Canterbury Community Newsletter

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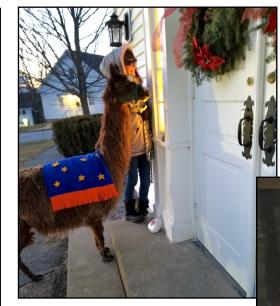
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How Far Is It To Bethlehem?

Not as far as you might think!

These are scenes from the Canterbury United Community Church's fifth annual live nativity and potluck in December.



Participants young and old wound through the town center, concluding their trek in the barn at the Canterbury Center B&B!

Hello Canterburians.

As we begin 2020, I want to take a moment on behalf of CUCC to thank so many of you who generously responded last month to our annual appeal for financial support of this community newsletter. We greatly appreciate your commitment to help connect the people of Canterbury by your financial support. The people and organizations of Canterbury have so much to share with each other! Our heartfelt hope is that we will continue to serve as a helpful resource to you in that endeavor in the coming year. We wish you all a blessed, healthy and joy-filled 2020 as we continue to make and strengthen the lasting connections that help to make our town a special place to live and feed our spirits.

Blessings and Peace in the New Year,
Pastor Sara

Local Businesses, Here for You ...

GREEN BUILDING SOLUTIONS & KENT RUESSWICK.

General Contractor, would like to help with your next building project. Located here in town, I am a passive energy builder. Please call 731-8863 or kent@nhicf.net

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Did you know that the NH Preservation Alliance has listed Country Stores in its annual "Seven to Save" list for 2020? Come to the Store and help preserve us! You'll not only be preserving a historic business, you'll also find friends and neighbors and a well-stocked store that includes great local products (including some tasty preserves.)

PFA SOUND & LOGISTICS: PA systems for rent for parties, bands, DJs, weddings, presentations and other events. Local delivery, setup and support. No event too large or too small. glen@pfasound.com

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THE DEWEY SCHOOL is pleased to welcome children ages 3-5 to nature based early learning at the historic Canterbury Shaker Village. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year opens soon. Look for our open house in February! deweyschool.net

APRYLLE & REED, Flute and Guitar. Elegant and Peaceful Music for Weddings, Concerts, Corporate Functions, Holiday Events, or any Special Occasion. Call 603-708-1483 for more info and/or bookings.

NEW FLUTE OR GUITAR for Christmas? Flute and guitar lessons with Aprylle & Reed. New Year Special: 5 lessons for the price of 4. All ages and abilities. Call 603-708-1483 for details.

GUITAR LESSONS AT YOUR HOME OR MINE — Canterbury area. All ages, all styles of music. Berklee/New England Conservatory alum. Tony. 603-475-3471 tonyz84@aol.com

"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

RIVERLAND B&B: Riverland, a cozy, family-friendly B&B on the Concord-Canterbury line, is accepting 2020 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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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.

Want to place an ad? Because the newsletter is mailed to every household in Canterbury, it's a great way to make the community aware of what you have to offer. Our rates range from as little as \$10 for a listing of 30 words or less to \$50 for a full quarter page. The deadline is the 16th of each month prior to publication, and we aim to get the newsletter in mailboxes on or before the 1st. For more information, email us at newslettercanterbury@gmail.com!

~ Mark and Brenda Travis, editors

Contra Dance Alert!

A contra dance series is coming to Canterbury! Starting **Saturday, Jan. 11**, there will be a monthly contra dance every second Saturday in the Parish Hall, 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm.

It just happens that this first dance will feature Canterbury's own **Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki** on fiddle, accompanied by **Sue Hunt** from Alexandria playing piano. You can't get much better than that! **Gale Wood** from Deerfield will be calling.

Gale, a longtime and enthusiastic contra dancer as well as dance caller, has organized a dance in Gilmanton Iron Works for some time. With the hall there undergoing renovations, and a little local help from Teresa Wyman, he decided to move this dance series to Canterbury. It is a friendly dance, welcoming to beginners, those that have danced in the past, or dance only once in awhile, and generally is attended by some seasoned dancers as well. Gale has an appreciation of the history of dancing in New Hampshire and calls some of the cherished older dances along with a nice mix of newer ones. Different bands, and occasionally different callers will be featured each month.

