community Church's fourth annual live Nativity and potluck, "**How Far is it to Bethlehem?**" on Sunday, Dec. 15, beginning at 4:30 pm. The deacons thought it would be fun to anticipate the arrival of the event in our town center. Remember the potluck dinner after! Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting!

If you keep an eye out, you will see the big bright star moving about Canterbury (a few front yards) ever closer to the center in the coming weeks. Have photos taken of you standing by the star in the different locations and come to the live nativity evening to receive a fun prize and share your photos with others. You can bring them on your cell phone or print them. There will be an additional special prize for most creative picture. Join in the fun!

Who wants to join us in some **good old-fashioned caroling**? We will be singing on Sunday, Dec. 22, at Canterbury Hall at 12:30 then going to the Spruces at 1:30. We can carpool from the center. Wear some warm clothes as we will be walking through the Spruces sharing our Christmas spirit and joy.

On Sunday, Dec. 29, at 10 am we will be having a **Hymn and Carol Sing Service** in the Parish House. The Deacons will be providing refreshments, and if you would like to bring something to share, you may do so. It's a great time to sing your favorite hymns and share in fellowship.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be held at 5 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 24. Join us for a traditional candlelight worship service of lessons and carols as we welcome the newborn Christ child.



Come hang out with our Sunday School

CUCC's Sunday School hit the road on Nov. 17! We traveled to Plymouth State University and the kids took part in the indoor ropes course. Our capable guides were PSU Adventure Education students and they were both impressed with how willing every child was to try every element. As you can see, some of the activities pushed on some comfort zones but everyone had a blast. Our Sunday School is hoping to host some more adventurous activities this winter so stay tuned!

CUCC Holiday Poinsettia Orders — Deadline Sunday, Dec. 15

Please make check payable to Donna Miller (783-0220). Send check/cash and this form to Donna at 126 Baptist Road, Canterbury NH 03224

Your name and phone: _____

RED Quantity: _____ @ \$10 each = _____

WHITE Quantity: _____ @ \$10 each = _____

PINK Quantity: _____ @ \$10 each = _____

Total in cash or check: _____

Given in Honor or Memory of: _____

Please check one of the following:

☐ I will pick up my plant after the Christmas service

☐ I would like my plant delivered to me after the Christmas service

☐ I would like the flower committee to deliver my plant to someone else in Canterbury

Still More Options for Nourishment ...

Quaker Meeting News

All Ages Holiday Gift Make and Take

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am to 1 pm

Whatever holiday of Light you celebrate this season, make it shine brighter with handmade gifts that children and adults can make together. Bring the family to "make and take" wonderful crafts for all ages including soap making, tin lanterns, reusable beeswax food wraps, folded fabric star ornaments, hand-sewn ornaments, bird feeders, and wooden boxes. At the Quaker Meetinghouse, 11 Oxbow Pond Road. Pre-registration appreciated. Contact Ruth Heath, 724-4343. A modest donation requested per craft to cover the cost of supplies and to benefit Kakamega AIDS Orphanage, Kenya.

International Peace Light

Sunday, Dec. 8, noon to 12:45 pm

The Quaker Meeting is participating in the International Peace Light experience this year and we invite members of the community to join us on Sunday, Dec 8. Lamps that have been lit at a continuously burning Peace Lamp in Bethlehem are being carried around the world that weekend, lighting candles or lamps that will light other candles. One of those Peace Light lamps will be at the Meetinghouse. Light your own candle from this Peace Light from noon to 12:45 pm. Take it home and use it as a reminder to pray for Peace, knowing that people around the world are lighting their Peace Light candles and praying for peace, too.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6 pm

Christmas Eve Caroling in the Havenwood Nursing Facility is a 30-year tradition of the Quaker Meeting. After caroling there from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, there will be a 6 pm Christmas Eve service at the Meetinghouse on Oxbow Pond Road, followed by potluck supper at 6:30. All are welcome.

