

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

Perhaps, if you're like me, you are finding this fall especially unnerving. Finding peace can be a real tall order in the context of all the concerns we face as a community, a nation and world amidst pandemic, as we approach reopening schools, our national election, and the list goes on. You may have noticed in reading this newsletter over many months that the farewell phrase I typically end my communications with is "God's Peace." Not long ago someone rightfully engaged me about my use, and the intent of this phrase, given the vast numbers of individuals and communities whose predominant experience is rather a lack of peace. They had received my phrase as dismissive, perhaps akin to when someone offers "thoughts and prayers" in the face of suffering with no action to back up those thoughts and prayers. Or worse, does not use the power they could have utilized to change the circumstances that caused the pain and challenge in the first place.

I truly appreciated this person's honest feedback because it made it clear I needed to better express my intent, since my choice of farewell phrase was actually based in a conscious hope to not glibly imply that all is well in the world, while so many still struggle. Allow me to explain. As we continue the unfinished fight for justice and peace in an incredibly unjust world, there are times when the only peace I can actually offer/wish for another with any sense of integrity is a peace beyond our current human experience of it. It is my hope that those whose suffering I can not change today are still able to experience peace in God (whatever God means to any of us) when the day's circumstances seem to offer no peace.

To me, God's Peace is not synonymous with tranquility, or passivity, or a dismissal of another's pain, but rather a core grounding in the fight for justice, an assurance that it is still possible for things to change, that there is a peace somehow still accessible and present that helps to fortify us when we are drained and have nowhere to put the anger and deep sorrow of justice not-yet achieved. My personal convictions lead me to the desire for all to be able to experience something more than lip-service justice and a society that offers care and respect for all of creation, in its beautifully vast array of manifestations.

Before this turns into a sermon, let me just offer my sincere hope that you might still know peace in these tumultuous times. And when peace is too hard to find in the day, it is my hope that we might all still experience the Peace that offers us ground on which to stand as we work for and wait for peace to come for each and everyone.

Sincerely,
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 at-home 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.

Local Businesses, Here for You This Fall ...

NORTH FAMILY FARM: Seasoned firewood, all hardwood, cut to 16 inches and split is now available for delivery in the Canterbury area. Also 2020 organic maple syrup from the producer, available at local stores, the Canterbury Farmers Market or by appointment at the farm. Check our website for more information, northfamilyfarm.com, or call Jill or Tim at 783-4712.

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

CANTERBURY WOODS COUNTRY CLUB is open for lunch and dinner from 11 am to 7 pm daily. Memberships are now available for the 2021 season. Sign up now and play the rest of the 2020 season for FREE. Call Kate at 783-9400 x7 for more information.

PETALS IN THE PINES, PYO Flower Field open thru first frost. Self-service Farm Stand Porch Shop: Leaf Stone Bird Baths; BOUQUETS Friday-Sunday, also bouquets & arrangements by request. Tale Trail, Walking Trails & Garden Walks. Open daily 9-6. VIRTUAL Monarch Festival Sept. 12. Check petalsinthepines.com for details & COVID updates. Contact Donna at 783-0220 or donna@petalsinthepines.com. 126 Baptist Road.

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... And Here Too!

COLD GARDEN SPIRITS: We are returning to normal hours for tours, tastings and purchases. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 4:30. Tastings at outdoor tables. Hand sanitizer available, 12 oz. pump top bottle for \$15. All products available on online store for curbside pickup. coldgardenspirits.com.

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Sept. 8: It's primary election day, so let's vote at school or absentee!

Voting for the N.H. State Primary election will be on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Voting hours will be from 7 am to 7 pm. The election will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School. There will be some changes in the format. Please enter the building by the front door by the principal's office.

Our goal is to make this area as safe as possible for both voters and election officials. We are asking both voters and election officials to wear face masks. There will also be plastic shields between most voters and election officers. Face masks, hand sanitizer, single use pens and writing mats for voting surfaces will be in use. Since we want everyone to be able to vote, anyone refusing to wear a face mask will have an alternative procedure.

