

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



## GILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### GILFORD'S JUNGLE SAFARI

#### 2011 GCC Summer Fair

The town theme this year is "Gilford's Jungle Safari". All Safari members will be *climbing* all over this year's Summer Fair on the Gilford Community Church grounds and it will be "roaring" fun. This year we will continue the fair areas outside, on the grounds, inside the Youth Center gym and the Fellowship Hall starting **Friday night, August 26 from 5 pm to 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, August 27, 7:30 am to 2 pm**. The Annual **Rotary Pancake Breakfast will be in the Youth Center gym on Saturday morning from 7 am to 10 am**

The expanded **SILENT AUCTION** will be in the Youth Center. Let us know if you have items that can be donated. Business or Family "Baskets" are our main venture, so if you have any ideas, contact Sue Allen today (528-2265.) There will not be a Live Auction for furniture, (though you can contact the church office for referral information, 524-6057). We will accept *small* antique or *small* fine furniture items for the Silent Auction. If you have antique or collectible items for the Silent Auction, contact Sue Allen or Steve Melbourne (293-7862) or the church office for special handling criteria.

**TOYS** will be sold in the gym this year—we will accept children's items such as unbroken toys,

puzzles, complete games, bikes, scooters, etc.

All the **FOODS** we have enjoyed in the past will be at the Fair—fried dough, ice-cream, chuck wagon grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks, indoor luncheon and bakery items for sale.

We will once again have the **DUNK TANK** in the driveway, as well as the **WELCOME TENT, DJ** and **LIVE MUSIC**, and possibly other surprises.

The **WHITE ELEPHANT** items will be sold in the Fellowship Hall. Also, **BOOKS, PUZZLES, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MOVIES**.

**JEWELRY** will be accepted in the church office.

**LADIES' ITEMS:** Everyday dishes, fine china, glassware; nice vases, bowls and covered casserole dishes, pots & pans. Tupperware (the real thing only), cooking utensils, plant pots, pictures and frames, nice baskets, knick knacks, craft supplies, tablecloths, towels, bedspreads, sheets, curtains, braided rugs, sewing supplies, yarn & needlework.

**MEN'S ITEMS:** Antiques, collectibles, unique gadgets, fishing stuff, tools (of manageable size), sporting goods, outdoor items (birdhouses, feeders), gardening tools, bicycles, wagons, camping supplies, beach/yard folding chairs, "antique era" ski equipment only, electrical/battery operated tools in working condition. (cont. page 6)



## Take a walk with me...



An old Celtic prayer goes:

Take time for work, it is the price of success.  
Take time to think, it is the source of power.  
Take time to play, it is the secret of youth.  
Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness.  
Take time to dream, it's hitching your wagon to a star.  
Take time to love, it is the highest joy of life.  
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul.

This prayer may have been inspired by the familiar words from Ecclesiastes 3, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die . . ."

A recent poll by Reuters found that only 57 percent of U.S. workers use up all of the vacation days to which they are entitled, compared with 89 percent of workers in France. August may be our final opportunity to regain balance in our work, play, thinking and dreaming.

A life in balance reduces stress, promotes health, and enhances performance, accuracy and creativity. A compliment I heard paid to a couple noted how they lived "*a measured life.*" They worked hard and worked smart. They also mastered the fine art of knowing how to play, to enjoy life, to dream, to love and to laugh. Laughter, too, results in health benefits, lowered stress, and a happier attitude. Take time to laugh.

God rested after God created the heavens and the earth. Jesus recognized the value of rest when he told his disciples to ... "*Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.*" (Mark 6:31)

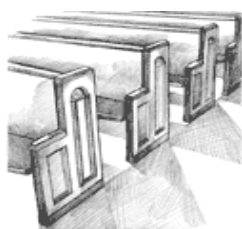
Rest a while, enjoy, and do a little thinking about how you might keep on practicing times of Sabbath and balance in your life.

Sincerely,



### Attendance

July 3 123  
 July 10 140  
 July 17 177  
 June 24 169  
 July 31 153



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. Watch this space for the next meeting date.