Jordan and Sue just really click. Jordan is one of the best musicians around, but loves "going back to my roots," and playing for dances. He welcomes and encourages sit-in musicians of all levels, on pretty much any instrument. I am constantly amazed by the "cool stuff" he does to whatever tunes he is playing. Sue, originally from Keene, started dancing in her teens at the famed Nelson dances. She plays and calls gigs all over New Hampshire and beyond, including calling for a barn dance some of you may have attended in Loudon this fall. Her piano playing has been described as, "Rock solid ... strong enough to pull a freight train." Together, Jordan and Sue make magic, each saying how much they enjoy playing a gig with the other.

It will be an event not to be missed! Suggested donation is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors. If you feel like it, bring a treat to share at intermission. (I'll probably make butterscotch brownies.) Any questions, call Gale at 603-793-4296 or Teresa at 783-9826 -- messages fine -- or email gtomwood@gmail.com or teresawyman@comcast.net.

~ Teresa Wyman



Please consider A Light for Zimbabwe

It is hard to believe that life in Zimbabwe has deteriorated even further over the last year but I witnessed exactly that on my recent trip. The World Food Program reports that over 7 million people will be hungry this year; that is over half the population. Many live on one meal a day. The planting season is at risk due to a multi-year drought in all of sub-Saharan Africa with unpredictable rains.

Rising inflation, some reports say up to 490%, makes the basic necessities unattainable for many. The children of A Light for Zimbabwe are luckier as we have been able to continue our food program. In addition, we remain committed to serve the whole child through education, clothing, shoes, school supplies and medical care as needed. We believe in the power of human potential to triumph over adversity as evidenced by our graduates who are lawyers, bankers, teachers and business people. Some are beginning to pay it forward.

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

~ Sue Heppenstall

(Sue is a longtime member of the Canterbury United Community Church and frequent traveler to Zimbabwe.)



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



Resolution: Check Out What's Up at the Library!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Monday, Jan. 13, at 7.

The library will be open on Tuesday, Dec. 31, from 9 to 3 and closed on New Year's Day. We will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

During winter storms, closings will be posted on Channel 9 (WMUR), Facebook and the town e-mail. If the public school is closed, the library will be, in most cases. I'll do my best to leave a message on the answering machine, but if you're still not sure call Sue (783-4013).

Story Hour is on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and 21, at 10. Our themes for January will be snow and winter! Come join us for fun – do a wiggle dance to keep away the winter blahs! We usually have something fun and healthy to eat and always a craft or activity! Tuesday programs are appropriate for babies and toddlers!

Rock N'Read is a music and movement program for babies and toddlers. Our young friends will have a chance to move to a beat, listen and sing along with music and participate with others the same age. How fun! Tuesday, Jan. 14 and 28, at 10. We've been having fun trying out new activities with this group including sensory play and storytelling!

Lego Club meets Tuesday, Jan. 7 and 21, at 4. Members are welcome to make suggestions and bring idea books for inspiration. This is a drop in and out club – no sign up is necessary!

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. We have so many families turning in log sheets and participating in the program, it makes us very happy. Thank you for raising library lovers!

New Children's Programming: Announcing two new exciting programs that we will be trying during our usual Tuesday programming time. Mrs. Baker's Jumping Beans is a program that includes dancing and moving as a book is read instead of sitting down and being quiet. Children ages 0-5 take in information better when they are encouraged to move. Sensory Circus is a new idea in programming that allows free play among 12 centers set up in the Children's Room. Come on Tuesdays at 10 to see what's new!

OMBBC (Old Man Boring Book Club) Not just for men! Please join us, offer suggestions and tell us about the titles you've enjoyed. Thursday, Jan. 2, at 7 pm.

Book Group: Two opportunities to meet! Thursday, Jan. 9, at 1:30 and Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7. Copies of the acclaimed *Educated* by Tara Westover are available to borrow. Please join us!



Kate Goegel's rug-braiding class lays down the handiwork.

Adventurous Ladies & Daring Men Social Club! Weekly on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 pm. This drop-in group has plenty to offer in January! Jan. 2, Yahtzee; Jan. 9, Book Group (Educated by Tara Westover); Jan. 16, Chair Yoga with Ali; Jan. 23, make a beaded necklace with Nancy Roy; Jan. 30, Zen coloring!

Puzzle Swap: All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition. There is always a puzzle set up to work on in the library. Have a cup of coffee or tea on us and help finish the puzzle!

Games! We have popular board games for all ages to enjoy at the library.