When you receive this newsletter, absentee ballots will still be available at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours. At this point, if you haven't mailed your absentee ballot already, it would probably be better to bring the ballot to the Town Clerk's office. For those planning to vote in person, we are doing everything we can think of to make this a safe and reasonable experience.

~ Ted LeClair, Moderator

If you vote absentee: Please take proper steps to make sure your absentee ballot is returned as soon as possible, by returning it in-person or by mailing it. The Town Clerk will be holding office hours on Monday, Sept. 7, from 3 to 5 pm for last-minute absentee ballot requests and returns. Please come in to complete your ballot request or to drop off your completed ballot at 10 Hackleboro Road (the Sam Lake House). The mail will be checked at 5 pm on Election Day, Tuesday Sept. 8, to gather any last-minute ballots that were returned through the mail.

~ Sam Papps, Town Clerk

Going up: Fifield team takes sagging barn in Center to new level

Many of you have seen and stopped by to look further as Steve Fifield and his niece Kate, son Ollie and other crew worked on the barn restoration at Canterbury Center Bed and Breakfast. Their dogs Reba and Bruce were fun to have around too.

Despite the heat and humidity they have produced miracles with minimal machinery and pairs of hands! Steel girders were inserted to raise the barn about one foot and new stones were laid around the structure. The girders were then removed and the barn has been strengthened to last many more decades.

It is also hoped that the chronic drainage issue by the side of Hackleboro Road will be somewhat resolved so that the bottom floor of the barn does not freeze like an ice-rink every winter.

So -- the barn no longer has its saggy smile beaming into the center. But it will last for much longer and contribute to the overall appearance of the Center Historic District.

~ Lois Scribner and Howard Moffett



Wait, Is News Happening? Yes It Is!

New fire chief starts work on Oct. 1

The Selectmen announce the hiring of **Michael N. Gamache** to fill the position of Fire Chief. Mike comes to Canterbury with more than 37 years of experience in the City of Manchester Fire Department, where he holds the rank of Senior District Chief. Mike is retiring from Manchester and will start in Canterbury on Oct. 1.



Mike has multiple fire and EMS related certifications, is a graduate of Leadership Manchester, and is also a

Certified Public Supervisor. He has attended the National Fire Academy and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fire/Emergency Management.

The fire department has responded to several emergencies on the Merrimack River. Tragically there was a double drowning in May. There was also a near drowning of several family members on July 4. Canterbury worked with Concord and Boscaawen to warn people of the dangers of the river and subsequently put up warning signs with the common name, nearest road, and GPS coordinates at each beach in Canterbury.

The selectmen's meetings in September will be on the 14th and 28th. The Budget Committee will meet with the Selectmen on the 14th to review the current budget and begin discussions on the 2021 budget.

A culvert on Intervale Road was replaced and paving of that section of road will be done in September.

The Town Office will be closed on Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Electric and Hybrid Car "Petting Zoo"

Thinking about whether your next car might be an electric car?

The Energy Committee has asked some of our Canterbury neighbors to show off their electric or hybrid-electric cars at the committee's Wednesday, Sept 9, Electric Car "Petting Zoo" in the Center.



We're planning the event to provide social distancing between owners and those who want to see the car and talk to the owner. We are also preparing answers to Frequently Asked Questions about owning an electric car that will be posted online so you can learn from the comfort of your own home.

~ Canterbury Energy Committee

Elementary school to open on hybrid model

District and school staff have been working hard this summer to create plans for a safe return to school for students and staff. Several committees have collaborated to plan for instruction, increased cleaning protocols, health and safety needs, and overall building operations for the upcoming school year.



Most of our students are returning to school under the hybrid model, which will bring them into the building two days per week. The other three days, these

students will access their learning remotely. Some of our families have chosen the full remote option, which means that the student(s) will access all of their learning remotely. Whichever of these models a family chooses, they will be supported by school staff so that all students will learn and grow. **School begins on Wednesday, Sept. 9.**

I am pleased to introduce several new staff members to the CES school community: **Rosamund Grene** will be joining us as our fifth-grade teacher, and **Elizabeth Meehan** will be joining us as our school psychologist, shared with Belmont Elementary School. **Megan Marino** has been hired as our new special education case manager. She had previously served as the special education assistant. We are in the process of hiring a few other staff members as well.