All Ages New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 6 to 10 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend this alternative New Year's Eve Party at the Quaker Meetinghouse. The Quaker Meeting is hosting a Game Night that starts at 6 pm and ends at 10, when we celebrate "Rio de Janeiro Midnight" by toasting to a year of Joy and Peace. (But feel free to drop in or drop out when you need to leave.) Please bring your favorite board or card game, or just join in on games others have brought. Bring finger food to share and any non-alcoholic beverages you enjoy. Help us ring in the New Year with fun, games, food, and song for all ages!

Worship Every Sunday

10 am to 11:30 am

The Quaker Meeting meets every Sunday and all are welcome to attend and experience unprogrammed "waiting" worship. Check out our website ConcordFriendsMeeting.org for more information on Quakerism and our style of worship. We are a welcoming and affirming congregation. Contact Ruth Heath, 724-4343, or info@concordfriendsmeeting.org.



The Exchange will be held in the soon-to-be completed meetinghouse at Church of the Woods.

Sacred Ground Exchange

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 to 4 pm

Church of the Woods, 92 Foster Road

How do you speak of the Earth as sacred?

Sacred Ground Exchange is a group meditation, mutual exchange, and storytelling event where we listen reverently to the land and to each other. Join us as we gather in conversation to evoke and share the diverse ways that people speak, experience and engage with the natural world as sacred. Space is limited — contact Terésa Gardner at tgardner@kairosearth.org to RSVP.

Did someone say Santa and Pancake Breakfast?

The Canterbury Rascals 4-H Club is hosting Santa's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8 to 10 am at the Parish House in Canterbury.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a delicious pancake breakfast, meet Santa and make some holiday crafts!

This is a fun community event that benefits 4-H. Without fundraising our club would not have supplies or funds for scholarships, projects, or charitable giving.

Prices:

\$5 for Adults

\$4 for kids under 12

Free for kids under 2

\$15 Family price

Two Neighbors We'll Miss Dearly

Priscilla Parmenter Lockwood

Priscilla Parmenter Lockwood of Canterbury passed away on Nov. 11, 2019, from pancreatic cancer.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1936, the third child of Draper Watts and Lucy (Boyden) Parmenter of Londonderry. She graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 1954 and later from the University of New Hampshire with a teaching degree. She married Robert Alan Lockwood on Dec. 22, 1956, and together they raised five children.



Priscilla set the bar high when it came to community service and civic engagement. Her involvement with the Town of Canterbury was significant and varied. She was at heart, an educator, and while teaching math at Belmont High School, she did so much more than simply teach math. Upon retirement, she followed in her father's and husband's footsteps and became a N.H. state legislator, where she was a voice of reason and practicality for 16 years.

Her greatest love was for her family, both extended and immediate. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother, traveling through snowstorms to bring kids to ski races, and bundling up for late October soccer games. She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in all of their endeavors. Pickle-maker and game-player extraordinaire, she leaves behind a beautiful legacy of service and commitment, and a dedication to family that is unmatched. Priscilla was predeceased by Bob, her husband of 58 years, in 2015.

She leaves three sons, Alan (Lois) Lockwood of Tempe AZ, Caleb Lockwood of Meredith, NH, and Briggs (Laurie) Lockwood of Canterbury; two daughters, Lucyann (Rick) Zeller, and Polly (Jonathan) Camire, both of Canterbury; grandsons Caleb (Amanda) Lockwood of Concord, NH, Robby (Sarah) Zeller of Goffstown, NH, Nicholas Lockwood and Tuckerman Zeller; granddaughters Ellen Lockwood, Zoe Zeller, Abby Camire and Becca Camire; and great-grandchildren Gabrielle and Anthony Zeller, as well as many extended family members.

Please send any donations in her memory to The Slusser Center, Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury St, Concord, NH 03301-3502.

Claudette "Mama" Geno

Claudette "Mama" Geno of Canterbury passed away on Oct. 28 after a long battle with dementia. She is survived by her husband, Tom Geno, son Scott (Zig) and his wife Susan, grandkids David Brent and Amanda Messier, Mindy and Bobby Tonkin, Cecilia Stariknok and great-grandkids Robert and Ava Tonkin, all of Canterbury, and daughter Kris Geno and grandson Joshua of Concord.