Looking for something to do during the cold winter days? **Family passes** are available to borrow to visit at the Currier Museum of Art.

Download audio books & e-books! Check out the website http://nh.lib.overdrive.com for more details and then contact the library if you would like to register for this service and receive the required code.

We'd love to hear from anyone who has a special interest/talent and would like to present a library program. Please stop by or call Sue at the library.

We would like to express our gratitude to the wonderful Friends of Elkins Public Library (FOEPL) for your time, support, and delicious food at our Bavarian Holiday event.

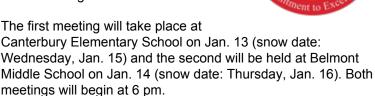
Donations of new books: books, music CDs and DVDs published from 2018 to the present are always appreciated and often added to the collection. Please bring your items in rather than using the book drop.

Time to Take Up the School Budget

Process begins with January hearings

This is our third year as a SB2 District for the Shaker Regional School District and the 2020-2021 budget adoption process will proceed as follows.

There will be two public hearings in January. The details of the proposed budget will be explained and the public may ask questions or provide input at these meetings.



A deliberative session will be held on Feb. 5 at Belmont High School beginning at 6 pm. All warrant articles will be considered at this session. There will be opportunities for explanation, discussion, and amendment of each article. The conclusion of each article will result in voting either to add the article to the ballot for voting on Election Day in its original form, or to add the article to the ballot for voting as amended. When the deliberative session is adjourned, the language of each article will be finalized, but there will be no decision on whether or not it is passed.

On Election Day, March 10, voters will mark "yes" or "no" on each warrant article in the voting booths with the outcome of each article being decided. Candidates for the two open school board seats in Belmont and the one open seat in Canterbury will also be on the ballot. Belmont residents will vote at Belmont High School and Canterbury residents will vote at the Canterbury Town Hall. Individuals who qualify for absentee voting may contact Stacy Kruger, district clerk, at 603-267-9223 ext. 5314.

How do you spell "exciting"?

The annual CES **Graham P. Chynoweth Spelling Bee** will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 1 pm. The winner will compete with other fifth- through eighth-grade school champions at the NH State Bee, which will be held Saturday, March 7, at the Plymouth State University Silver Center for the Arts. Other grade level bees will be held throughout the month of January and the winners will be announced in the February newsletter.

The district will hold two information nights for parents and community members about A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate). This is training all district staff members have taken with the purpose of providing preparation and a plan on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder. Both presentations are from 6 to 7 pm, one at BMS on Monday, Jan. 6, and the other at CES on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2. There will also be no school on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Jan. 24, a district staff in-service day. Please note that the in-service day is a change from the original calendar.

Jan. 1: No School. New Year's Day!

Jan. 2: Classes Resume Jan. 23: Spelling Bee, 1 pm

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No School. Jan. 24: Staff In-Service. No School for Students.

Jan. 27: PTO 6:30

~ Mary Morrison, Principal

4-H club offers thanks to all who purchased candy and calendars

Last month's meeting was originally scheduled on Dec. 2 but was rescheduled to Dec. 9 due to snowy weather conditions. At this meeting old business and new business as well as current events were discussed including Santa's Pancake Breakfast, Fundraising Updates, and County Projects.

New business and project updates include: County Projects, Sledding at Shaker Village with Kim Scammon, Beaded Necklace/Sculpey Pendant Making, and Presentation Day training.

County Projects are coming up soon, and Presentation Day will be on March 14! There will be a snow date of March 21 and the sign-up sheet will be available at the January and February meetings. A few club leaders will be offering workshops to assist the club in getting ready!

Special thanks to everyone who supported our candy bar and calendar fundraisers as well as the members, friends and families who attended the Santa's Pancake breakfast!

The next meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 6, with snacks offered at 6:15 at the Parish House.

Please Contact Donna Miller at 783-0220 or donna@petalsinthepines.com with any questions. Thank you!

~ Olivia Ramirez, Reporter

News from Around Our Shared Community

Thanks to decorators, farewell to chief

A big thank you to **Gordon Jackson**, **Art Hudson** and **Unitil** for the lights on the tree in the center and the wreaths on the town buildings, and to **Beth and Chris Blair** for decorating the gazebo. Thank you also to the **Highway Department** for clearing the snow so the trucks could hang the lights.



