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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 10 Nicholas Bailey becomes an Eagle Scout (Presentation and Reception) 2:00 pm

April 15 6 pm Youth Night in the Kitchen (see Youth Page)

April 16 9:30-11:30 Easter Family Fun Day (egg hunt/arts and crafts) at the Youth Center (Sponsored by Educational Ministries.)

April 16 8:30-12 noon FLEA MARKET in Fellowship Hall

April 17 PALM SUNDAY

April 17 12 noon Free Throw Competition at GYC

April 21 MAUNDY THURSDAY at Gilford Community Church 7:00 pm

April 23 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8-10 am (sponsored by the Youth Center) Located in Fellowship Hall

April 24 EASTER SUNDAY (One service at 10 am)

April 30 1:00 pm Hodsdon Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall

Church Retreat Opportunity in September



There is an island located ten miles off the coast of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It is called Star Island. It is the second largest of the nine islands that make up the Isles of Shoals. A ferry takes you there and returns you to the mainland. Star Island is host to hundreds of Conferences, with topics ranging from arts and ecology to the spiritual.

It's a wonderful place for a retreat of any kind. Gilford Community Church is exploring the possibility of an adult weekend retreat at Star Island from Friday, September 16th to Sunday, September 18th.

Here is an opportunity to step out of your busy life and to experience the salt air, the relaxation and recreation of a weekend away with your church family.

(We need 40 committed people by **May 15th.**) Details are available at Coffee Hour, or call Dick Waitt 293-2909, or the church office.

Cost: \$275. per person (includes round trip ferry ride to the island, six family style meals, two nights lodging.) Dormitory housing; Family style meals; No t.v.; The perfect cleansing get-away!



Take a walk with me...



Friday night was a night that many of us will never forget. That's when more than a thousand people gathered to share a meal, to enjoy the company of one another, and to show support to a precious young man – Joe Sawyer. I don't know the total yet of the donations given to the Sawyer family, but the community's generosity was well-demonstrated.

Christians are people who believe that God's most decisive communication came not through a book, but a person. Friday night the same thing happened when the Sawyer family, and in particular Joe, walked into the Fellowship Hall. Good News delivered to all of us through human flesh. Without any prompting, the din of the crowd grew mysteriously quiet for a moment, and then people rose and gave Joe his second standing ovation in the past few weeks.

How wonderful it is to be part of a community that rallies together when there is a need. I can't tell you how many have asked, "What can I do?" Friday night we weren't red or blue, for or against a superintendent, we were simply a community of people whose heart had been deeply touched by a fifth grade boy. Friday night we behaved like so many of us wish we could behave all of the time.

In a few weeks, another large crowd will gather on Easter Sunday. It will be a glorious service, but for me, I think Easter came early this year. It came as we witnessed love in action. It came as we beheld courage and great hope, despite the circumstances.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.





April Birthdays

- 01 Heather Glenn Wixson
- 03 Cindy Brown, Jim Babcock
- 04 Jeremy & Courtney Bonan
- 05 Pat Fowler, Christopher MacDonald, Paula McBride, Matthew Dalton
- 06 James Buckley
- 07 Sam Banks
- 09 Emily Curtis, C.J. Graham, Carolyn Scattergood
- 11 Sara Allen, Linda Pilliod, Michael Bryant
- 14 Brienna Tomlinson, Chet Devarney
- 15 Kathy Eltzroth, Ella Burhans
- 17 Ed Varney, Vivian Kennell, Beth Fontaine
- 18 Stephanie Parkinson, Brian Mercer, Roy Carsen
- 19 Barbara Partridge
- 20 Caitlin Selfridge
- 21 Nancy Castellon
- 22 Timothy Eltzroth
- 23 Warren Hutchins
- 24 Rachel Blandford
- 28 Linda Wright
- 29 Laura Lungarelli, Lynne Baron
- 30 Ryan Ames, Matthew Davis, Opal Roys

April Anniversaries

- 04 Donna & Steve Snow 1981
- 05 Jan & Rich Briggs 1975
- 08 Marla Brangaccio, David Burhans, Jr.
- 10 Debbie & Alan Robichaud
- 12 Joanna & Chip Veazey
- 19 Dan and Judy Brown 1969
- 20 Laurel & David Greenlaw 1974
- 23 Brian and Kathy Arenstam 1994
- 29 Steven & Monica Melbourne 1995
- 30 Gelene & Shon Grice



Music Notes

From Carolyn Ames
(Interim Music Director)

Thank you to Mary Snow, Kelly Nix, Mackenzie Roy, Laurel Gingrich, Michael Murphy and Carl Carder for providing special music.

With the Easter season approaching, we are excited to have the Bell Choir, Brass group, Chancel Choir, as well as soloists, sharing their talents. The Chancel Choir welcomes new members to join this committed group. If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us.

The search committee for a new Music Director has been formed and is receiving resumes. We are looking forward to the future of the music program at GCC.