Claudette was born in Manchester and graduated from Manchester Central High School in 1959. She met her husband of 55 years on a blind date arranged by a friend.

Claudette was initially afraid of moving to the country, but after two years, she couldn't wait to move to their home on the Intervale in Canterbury where she and Tom raised their two children, Scott, aka Ziggy, and their daughter, Kris. She worked many years at the state Department of Motor Vehicles, a job she loved where, after retiring, she returned part-time for another 12 years.

Claudette was a charter member of the Concord Lioness Club and later the Concord Lions Club, where she was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship for her service. Claudette loved to cook and was happy to bring the family together during the holidays. She enjoyed cooking for many charitable events with the Lions.

Mostly she loved being a mother to Zig and Kris and made it to every event they participated in. She loved taking care of her grandson Josh while Kris worked full-time and attended college as a single parent. She disliked Zig's auto racing, but was the spiritual leader of Zig's race team. She was very proud of daughter, Kris, who went on to establish her own successful counseling business. She went to all of Josh's football games for seven years and then continued the tradition by attending great-grandson Robert's football games. She also enjoyed her time with great-granddaughter Ava Tonkin, especially around the pool.

She was a loving, giving Mother and grandmother and enjoyed being with the family any chance she could. She was always willing to help others and always had a smile, believing "you just have to be nice." That was her legacy.

The Food Pantry: There for Those in Need

Thank you, Canterbury!

I attended the Harvest Ham and Bean Supper Fundraiser on Nov. 10 in Canterbury! Great people! Great food! Great attendance! Thanks to this fundraiser, Loudon Food Pantry has received non-perishable food and \$531 to help feed people in need! Excellent job Canterbury! Thank you so much!

Thanksgiving Boxes



This year we're handing out 65 Thanksgiving Boxes. Meadow Ledge Farm donated the apples. Many other donations came in that helped us complete the boxes. Thank you for all your contributions to making this Thanksgiving a success for so many! Also, a huge thanks goes out to all the volunteers that helped make this happen smoothly!

Donations Received

In November we received some large food and funds donations that allowed us to restock our shelves. Thanks goes to Loudon Elementary School and their students for the Turkey Trot, the Boy Scouts for Scouting for Food, Villages of Loudon, Loudon Young at Heart, and so many more. Donations, food or funds, in any size help us to feed those in need! We are always grateful for your support!

Thanksgiving Week - We are closed and unavailable.

Holiday Boxes will be given out on Sunday, Dec. 22. If you have signed up and need more information, please call the pantry.

Inventory Time

This year, we will be closed and unavailable the week of Christmas and because of inventory, we will not reopen until Tuesday, Jan. 21. As usual, we will make sure those that come to the pantry for assistance will be given enough food to hold them over. We will not be at the pantry to receive donations from Saturday, Dec. 28, to the end of the year, so please drop off any donations before then. As always, any donation mailed by Dec. 31 st will be included in the donation letters that are issued in January. Thank you!

50-50 Holiday Fundraiser Raffle ends Dec. 15. As of Nov. 16, we had sold \$157 in tickets. The more tickets we sell, the more the winner gets! \$1 for 1 ticket; \$2 for 3 tickets; \$5 for 7 tickets. Tickets can be purchased using our online order form at LoudonFoodPantry.org or visit the pantry.

Gift of Lights presented by Eastern Propane & Oil: Save \$2 off your admission to this 2.5 million LED light spectacle, open through Jan. 5, when you bring three or more non-perishable food items for the Loudon Food Pantry or participate in one of



What a great community effort!

The Ad Hoc Ham & Bean Harvest Supper raised more than \$500 for the Loudon Food Pantry on Nov. 10. More than a dozen of your neighbors got together and cooked up a storm of ham, roast vegetables and baked beans for about 80 people or so. We also sent Sue back to the Pantry with a whole shopping cart of donated food.

Donations included hams from the great folks at Fox Country Smoke House, desserts and salads from a bunch of folks, veggies from some of our local farmers and a lot of love and work from some of the usual suspects.

Thanks to all who helped and those who attended. Not that hard to make a big difference for those who need our help.