While school will look different this year, I am confident that the caring, capable team of educators at CES will ensure that all students feel supported and safe in our learning environment. The dedication and creativity I have seen in them thus far is quite impressive. Be well,

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Schools seek 3 budget advisors from town

The Shaker Regional School District is seeking community members to serve on the Advisory Budget Committee. At its Sept. 22 meeting, the board will select three members from Belmont and three members from Canterbury to serve on this committee. All members must be registered voters for the town in which they are serving.



Visit www.sau80.org to review the charge of this committee. Please submit a letter of interest to Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator, at dthompson@sau80.org or Shaker Regional School District, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 no later than Sept. 15.

Please contact Ms. Thompson at 267-9223 ext. 5303 with any questions.

More News, More Adjustments!

Indoor farmers market off ... but outdoor is on!

The Canterbury Farmers Market has come to the difficult decision of cancelling our indoor winter markets that are traditionally held in the Canterbury Elementary School. We will put forth our greatest efforts into using our social media and group email list to promote our vendors and any additional changes that may arise in the weeks to follow.



People can expect to see an increased number of guest vendors in the last two September markets, as we are going to open them up to some of our winter vendors. The market will be open each Wednesday in September from 4 to 6:30 pm by the Elkins Public Library on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 30th as our last market of the season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us by emailing canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com or messaging us on Facebook or Instagram!

Food pantry offers help, and needs help

Did you know that every pound of food the Loudon Food Pantry receives equals approximately one meal? But every dollar donated equals four meals. We shop at places like The Food Bank where we pay a maintenance fee of just 9 cents per pound and some items are free, and at Cheesco of New England, where we receive a food pantry discount.

September needs: We can use the following canned goods: whole corn, creamed corn, cranberry sauce, snack items, mayo, ketchup, relish, olives, pickles, salad dressings, fresh vegetables, and bottled water.

Where and when to bring donations: We are in Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Loudon, across the parking lot from Loudon Garage. We accept donations on Tuesdays 10 to 6; Wednesdays 10 to 1; Thursdays 10 to 4.

Go to LoudonFoodPantry.org for more info. Visit us on Facebook (LoudonFP). Do you need food? Call Sue at 724-9731 to see if you qualify!

~ Sue Houck

4H Rascals to resume with small group meetings

The Canterbury Rascals 4H Club is open to all youth ages 8 and up. Small group in-person meetings will be resumed soon with restrictions in place. Updated information will be provided once program planning is finalized.

Contact Laura Crockford at canterburyrascals4h@gmail.com with questions.

Shaker Village to host artisan market

Hello neighbors! The summer sun is still bright, but fall is in the air. Colors are changing and the air is moving differently as we move into a new season. Canterbury Shaker Village is moving from a full summer to an inspiring fall, and we invite you to celebrate this change of season with us.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, please join us for our Canterbury Artisan Market, where you can find amazing artisanal handmade treasures. Please come prepared for social distancing -- and bring your favorite masks. The market is 10 am to 5 pm, \$12 for adults, youth free. Members of Canterbury Shaker Village half-price. Purchase advance tickets, find updates, or find out how to participate www.shakers.org/artisan-festival-at-canterbury-shaker-village/.



Concert on the Green!

A Sunday Concert-on-the-Green will be held on Sept. 13 featuring the Wholly Rollers! Bring a picnic, bring a chair. 4 to 5 pm.

Continue the autumn collecting on Saturday, Sept. 26, with our half-price sale on selected items from the Museum Store and an exciting Yard Sale on the Horse Barn Patio! Get wonderful deals on unique and beautiful things -- an autumn harvest of gifts for the winter holidays.

Enjoy this beautiful change of season, and see you soon.