The Board of Selectmen has accepted Fire Chief Guy Newbery's

resignation. He has accepted a job as Interim Fire Chief with the City of Concord. Chief Newbery served as Interim Canterbury Chief in July and August of 2017. He was appointed as permanent Part-Time Chief Sept. 1, 2017. Chief Newbery has made many positive changes in the Canterbury Fire Department in his brief tenure, including the purchase of exercise equipment and the institution of a Cancer Awareness program for members of the department. He was also able to secure two separate grants, one for the purchase of safety equipment for Firefighters for "Active Shooter Incidents" and recently the grant for the replacement of the breathing apparatus in the amount of \$105,678. The selectmen and staff wish Chief Newbery well in his new endeavors.

The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Budget Committee on Jan. 20 to review the proposed 2019 budget. There will be a public hearing in February on the budget. We will advertise the date prior to the hearing.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Fire Department: Take care with button batteries

The small shiny batteries (button batteries) that are in so many of the items that we use around the home can cause serious health problems or death if ingested or placed in the ears or nose. Toddlers like to explore and are the most susceptible to this type of injury. Every year, more than 2,800 kids are treated in emergency rooms after swallowing button batteries; that's one child every three hours.

The Poison Center outlines steps to take if you suspect someone has ingested a button battery:

Call the 24-hour National Battery Ingestion Hotline at (800) 498-8666. If available, provide the battery identification number, found on the package or from a matching battery. In most cases, an X-ray must be obtained to determine whether the battery has passed through the esophagus into the stomach; if not, it must be removed immediately.

Don't induce vomiting. Don't eat or drink until the X-ray shows the battery is beyond the esophagus. And report fever, abdominal pain, vomiting or blood in stools immediately.

~ Guy Newbery, Fire Chief

Your support meant a great deal

We, the collective Lockwood family, would like to extend a deep, heartfelt THANK YOU to this community in our time of loss.

The sheer number of people who showed up to grieve with us at our mother's service speaks volumes of the lives that she impacted both directly and indirectly. We have felt the love and support through every card, phone call, personal interaction, meal, message, prayer and memory that has reached us.

We extend our shared grief with MANY families who have lost loved ones and we are especially aware that this community is losing many of its stalwart members, who have contributed immensely to the grace, beauty, and character of this town. Thank you so much to all who continue this active work, and keep their legacies alive.

~ Polly Camire

Don't just toss those family records

Moving? Cleaning Out? Downsizing? Sometime folks dispose of old family records, letters, journals/diaries, or other items of historic value when situations change, sometimes throwing them away because they don't know what to do with them. The Canterbury Historical Society has a great many things in our Archives that have been donated by Canterbury folks and become very important parts of our collection. We would be happy to talk with anyone who is seeking advice or information about items they have. You can contact our archivist, Sam Papps, or any trustee of the Society.

The Society is planning for 2020! The trustees will be meeting later this month to plan programs, projects and exhibits as part of our Annual Strategic Planning process. We welcome your ideas and suggestions about what you would like to see us do, or programs we might present. Talk with any trustee or drop your ideas off at the Elkins Library to Mary Ann Winograd and she will be sure we get them ... thanks!

An acknowledgement: You may have noticed the lovely Christmas wreaths on the doors of the Town Hall, Houser Center Schoolhouse and the Elkins Memorial Building (as well as the window candle lights therein). We would like to thank trustee Pam Jackson and former trustee Gordon Jackson for creating and putting them up, a task they have quietly done without fanfare for several years. Thank you!

~ Bob Scarponi

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



The 2019 Farmers Market Board! **Back row, left to right:** Julia Barton, Janet King, Ruth Smith, Sylvia Styles, Katie Styles, Julie Dewdney, Suzie Hardt, Kathy Doherty. **Front row:** Katie Archer, Beth Blair, Emily Sullivan, Sara Riordan, Ray Craigie. Missing from photo: Sarah T-W, Misty Batchelder, Dave Emerson.

Annual meeting and potluck dinner!

Market members are warmly invited to attend the annual meeting of the **Canterbury Community Farmers Market Association** on Monday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 pm at the Parish House! A welcome gathering in the cold of mid-winter, the annual meeting is a time of community and reflection, as well as taking care of some yearly business.