~ Rick Crockford

the theme nights: PJ Night (Dec. 4), Military Night (Dec. 11) or Ugly Sweater Night (Dec. 18). For more information go to nhms.com/events/gift-of-lights/

October Meal Numbers: In October we gave out enough food to create 5,477 meals to 390 individuals. 139 of those were age 60 and older, 120 were age 18 or under and 131 were in between those ages.

For our location, contact info and hours, see our listing on Page 11.

~ Sue Houck

Is the Library Full of Holiday Cheer? Of Course It Is!

Holiday Hours: Closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25. There's a delayed opening on Thursday, Dec. 26, from noon to 8 pm. Closing at 3 pm on New Year's Eve Day and closed for New Year's Day.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, Dec. 9, at 7.

Holiday Open House: Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 to noon for a Bavarian Christmas celebration! Create an ornament, decorate a cookie and enjoy the savory and sweet German delicacies provided by FOEPL (Friends of Elkins Public Library). Fiddle music and dance by Jacqueline Laufman fills the air at 11. Scheene Feiatog (Happy Holidays!)

Story Hour: Tuesday, Dec. 3 and 17, at 10: Songs, stories, dancing and craft for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Meet new friends and have some fun! We have been having record numbers of children and families! You are using your library and we are so very excited! Come over-hear the joyful noise!

Rock N' Read: Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 10. Enjoy learning rhythms, songs and activities for babies and toddlers. Come enjoy time spent with friends. Each program incorporates routine songs and rhymes in addition to new ones that incorporate the chosen theme for the day.

Toddler Town: Come in any time to play and spend time at your library. Many thanks to the Friends of Elkins Public Library for funding this beautiful play space and many new playthings for young library friends! If you use the library regularly, consider becoming a Friend yourself. It's fun and a way to give to your favorite library.

Lego Club meets Tuesday, Dec. 3 and 17, at 4. Children and families are welcome to come and build together with Lego bricks. There is no signup necessary – come drop in and spend an hour building and creating.

Toddler Jackpot! on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 10. It's the fifth Tuesday of the month so that means Toddler Jackpot! We will have a special activity for babies through kindergarteners. This year it's Baby New Years! Let's celebrate the end of the decade together.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten! The single most important thing you can do to prepare your child to read independently is to read to them every day. Come in and get a chart to track your child's reading. Turn it in and your child will receive a gift at the Circulation Desk.



If this looks to you like a Bavarian Christmas Holiday Open House table, you're right!

Adventurous Ladies & Daring Men Social Club! Weekly on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 pm. This drop-in group has plenty to offer in December. Dec. 5, Book Discussion (copies of *Sam Hell* are available at the desk); Dec. 12, Stress Management with Pam; Dec. 19, Chair Yoga with Ali.

Old Man Boring Book Club: Not just for men! Please join us, offer suggestions and tell us about the titles you've enjoyed. Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 pm.

Book Group: Meets Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 to discuss *Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. Copies are available at the library for anyone who would like to join us.

Puzzle Swap: Bring some -- take some. All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition.

Frontier Soups are back! FOEPL (Friends of Elkins Public Library) are offering samples at the Canterbury Community Indoor Farmers Market on Saturday, Dec. 14. A large variety of delicious gourmet

soup mixes that are easy shortcuts to homemade -- healthy, delicious and contain all natural seasonings with no added salt, no preservatives or MSG. Many are gluten free! Also available at the library. If you have questions or suggestions, see Mary Ellen at the library or email Sarah (smccrow@gmail.com).

Holiday Raffle Baskets: A great variety of baskets, such as kitchen wares, children's books and games, a coffee basket with mugs, a pet basket and more ... great for gifts or for your own enjoyment! Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6. Winners announced at our Open House on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Amazon Smile: When you shop on Amazon please consider signing up for the Amazon Smile program which provides 0.5% of your purchase in support of the Friends of Elkins Public Library. These donations go toward programs for babies, children, teens and adults, as well as supplies and beautifying the gardens.

The staff and trustees would like to express our gratitude to the Friends for providing and funding programs, running the book sale, decorating and baking for events and improving the garden. It's wonderful to have such support! Consider joining this dynamic group.