~ Leslie Nichols, Director

Light for Zimbabwe: update on deteriorating situation

Dear Friends: In the midst of our own challenges here in the US, health, economic and political, let us not forget Zimbabwe.



Like children here, the sixty children supported by our nonprofit, A Light For Zimbabwe, are facing school and university shutdowns. Many or most do not have access to virtual learning. Hyper-inflation has the economy on the brink of collapse. Hunger and food insecurity are rampant. Drought impacts clean water supply and hydroelectric power.

The photo is Maria, one of our former students, a 2016 teachers college graduate who remains unemployed. She tutors some of our primary children. In addition, she is staying at the Lighthouse Mission Trust house for security as well as distributing food to our children, caring for our poultry project and identifying special needs as our eyes and ears on the ground. To donate or learn more, visit alightforzimbabwe.org.

~ Sue Heppenstall, President

(Sue is a longtime member of the CUCC.)

Elkins Library Is Open and Adapting

Elkins Library will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 7. The next Trustee virtual meeting is on Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 pm.

The library has been open since July 27. We will continue to follow the guidelines of the Canterbury town buildings by requiring masks (preferably cloth). We have disposable face masks available if you do not have one and ask that you use the provided hand sanitizer before entering the building.

Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 5, Wednesdays 9 to 3 and Saturdays 9 to 12. The library will close from noon to 1 each weekday for cleaning, and surface areas will be wiped after each check out.

Appointments must be made if you are a family visiting the Children's Room or for using a computer, which will be in 30-minute time slots. Please call 783-4386 to make arrangements. If you are just browsing, drop-in is fine, although we have a limit of four in the building at one time.

Please ring the doorbell before entering the library and you will be met by one of the staff to discuss the protocol. We've missed seeing everyone and are excited about our doors being open to you once again!

Curbside pickup continues! Call us at 783-4386, go to our website to see our online catalog and place a reserve, or email elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org and place your request. You'll receive a phone call or email in response to set up a pickup time.

The "Elkins Virtual Library" page on our website (elkinspubliclibrary.org) continually has updates and information about programs and services. Check us out!

Wifi continues to be available outside the library 24-7. Just choose elkins_library. No password is required.

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 4 pm at the cemetery in the Center where there will be plenty of space for distancing. Please bring a chair. The group has chosen to read *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The library has two copies that may be reserved or you can sign onto Hoopla and download the e-book. Call the library for more information about Hoopla or download the free app and search for Elkins Library. You will need to provide your email address and library card number.

Book Group has been meeting all summer via Zoom. The September choice is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Multiple copies are free to download on Hoopla. The library has a single copy which may be reserved. If you're interested in joining us please call or e-mail Sue at sleclair@elkinspubliclibrary.org and I will send you the Zoom link.

Family passes: Thanks to the Friends of Elkins Public Library, we offer the New Hampshire State Parks pass, which allows

News for families and kids!

We are excited to announce the changes to the Children's Room at Elkins Public Library! Call 783-4386 to make an appointment to come in with your family during our open hours and see this beautiful room. We have so many new books and you are sure to love the new carpet and paint colors! Come in and have us help you find your next favorite book!

Summer Reading 2020 was a success! Hundreds of kids and families participated in our virtual programming. The wonderful thing about digital content is that it is still available in case you missed any of the fun. Head over to elkinspubliclibrary.org to watch and join in with Wildlife Encounters, the Marek Bennett Comic Workshop or Mrs. Baker's summer-themed craft programs.

Fall programming: You bet we've got plans for the fall. *Turn to Page 8 for some terrific online and take-home programs!*

free access to state parks. Also enjoy the Squam Lakes Science Center. And a new pass!! Petals in the Pines, 154 Baptist Road, offers Tale Trails. Follow the pages of a nature story along the trails, reading as you go. Fun activities await at the end in their Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom.

Looking ahead: The Virtual New England Legends program on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7 pm features Jeff Belanger. For over 20 years, Jeff has been exploring the unexplained. He seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters, and legends all over the world and in your backyard. Email reservations must be made to attend this virtual program, which is limited to 100. Reservations can be made by going on our website at elkinspubliclibrary.org, clicking on 'our programs' at the top of the page and filling out the short form. A link for the program will be sent to your email address before the show.