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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 02 Helen Lawrence, Alicia Briggs,  
Connor Wirth, Alexandra Breed,  
Pauline Hyer, Samantha Bauer
- 03 Jim Colby, Alexa Juris
- 04 Guy Miller, Dan Vieten
- 05 Rich Briggs, Jesse Clark, Joseph  
Fleck
- 06 Joanna Veazey, Alissa Richardson
- 09 Beth Dudley, Don Carey
- 10 Casey Nickerson
- 11 Sam Mercer, Robert Sedgley
- 14 Ron Eagan, Brianna England, Walter  
G. Berghahn
- 15 Diana Clark, Kristyn Murphy
- 16 Enid Senter, Joel Glenn Wixson,  
Charles Curtis
- 17 Daniel Hopper, Charlotte Van Dyke
- 18 Virginia Chapman, David Austin
- 19 Zachary Baron, Brittany Murphy
- 22 Evans Juris, Monique Baron
- 23 Linda O’Bara, Otis Wirth
- 24 Dorothy Labonte, Emily Watson,  
Renee Fleck
- 25 Michael Fecteau
- 27 Deidre MacDonald, Nick Squires,  
Anita Littlefield
- 28 Katie Ames, Nicholas Austin, Glen  
Traquair
- 29 Lisa Shea, Tom Chase
- 30 Mary Snow, Janna Tocci
- 31 Lee Burt

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 02 Brian & Debby Mercer 1986
- 05 Jim & Virginia Babcock 1978
- 06 Dan & Holly Vieten 1988
- 07 May & Peter Stewart 1982
- Alan and Missy Kennel 2004
- 16 “Z” & Gretchen Wieckowski 1998
- 20 Allen & Lani Voivod 2000
- 22 Tom & Karen Winkelmann 1992
- 24 Cynthia & Derek Tomlinson 1985
- Ann & John Dawson 1984

- 26 Ferol & Don Curtis 1956
- 28 Ivy & Dave Merrell 1954
- Cindy & Dana Brown 1982
- 29 Stephen and Susan Brown 1992

*Music Notes*

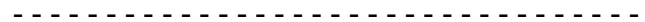


From Carolyn Ames  
(Interim Music Director)

OLD HOME DAY rehearsals start Thursday,  
August 11th at 6 pm in the sanctuary. August 18th  
and 25th will also be 6 pm rehearsals. All are  
welcome who love to sing gospel music. Please let  
me know so I can have music available.

**AUGUST MUSIC SCHEDULE**

- August 7** Heather Richardson
- August 14** Chris Tompkins
- August 21** The Nix Family—Kelly, Melanie &  
David
- August 28** OLD HOME DAY SUNDAY
- September 4** Deborah Kennedy-Coster



Starting September 4th, the worship  
service will resume its regular time of  
10:00 a.m.



## IN THE PEW.....

He showed the colonel how to pick pears off a tree with a light bulb changer.

Gordon and Helen Denley have been Gilford property owners since 1958. Originally, they stayed with Mary and Harold Dexter on Welsh Island and later they bought two lots for \$2,500.00 on the northwestern end of the island. They built their own home with the help of “nonprofessional friends”. One of their first trips to the island was on a barge (rented for one hour) piled with wood and other items needed and many willing helpers from Liberty Mutual where Gordon was employed. Once finished, weekends and vacations were spent on the island with their family and friends. In retirement, the island became their summer residence, Key West their winter home and Morrill Street their spring and fall home. For them, it has been a perfect combination.

Helen was born in Columbus, Montana (population 1400) where her grandparents had been homesteaders. Helen and her sister were always “the new kids on the block” as her father was a colonel in the Army and they were always being transferred. She can count 20 moves during her childhood. The first thing that the family did (after getting unpacked) was find a church. There they made new friends and felt at home. Her first school in Columbus was a small two story building that is now on the list of historic buildings in the United States. The building had a tubular fire escape from the second floor that the kids loved to use during fire drills. It went round and round to the ground! She attended junior high in Ogden, Utah, and high school in Pocatello, Idaho. While attending high school, she worked as a secretary in her spare time. They lived in Billings, Montana, near the Crow Indian Reservation and Pocatello was near the Black Foot Indian Reservation. She enjoyed watching the Indian parades and ceremonies with their music and beautiful costumes. Helen started college at the University of UTAH and later transferred to UCLA.