Warm holiday wishes from the staff and trustees of EPL and heartfelt thanks for the donations, participation and suggestions we've received during this busy year.

It's Winter. So Be Careful Out There!

Fire Department: Close before you doze!

During a fire, closing the door, could have a potentially life-saving impact.



Fires have become more dangerous than ever. Modern synthetic construction materials, home furnishings, and contemporary layouts allow fire to spread and become toxic much faster – like three-minutes-or-less-to-get-out faster.

But a closed door can slow the spread, reduce toxic smoke levels, improve oxygen levels and decrease temperatures dramatically – and that could make a life-saving difference in your home. More than a decade of research conducted by the UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI), proved that a simple behavioral change, closing the door, could have potentially life-saving impact during a fire.

"Sleep with the bedroom door closed," said Stephen Kerber, director of the institute. "If there is a fire, there is no time to act.

"Close Before You Doze" focuses on straightforward actions and simple behavioral changes which can provide critical help in delaying the spread of fire. This doesn't require major effort or going out and buying anything. For more information and to view videos of live fire incidents that graphically display this life-saving information, visit closeyourdoor.org/about.

Wishing you a fire-safe holiday season!

~ Guy Newbery, Fire Chief

Police: Don't blow that snow into roads



The Canterbury Police Department would also like to remind that winter will be "officially" here Dec. 22 but as we all know the weather changes quickly in New Hampshire. So, when the snowflakes do start to fall and accumulate ... a reminder: Town Ordinance #1 goes into effect.

It shall be a violation of this ordinance to put, place, or store or cause to be put, placed, or stored snow or ice in or across

any road in Canterbury during any private snow removal activities.

Also state law requires you to keep your car clear of snow so that it won't fly off your roof and hit the car behind you. You're also required to move over for emergency vehicles in the roadway – also be aware of the state and local highway

vehicles on the roadways, cleaning and plowing.

Some other reminders:

Use extra caution entering intersections/stop signs, etc. for those growing snowbanks. Please keep informed and be prepared of pending snow and ice storms for possible power outages. Make sure you have extra batteries, nonperishable food, and water available in case of power outage. Check in with your neighbors or the elderly, especially on bitter cold days.

A side note: We also have had some inquiries/interest in a "call in" program for the elderly and homebound individuals, please contact the Police Department if you'd like more information.

Remember it's a good idea to lock your car if you're holiday shopping or even in your driveway. Also lock your house while you're away. The harder you make it for others to steal your belongings and gifts, the merrier you will be.

Give yourself some extra time when traveling this holiday season, we would like to make sure that you arrive to your destination safely.

And ... the members of the Police Department would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

~ Michael P. Lebreque, Police Chief

It's budget season for the selectmen

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting with the Budget Committee on Monday, Dec. 2, at the Meeting House to review proposals for the 2020 budget.



The Board of Selectmen are proposing a Noise Ordinance for the Town Meeting in March. There will be a public hearing before the Town Meeting.

There will be a public auction for a town-owned parcel on Dec. 12 at 4 pm. The auction will be held by James St. Jean Auctioneers. Details can be found on the auctioneer's website, jsjauctions.com, and a posting at the Town Office.

The Town Office and Clerk's Office will close at 11 am on Monday, Dec. 23, for the annual employee holiday party.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

All Around Our Busy Town ...

Christmas trees for sale in center

The CES PTO will be selling **Christmas trees** from 10 am to 4 pm at the town center on Saturday, Dec. 7, and on Dec. 14 if there are any trees left.

The next regular PTO meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 pm.



The **fall food drive** will continue this month and we will be collecting non-perishable food items through Dec. 13. Contributions will go toward providing families in need with two weeks of food along with a complete holiday meal. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school any

time during the school day.

Anyone who ordered a **holiday wreath** from the CES fifth-graders Nature's Classroom fundraiser can pick them up at the school beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Canterbury Elementary School is hosting a **winter blood drive** on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 10 to 3. Please help if you can. Participants will receive a free Red Cross long-sleeve T-shirt. To pre-register use code: CanterburyNH. For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED Cross (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are welcome.