Inter-Library Loans: As of this printing the State Library has not resumed the van service which would allow us to borrow and loan materials with other libraries throughout the state therefore; we're not able to provide materials not owned by us. It will resume when the majority of libraries have opened. Until then ...

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

Please note that your contact information and library card must be up-to-date to use these online services. Library cards must be renewed annually to stay current.

~ Sue LeClair, Director

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

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

As we live through this historic pandemic ...

Share your COVID stories, photos for town archive

Like so many other organizations the Canterbury Historical Society has been forced into hibernation. In trying to develop something to talk about for this newsletter, the trustees were polled for ideas. It was a difficult assignment; almost everything we do involves programs or exhibits.

But Jan Cote came up with a great suggestion. Her reply was, "I agree that it is tough to get together in any way. I had been thinking that people should be taking pictures during this time. Pictures of closed signs, people in masks, anything that marks the pandemic, and have folks save them for the Archives. Also, any journaling of the times. I have journaled day to day life for many years. But journaling through the pandemic is so important. Especially journaling what goes on in Canterbury. NO CANTERBURY FAIR, due to pandemic, remote teaching and learning, and so much more!!"

The Trustees immediately agreed, "What a great idea!" So we are inviting you to take or share pictures of your experience(s) during

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~ Historical Society Trustee Jan Cote

the pandemic and also to share your journals with the society. We will catalogue and enter all submissions to our Archives. In this way, we will be able to document how we in Canterbury lived and experienced this extraordinary event in all our lives.

If you don't have pictures or currently keep a journal, you could start now! We can imagine a future exhibit which will tell the story of what it was like for all of us to live through this time.

You can send items to our email, canterbury.nh.historical.society@gmail.com. Or you can talk with any Historical Society trustee to arrange hard copy submission of pictures or journals.

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Trail Notes: A Schoodac exploration leads to a swampy wander

A good number of the people with whom I've discussed the Schoodac Conservation Area in town (most anybody who will listen to me) relate getting lost out there – on the east side as a rule. They generally end up on Clough Pond Road, as did I.

Schoodac lies between the end of Welch Road, off Morrill Road, and Baptist Road. For some time I've had an itch to hike from Baptist Road through to the north side of the conservation area.

Dan Sperduto had told me the north side was very like a kettle hole bog. Another itch. Their vegetation is quite unique, as swamps often are, particularly kettle holes which have the added interest of being rare themselves. Do get hold of a copy of Dan's *The Nature of New Hampshire* – both pictures and text are superb.

My first try got me and Joe to Crane Neck – an easy bushwhack and a lovely wild place. The next time I had the rare combination of

both a little extra time and extra energy. I think I was lost from the git-go.

But being "lost" in the woods beats being found at home. I did stumble on a fine little swamp with tussock sedge and sphagnum moss around one end, the other end thick with huge cattails and major snags. And fortunately not too long after I came to Clough Pond Road. One hour of bushwhacking and three-quarters of an hour back on Clough Pond and Baptist Roads – not overly excessive. So now I have a new "getting lost" story to replace the ones I'm tired of telling. And this now often-told tale inspired someone to tell me of a real kettle hole – bingo!

I have become a swamp junky. If you see my car in a ditch someplace it's probably because I was looking at a swamp and not the road. If you want to check out some swamps without getting your feet, wet read David Carroll's "Swamp Walkers Trilogy" books.