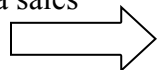
Gordon was born in North Easton, MA and the family moved to Saugus when he was 4 ½. He was an only child (and an only grandchild), a Boy Scout, and a very good violin player. He was a member of the Lynn Symphony Orchestra. He attended Saugus High school with Harold and Mary Dexter. One afternoon, the girls were having cheerleading tryouts and Gordon

and a few friends were sitting in the bleachers, “heckling” the girls. The principal approached three of them and informed them that they were now part of the cheering squad for the rest of the year!!

After graduation in 1941, he started his studies at Tufts College. The war began in December and he volunteered for the U.S. Marines. They kept him at Tufts for his second year and then sent him to Cornell for three semesters to be part of the B-12 program. Eventually, he was sent to Camp Pendleton in California as a 2nd Lieutenant (Mess Officer). Helen was attending UCLA and they met on a blind date. Their second date was church on Sunday morning and the third date was the last date for 14 months... as Gordon was sent to Okinawa where he served as a platoon commander and M.P. Helen completed her studies and returned to Salt Lake City.

August, 1946, saw Gordon returning stateside and visiting the Colonel in Salt Lake City to ask for Helen’s hand in marriage. He also showed the colonel how to pick the pears off his tree with a long handled light bulb changer! He was impressed that as a second lieutenant, he showed a colonel how to pick pears. September, 1946, was their wedding in Saugus, MA. Helen did not know anyone, but it didn’t take very long to make many new lifelong friends.... Mary and Harold Dexter were in the wedding and their friendship has been a very close one for 65 years. So after three dates and 14 months of letter writing, they were married. So much for “getting to know you”! Gordon still had one more year of college and Helen worked as a credit manager for a fuel oil company. Her boss called her “Hard Hearted Hannah” because she was so good at collecting money. There were many parties at Tufts and the college insisted that there be a married couple as chaperones. Helen and Gordon fit the requirement even though they were younger than most of the students. There were many single veterans who had returned from the war and were just starting college.

A minor car accident and a meeting with their agent from Liberty Mutual led Gordon to a 38 year career as a claims adjuster, a supervisor, and later a sales representative with the company. He



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joined the sales department because he said that they ate better, lived better, and made more money.

Home was Beverly, MA and there they raised three children. They have a son who purchased Dr. Harold Dexter's dental practice when he retired, another son who is a lawyer and a daughter who recently bought their home on Welch Island. They have 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. The two sons are eagle scouts and two grandsons have achieved eagle scout rating. Gordon was a scout leader and had a very high percentage of eagle scouts in his troop. He said it was because he "hounded" them so much. Helen was a den mother for 9 years.

Beverly Congregational Church was their church for all their years in the area. Gordon was finance campaign chairman for many years along with other duties. Someone asked him if he was the assistant minister because he was always there! Helen headed up the Women's Union at the church and helped in other capacities as well. She turned an old trade school into a youth center in town and convinced an elementary school principal to be its leader. The youth center is still in operation, but in a different section of town.

Helen is a HUGE Red Sox fan and never misses a game on TV. She also collects stuffed teddy bears and they all have names. Both Denleys enjoy gardening and their yard is beautiful. Gilford Community Church has been part of their life for over 20 years. Helen has been involved with the summer fair and the Christmas fair for most of those years. Her "specialty" are the linens. Every sheet, towel, curtain, tablecloth, and doily is cleaned, ironed, and packaged before it reaches a fair table.

A few years ago, I called Helen to wish her a happy birthday. Gordon informed me that she was out on the tractor mowing the lawn. The Denleys are a wonderful example of a happily married couple who are enjoying their retirement to the fullest!

Barbara Daniell

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NOT ACCEPTED for donations at the Summer Fair:

No baby strollers, car seats, large electrical appliances, exercise equipment, computer items, televisions or suitcases (unless antique).

Items will be accepted starting June 4th, M-F, 9 am to 4 pm in the hall in front of the church offices. Please make sure that the items are clean. If you have Christmas items, just mark them CHRISTMAS and box them up. We will put them aside for the Christmas Fair.