The potluck dinner will certainly feature a LOT of local goodness! Please gather in the Parish House at 6 pm, and the meeting can start once we have all had our fill of dinner and have dessert and coffee in hand. We will present our annual report on the 2019 season, set member fees, thank our retiring board members, and formally vote in any new board members. Please bring a dinner entrée or dessert to share, and we will provide water, coffee, tea and hot cider! We will provide the plates and cutlery, too.

All CCFMA members and their families are invited. It's helpful if you RSVP to canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com so we have an idea of how many chairs to set up. We look forward to sharing a tasty and productive evening with you on the 20th.

And as always, THANK YOU for supporting the Canterbury Community Farmers Market! Through your membership we are able to connect local farmers, artisans, and their products to our community while at the same time offering great music, special events, educational opportunities, and activities. Your support helps us to fill "Mary Ellen's Basket," allows us to work with the Loudon Food Pantry to offer help to local families, and also provides a strong community gathering each week in the center of Canterbury. We give thanks as well to the shoppers, neighbors, vendors, and volunteers who have supported our efforts for these past 13 years!

~ The Board Members of CCFMA

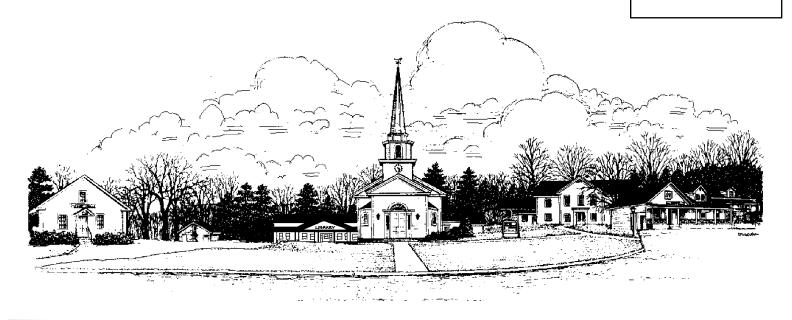
PS: If the weather is frightful on Jan. 20, check the Market Facebook page or www.canterburyfarmersmarket.com to see if the event has been cancelled and rescheduled.

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Visit Shaker Village to sled — or tai chi!

Thank you for all of your support in 2019, and we hope to see you again at Canterbury Shaker Village in 2020. Even though winter is our quiet season, we hope you'll feel welcome to take advantage of our natural resources and spend time this winter sledding, snowshoeing, or skiing on our property. Visitors are always welcome!

Tai Chi for Beginners & Previous Attendees (5:30-6:30~pm, Mondays, beginning Jan. 13): If you can sit, stand and shrug your shoulders, you can join this tai chi class at the village. By the end of the 8 weeks, participants will be able to perform the preparatory tai chi exercise called Tai Chi Gong, as well as the first section of the traditional Yang-style Tai Chi Slow Set. Those who have previously taken this course will continue on through the second and third sections of the Tai Chi Slow Set.

Celebrate New Year's at Quaker Meetinghouse

All ages are welcome to attend the alternative New Year's Eve Party at the Quaker Meetinghouse. Our Game Night starts at 6 pm on Dec. 31 and ends at 10 pm, when we celebrate "Rio de Janeiro Midnight" by toasting to a year of Joy and Peace. Bring your favorite board or card game, and finger food or any non-alcoholic beverages you enjoy. Quaker Meetinghouse is at 11 Oxbow Pond Road. Call **Ruth Heath**, 724-4343, for more information.

It's inventory time at the Loudon Food Pantry

We will be closed for inventory beginning Dec. 31 and will not reopen until Tuesday, Jan. 21. Volunteers are needed to help to finish processing food and with inventory. Volunteer hours during inventory are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 am to 4 pm, and Fridays, 9 am to 1 pm.

Meal Numbers: In November we gave out enough food to create 10,492 meals to 383 individuals. 119 of those were age 60 and older, 135 were age 18 or under and 129 were in between those ages.

50-50 Holiday Fundraiser Raffle Results: Our total ticket sales were \$502. That means the winner, Jen M., received \$251. Jen has generously decided to donate \$100 of her winnings back to Loudon Food Pantry. Congratulations Jen, and thanks for your donation! Thank you, everyone for playing and making this a successful fundraiser!

Gift of Lights: So far, we have received about 1,529 pounds of food. This generous donation allows us to have a wide variety of food on our shelves. For more information go to nhms.com/events/gift-of-lights/

Loudon Food Pantry is located in Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon. Phone: (603) 724-9731.

~ Sue Houck