Shaker schools will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Reminder: The CES PTO will host a **Holiday Fun Night** on Friday, Dec. 6. Activities that evening will include face painting, crafts, food, awesome raffles, cookie decorating, games and Santa.

Happy Holidays from the staff and students at CES.

~ Mary Morrison, Principal

Projects abound for Canterbury 4-H Rascals

Upcoming projects include: Paper Cutting with Janine Condi, Beginner Knot Tying with Emily Preston, Broom Making with Ted West, Emily Preston, and Kent Russwick, Microwave Potholder Fundraiser/Beaded Earrings and Sculpey Pendants/Advanced Knot Tying with Emily Preston and Cecilia Condi, Outdoor Education with Kim Scammon, Card Making Class with Mrs. Crockford, Pet First Aid/Dog Bandana Workshops with Emma Galonski, Air Dry Clay Workshop with Emily Perlet, Pillowcase Class and Farmer's Market on Dec. 16 with Laura Crockford. We are also holding a **Christmas Party** at our next meeting on Dec. 21!

Please Contact Laura Crockford at 540-9877 or canterburyrascals4H@gmail.com with any questions.

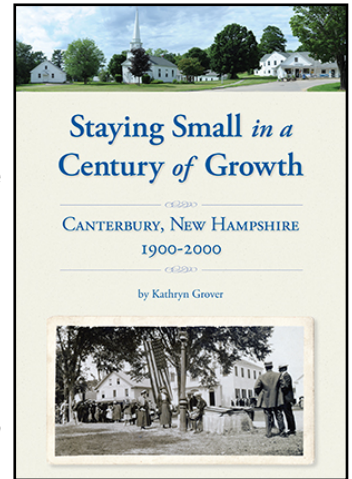
~ Olivia Ramirez, Reporter

Farewell to a Historical Society founder

It is with both sadness and appreciation we note the passing of our fellow Trustee, **Priscilla Lockwood**, who was one of the founding members of the Canterbury Historical Society in 1969. She worked in multiple ways in shaping the character and nature of our wonderful town and state. Priscilla made history as she contributed to it. We are proud to have known and worked with her.

Tips for Christmas giving: Our recently published 20th century history of Canterbury, *Staying Small in a Century of Growth*, has been reduced in price from its original \$40 to \$25 and is available for sale at the Canterbury Country Store, the Elkins Library and the Museum Store at Shaker Village. It contains 642 pages and 176 photographs. A great holiday gift!

Another great gift idea is the recently published book entitled, *In Union*, by well-known author (and Canterbury resident) Mark Travis, which chronicles 200 years of the Canterbury Shakers in a fact filled and totally interesting way with multiple photographs and maps. Full color and very reasonably priced at just \$10. Available at the Museum Store at Shaker Village.



We are pleased to welcome two new members to our Board of Trustees who we elected at our recent Annual Meeting, **Brenda Murray** and **Fred Brewster**. There is much to do and we are glad to have you on board!

A bonus! Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Elkins Memorial Building from 10 am to noon to see the **Historic Houses of Canterbury** exhibit. This is a great show featuring some of Canterbury's oldest houses. Everyone welcome!

Thanks from CBS to all who joined in Artisan Fair

The mission of the Canterbury Benevolent Society is "to cultivate the spirit of Christ beginning with our own lives and reaching out into homes and communities and the uttermost reaches of the world." Our local outreach each year includes donations to the Loudon Food Pantry, VNA Hospice, the McKenna House, CES school nurse, and the NH Women's Fellowship UCC. Each year we put together Health Kits for Church World Services.

The Canterbury Benevolent Society would like to thank everyone who participated in and attended our Holiday Artisan Fair in November. This fair is a labor of love for our community with many hands making sure it is enjoyable for all. We are deeply grateful for all who helped.