SAVE THE DATE: Ladies' Night Out
Friday, May 13th



The Village Nursery School, located at Gilford Community Church, has OPENINGS in the preschool program. Call 524-7444



INDOOR FLEA MARKET
8:30 to noon on Saturday, April 16
Gilford Community Church
Fellowship Hall

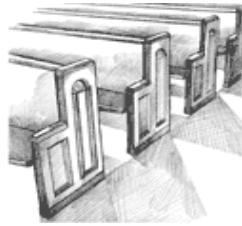
Rent your own table for \$10.00
(proceeds of table rentals go to the church) and sell your stuff!

To rent space, call 455-8880.



Attendance

March 6 240
 March 13 191
 March 20 179
 March 27 220



New to our church? Would you like to learn more about it? Come join Rev. Michael Graham and others to learn about our church and what we can offer you. The next meeting date is **Sunday, May 1st, after worship, in Conference Room A.**

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IN THE PEW.....

Sailing along with Dick and Doreen Waitt

Doreen Maulbeck's daughter, Lisa, and Lisa's husband, Joe, kept their sail boat at Fay's Boat Yard right near Dick Waitt's sailboat. Lisa wanted her mother to meet Dick, but Doreen was a very busy lady. She worked all week and weekends were spent with her lady friends going to the movies, visiting antique shops or going out to dinner. Finally, a sailing date was arranged for the four of them, but "mother nature" had a different idea.... RAIN..... So Dick ended up hosting them at his condo for a luncheon. Their "sail" into matrimony a few years later, on June 10, 2006, at Gilford Community Church, was off to a great start!

Doreen and her two brothers grew up in Clairmont, New Hampshire, where she was a good student at the local Catholic schools. Her favorite pastime was skating. She married very young and had three children. Lisa is a registered nurse in Vermont, Angela lives in Loudon and is a dental assistant, and Tony is an interior decorator and does carpentry work. Most of Doreen's career was in the business office of the Concord Visiting Nurse Association. She was their chief computer operator, and she also studied medical terminology so that she was better able to assist the nurses. Doreen was also an assistant librarian in Warner.

Dick spent most of his young life in Milton, New Hampshire, with a sister and two step-sisters. He attended Newt Academy and there were twelve students in the graduating class. He enjoyed all sports, especially skiing and ski jumping. He received an associates degree in marketing and management from Concord Commercial College. He also attended Tuck Business school at Dartmouth. He has two daughters and two granddaughters.

His business career has been extremely diversified. He started out as a junior buyer in shoes and millinery for Jordan Marsh. His "best company experience" was his time with Hallmark Cards. J.C. Hall, the founder of Hallmark, decided to open an upscale gift store in Kansas City in 1950. The store had a doorman and they served afternoon tea. Dick was asked to get everything organized for the grand opening and he

remained there for a few months to make sure that everything was running smoothly.

Starting in 1962, he was the owner/president of Casual House, a retail establishment for high quality ladies fashion and gifts with open stock inventory for china, crystal and silver, located in Vermont. He was president of the Mary Meyer Corporation in Vermont and then president of Faucher Paper Company in Vermont.

Since moving to Gilford in 1992, he has been proprietor of Corporate Images, marketing and distributing promotional products in the New England states.

While living in Vermont, he was very involved in the Brattleboro Chamber of Commerce, Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, United Way, Jaycees and Kiwanis, among many other groups. He has served on the Gilford Planning Board, Gilford Historical Committee, Lakes Region Planning Commission, among others. Dick has been very active in Rotary, serving as president at one time.

Sailing has always been a very special hobby for Dick. He has been an active member of the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club, and the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association. He has organized and participated in many sailboat races!

Gilford Community Church has been very fortunate to have Dick and Doreen as active members. Dick was Council chair, Finance Committee chair, and a member of the Outreach Committee, Membership Committee, and Scholarship Committee. Doreen joined him on the Outreach committee and for five years they devoted much time to this worthy cause. Their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were overflowing with goodies.

Doreen and Dick live in a beautiful condo, set in a pine grove at Mineral Springs in Gilford. Their deck overlooks the woods and the mineral spring. They live in a very quiet and peaceful location and it is just a short drive to their sailboat. (continued next page)

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As you can see, Dick and Doreen Waitt's lives have been extremely busy. Many people from New England and beyond have benefited from their volunteer work. Thank you, Dick and Doreen, for all that you have accomplished!

- Barbara Daniell



You are warmly invited to attend a potluck luncheon and baby shower in anticipation of the June arrival of baby girl **Addison**

Hodsdon. (Parents to be are Scott and Katie Hodsdon).

The event will be held on **Saturday, April 30th, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

PLEASE let us know if you are planning to attend. Call or email Dianne Anthony at (630-2682 or 524-2363 or santhony@metrocast.net) by April 18th. You are welcome to contribute to the potluck buffet (finger sandwiches, salads, relishes)

If you would like to honor Addison's birth with a gift or gift card, the Hodsdons are registered at the following:

Babies R Us <http://www.babiesRUs.com>

OR

Pottery Barn Kids

<http://www.potterybarnkids.com>

(click onto **Find a Registry** and search by **registrant Katie Hodsdon** from **Concord, NH**)

Please save the date on your calendar and take the time NOW to contact Dianne and tell her you will be there.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob Wilson (we know him as Bob Castellon) who has been honored by the BOSTON BRUINS as the legendary voice of the Bruins. The Bruins are naming their broadcasting booth the "Bob Wilson Radio Booth!"