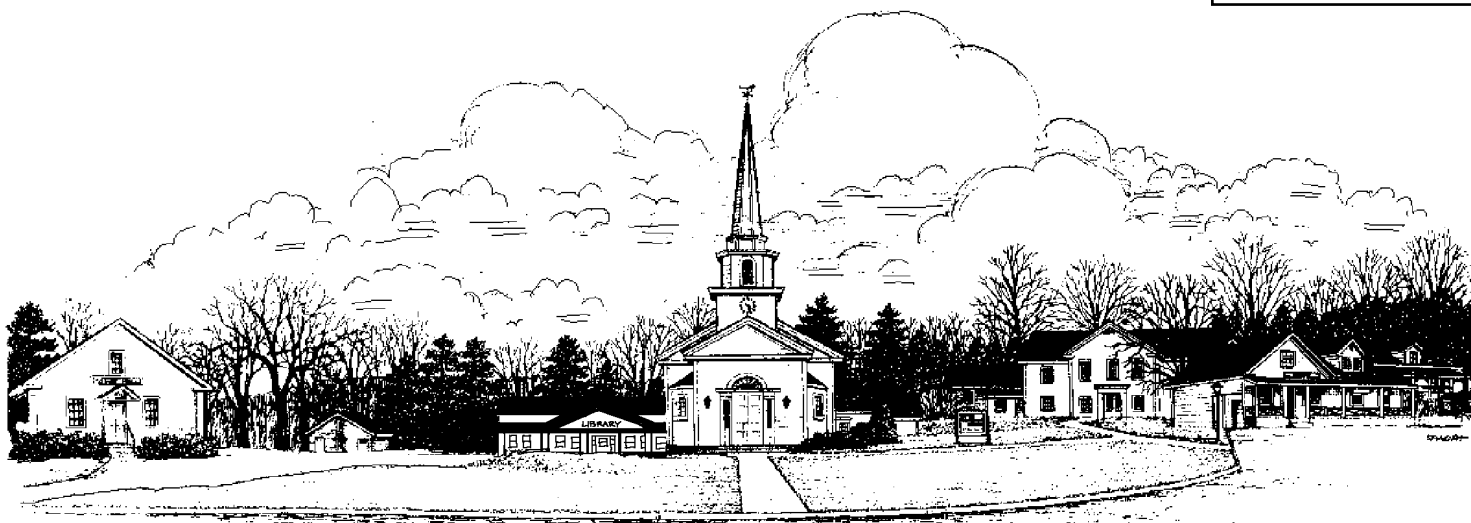
~ David Emerson 783-4403

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Looking for the library's fall programming for kids? Look no further!



This is what Mrs. Baker looks like if you hang out with her online!

Tuesdays: Book Time with Mrs. Baker.

Come enjoy a fun virtual experience for little ones! Your child will sing, play, discover new rhymes and experience the wonderful world of books. This is a YouTube Live production that can be found on our YouTube channel, website (elkinspubliclibrary.org) and Facebook page.

Sleeptime Stories: Jump into your jammies, grab a pillow and your favorite stuffed animal for this quiet and relaxing time together. The virtual program starts with a breathing activity or mindfulness exercise and ends with a

soothing bedtime story. You can find this program on our YouTube channel, website or Facebook page.

Story Time To Go! These kits are created for children ages two to five to promote early literacy development. Each kit is based on a theme and contains five picture books and an activity sheet. The activity sheet provides examples of how to incorporate each of the five early literacy skills – talk, sing, write, play and read. Themes include alphabet, colors, animals and trucks to name a few. Call or email now to check out your own kit for curbside service or pick up.

We very much regret that afterschool children will not be able to come to the library to stay during this time of the pandemic. Picking up materials is absolutely encouraged, but we ask that the visit be no more than 30 minutes.

Maker MySelf Kits: This is a take-home activity for ages four and up. You can expect simple crafts most suited for little hands to complete by themselves, however some will require minimal help from someone at home. Most material will be included but you will need to have some materials at home such as glue, crayons or markers.

Book Wizards Book Club meets virtually through Google Meet every Wednesday at 2:30 pm to discuss mid-grade chapter books that we choose and are reading by ourselves or with the help of caregivers. The program consists of some time to share, followed by a discussion of what we're reading and a suggested activity or craft following the theme. This program is best suited for school-age humans.

Teen Talk: also meets virtually every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm to discuss current events, share ideas and book suggestions. This wonderful group of young people has met every week since March and is best suited for ages 13 to 16.

~ Rachel Baker, Children's Librarian