Canterbury United Community Church

Office hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings. Call first. 783-9365. mycanterburychurch@gmail.com

Parish House: Call Judy Patterson to reserve, 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 Crier

Lois Scribner posts Canterbury happenings Sundays in the Concord Monitor. Deadline is noon every Wednesday. Email Lois at scribnerlois@gmail.com

Town Email List

Laura Crockford 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: 5 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

Services

Loudon Food Pantry: 30 Chichester Road, Unit D, Loudon. Intake by appointment only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Office hours and donations accepted Tuesdays 10-6; Wednesdays 10-1; Thursdays 10-4; Fridays 10-1. For more information, go to loudonfoodpantry.org, email info@loudonfoodpantry.org or call Sue at 724-9731.

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: Mon., 1 to 7 pm; Tues., 9 am to 6 pm; Wed. and Thurs., 9 am to 8 pm; Sat., 9 am to noon. 783-4386. 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: Mon. 9 am to 3 pm; Tue., 3 to 7 pm; Thur., noon to 7 pm. 783-0153. Emails: taxcollector@canterbury-nh.org townclerk@canterbury-nh.org

Selectmen's Office and Assessor's Office: Mon. and Wed., 9 am to 1 pm; Thur., 10 am to 2 pm; 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

Monthly Meetings: All held at Meetinghouse.
- **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

Celebrate your holiday at Shaker Village

Christmas at Canterbury (Dec. 7 and 14, 3-8 pm): Join us inside the historic Shaker buildings to watch a 19th-century magic show, meet Father Christmas, make Christmas-inspired crafts, admire a toy train display or listen to fiddlers. Enjoy hot cider and singing Christmas carols as we light the Village Christmas tree. Get a discount by purchasing tickets online before Dec. 1.



Christmas with the Canterbury Shakers Tours (Dec. 6, 8, 13, & 15; with tours at 6 pm, 6:30 pm & 7 pm): Explore the evolution of the Shakers' Christmas celebrations – from simple religious services in the 19th century to holiday decorations and elaborate theatricals in the 20th century – on this 60-75 minute candlelight tour, which ends with cookies and hot cider in one of our decorated buildings. Please purchase tickets online in advance. A limited number of tickets, space permitting, may be available at the museum store before each tour. Suggested for ages 12 and up.

Do-It-Yourself Herbal Holiday Body Care Gifts (Dec. 7, 10 am-12:30 pm): We'll discuss and demonstrate the basic steps for making lip balm, body cream, bath salts and sugars, scrubs, aromatherapy spray, and massage oil -- then make five of your own products to bring home and give as gifts. Find out how easy it is to make big batches all at once!

Book your holiday party at the village: Organizing a large gathering or office holiday party? Come to the village! We're taking reservations now for private Christmas tours and parties. We are also taking reservations for 2020 weddings, rehearsal dinners, and more. For more information, contact Sarah Schmidt at 783-9511, ext. 205.

Trail Notes, continued from Page 12!

... out over Spender. The beavers had trimmed what brush there was considerably. Still, it's probably a better hike when leaves are off. It would be even better across the ice, once it's good and thick and safe. Two-thirds across the frozen water a small island will come into view with about 12 pines on it. Go straight across by the left, west side and you'll hit the shoreline about where the trail to Schoodac starts. By land as you come around the small inlet to the north side of Spender you'll see a major boundary marker – three big red blazes on each of two trees next to each other. Just beyond is the sign for the Schoodac trail.

We had lunch on the overlook. It took us an hour from the parking area for Morrill Road (on left shortly after Morrill Road turns to dirt). Plan to spend time at the overlook to fully enjoy this wild and out of the way spot. Call me at 783 4403 for more information.