Easter Baskets

Once again, the Outreach Committee will be collecting food and/or monetary donations for the Easter Baskets that they will create and distribute to the community. Please let Ron Dudley (or the church office) know if you are aware of a family in need this Easter. Ron's number is 366-7704 and his email is rnldsdl@yahoo.com.



----- THANK YOU-----

My heartfelt, deepest thanks to all of you who were there for Jim and I during his illnesses and stays in the hospital, and then his death in October. Your visits to him in the hospital, your care for both of us as we went through that difficult time, and then your love and concern for me after I lost Jim were so very much appreciated. Visits, cards, food, transportation—all of that support was so uplifting and meant so much to me. Thank you, everyone.

Jim's Memorial Service will be Saturday, May 7th, at the church (9 am visiting hours and 11 am service).
- Gerrie McKenna

DEADLINE for items for the MAY newsletter will be Friday, April 22, 2011. THANKS!



Youth Night

In the Kitchen

Friday, April 15th @ 6pm

This night is to help prepare for Easter Family Day at the Youth Center, held on Saturday, April 16th. The youth group will spend Friday evening baking goods, and creating delicious foods to be served on the following day. The Easter Family day has been a wonderful event for so many years. It will be nice to have our older youth be part of this event.



It's that time of year again!!

This spring our youth group will have not one, but two "Youth for Hire" days. The first day will be on Sunday, May 1st.

We will meet following church service, have lunch, and then visit several homes to complete various jobs for Gilford families in need.

This has always been a special event, and we hope that we will continue to have a large turnout.

We also need adults to help chaperone.

Christ Quest 2011

Board Meeting

Sunday, April 10th (following Service)

The CQ board will be meeting once again April 10th to discuss this year's local mission.

This meeting is for any adult or high school youth member who wishes to take part in organizing this event.

Last year, over 25 youth members participated in this event, and we look forward to making it bigger and better!!

Gilford Youth Center Upcoming Events

4/17-GYC Free Throw Competition 12 noon

4/23- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 8-10

GCC Family Night Out

@ The Fisher Cats Game

Friday, May 6th.

The GCC will once again be having its Annual "Family Night Out" at the Fisher Cats game.

We have rented a luxury suite, and will have an "all you can eat" buffet dinner.

Also, prior to the game, we will be holding the giant American flag on the field during the national anthem. We have hosted this event for the past two years, and have had an absolute blast!!

You can reserve your tickets during coffee hour during the month of April.

Only \$25 per person!!!!

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 10:00 Worship Communion</p> <p>2:00 Worship at Belknap County Nursing Home</p> <p>6:30 Webelos II</p>	<p>4 11-3 Opechee Garden</p> <p>7:00 Chordsmen</p>	<p>5 9:30 Mommy/Me</p> <p>7:00 Chess Club</p>	<p>6 12 noon Adult Study</p> <p>7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>7 6:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>3-5 Daisies</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>1 9:30 Mommy/Me 10:00 Worship at Genesis Healthcare</p> <p>4:45 Brownies</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 9:40 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:15 Christ Quest Board Mtg. 2:00 Eagle Scout Presentation/Reception - Nicholas Bailey</p> <p>6:30 Webelos II</p>	<p>11 11:30 Senior M. 7:00 Chordsmen</p>	<p>12 9:30 Mommy/Me</p> <p>7:00 Chess Club</p>	<p>13 12 noon Adult Study</p> <p>7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>14 6:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>15 9:30 Mommy/Me</p> <p>4:45-6 Brownies</p> <p>6:00 Youth Night in the Kitchen</p>	<p>16 8:30 - 12 noon FLEA MARKET</p> <p>9:30-11:30 (at Youth Center) Easter Family Fun Day</p>
<p>17 10:00 Worship PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>12 noon Free Throw Competition (GYC) 6:30 Webelos II</p>	<p>18 11:30 Senior M. 1:30-3 D.A.R.</p> <p>6:30 Pack Mtg. 7:00 Chordsmen</p>	<p>19 9:30 Mommy/Me</p> <p>7:00 Chess Club</p> <p>6:30 Opechee Garden Club "The Little Black Dress"</p>	<p>20 12 noon Adult Study</p> <p>6:30 VNS Board Mtg. 7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>21 6:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00 Maundy Thursday Service at GCC</p>	<p>22 9:30 Mommy/Me</p> <p>FRIENDLY KITCHEN</p>	<p>23 8-10 am Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the Fellowship Hall (sponsored by the Youth Center)</p>
<p>24 10:00 Worship EASTER SUNDAY</p>	<p>25 8:30 Senior M. 6:30 PACK MTG 7:00 Chordsmen</p>	<p>26 9:30 Mommy/Me</p>	<p>27 Newsletter Folding</p> <p>12 noon Adult Study 7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>28 6:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29 9:30 Mommy/Me</p>	<p>30 1:00 Hodsdon Baby Shower</p>



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