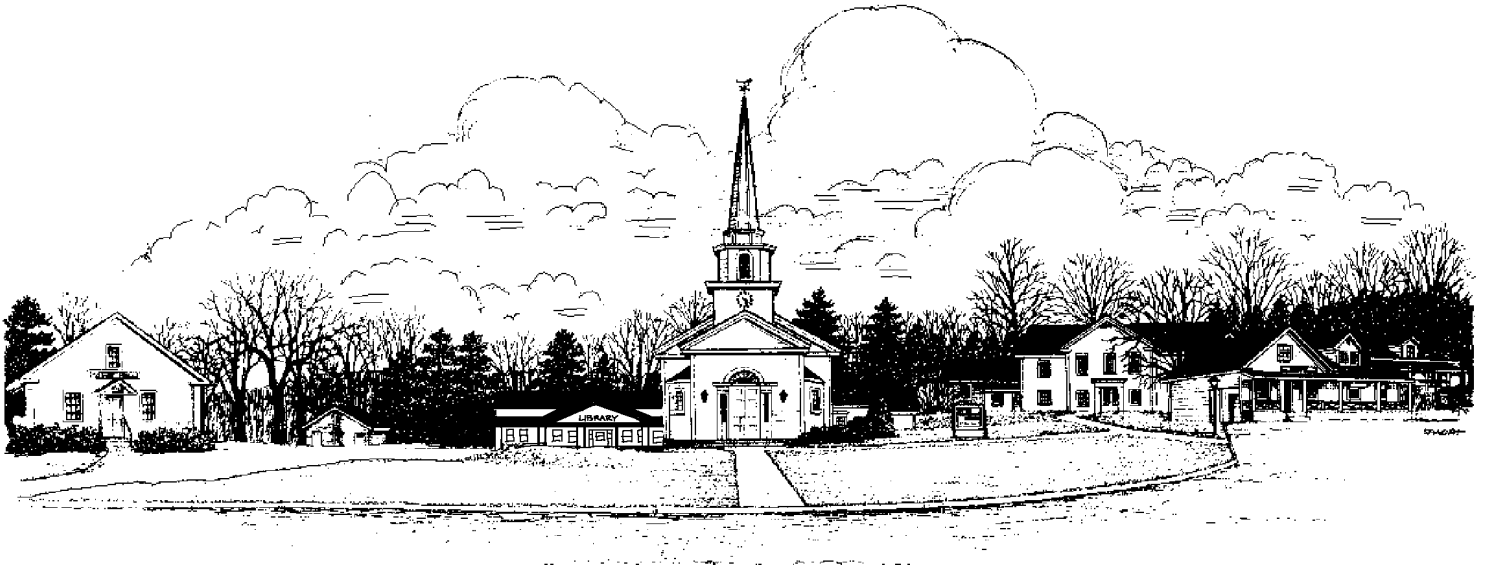
~ Dave Emerson

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Trail Notes: Exploring the Schoodac Marsh, at long last

For as long as I've been doing this column I've wanted to get out to Schoodac. Looking across Spender Meadow from the dam, I knew Schoodac Marsh was somewhere beyond the far side. But the only way I knew to get there was by Welch Road from Morrill Road. I was sure my car wouldn't like Welch Road. I didn't want to walk that far or go alone.

On Oct. 30 Charlie Krautman was free to go with me. He's done most of the trail maintenance out there. We drove to the first old log landing. From there it was about a 15-minute walk up the road to the next landing and the start of Schoodac Loop on the left. We did the loop in about 35 minutes. Good obstructed views of the marsh toward the end. Then we walked a short distance up the road to a left up to the overlook. It is one huge marsh.

Back down the road slightly to the trail to Spender Meadow – only 10 minutes and I was at last looking at Spender from the other side. I could see that it would be an easy bushwhack along the west side of Spender to the dam – open oak woods. 20 minutes back down Welch brought us to the car. Two and a half hours of hiking.

Now I was anxious to try hiking over from Spender. It looked like way more fun than walking out Welch Road. The walk up to Spender Dam from Morrill Pond is one of my favorites. Sunday, Nov. 10, Joe Egan and I did it. It's a fine walk, though there's a bit of trail work I hope to do between Morrill and Spender before you read this. Looking out over the sunlit fall colors of the marsh, I was puzzled that water along the east side had no ice skim while all the rest of Spender meadow did (as well as all open water I'd passed coming over). Joe spied a beaver

swimming into the marsh growth -- the first beaver he'd ever seen!

As we began the bushwhack over to the north side and the trail to Schoodac Marsh we soon saw well-used beaver paths where they'd dragged their harvests to the water, also establishing channels through the marsh grass along the shore edge. And there was no ice skim where the trails entered the marsh. We crossed at least eight trails -- many busy beavers had just finished their early-morning work.

It was an easy walk close enough to the shore for good views

... This adventure continues on Page 11!