Watch and listen for ways you can volunteer—watch for signs from the leaders of each Fair area. The Fair Committee is looking for more members—contact us!

Your Fair Chairs, Steve and Monica Melbourne 293-7862

**DEADLINE for items for the SEPTEMBER  
newsletter will be Friday, August 26, 2011.  
THANKS!**

OUTREACH will be collecting for NEW BEGINNINGS the first week in September. Needed are non-perishable food, paper towels, detergent, soap. They have a full house!  
Also needed: Womens' underwear, bras (all sizes) socks for kids and underwear for kids.  
ALSO: Food is needed for the Food Pantry at church. Thanks so much!

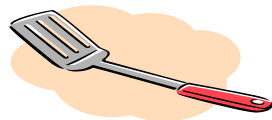


**Senior Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, August 6, 9-11am**

The GCC Youth Group will, once again, be hosting a FREE breakfast for residents of the Gilford Village Knolls.

We are in need of youth members to help set-up, cook, serve, and clean-up. We will also be playing Bingo. Also, we will be showing the 2011 Mission trip video to the residents.



Please contact Scott if you are able to attend. Parents are invited to help as well.

**Bananagrams and Mango Night**

**Monday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00pm**

You are invited for a night of competitive Bananagrams, fresh Mango, and a lot of fun!



**PAINTBALL  
ANYONE??????**

Since I began working here, I have had several requests (both youth and adults) for a church paintball event.

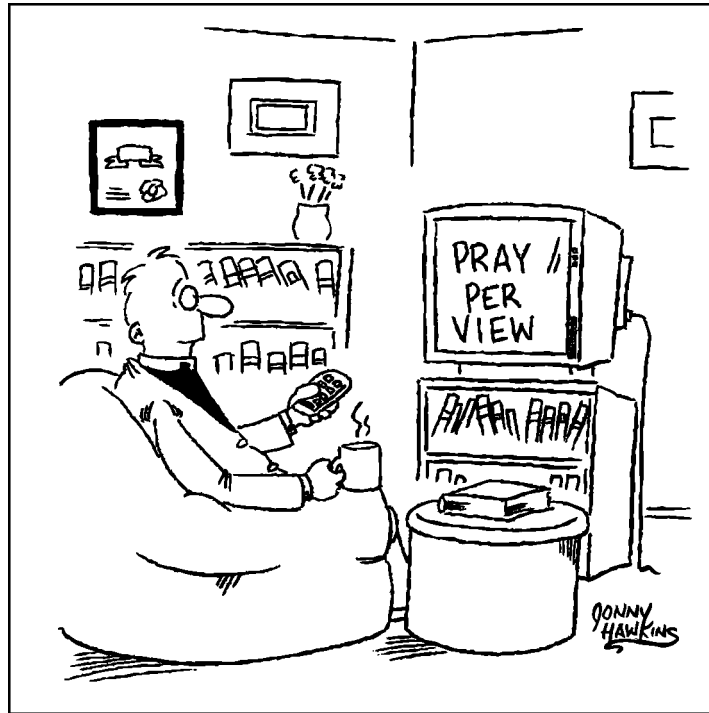
If you are interested in paintball, please send me an email. We would need around 20 participants. This event is for both youth and adults.

The 2011 Mission Trip Participants would like to thank all of our friends and families who sponsored this year's trip!!



## AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:30 Council Mtg. 7:15 Chordsmen	<b>2</b> 6:30 Central NH Amateur Radio Club	<b>3</b> NEWSLETTER FOLDING 7:00 Troop 243	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 Worship at Genesis Healthcare 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal – Lake Opechee Inn	<b>6</b> 9-11 Pancake Breakfast for Village Knolls 5:30 Wedding at Lake Opechee Inn
<b>7</b> 9:00 Worship/ Communion	<b>8</b> 7:15 Chordsmen	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 Troop 243	<b>11</b> 6:00 Old Home Day Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 4:00 Wedding Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 4:00 Wedding 7-11 Birthday Party
<b>14</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Outreach	<b>15</b> 1:30 D.A.R. 7:15 Chordsmen 7-8:30 Troop Comm. 7:00 Bananagrams & Mango Night	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 Girl Scout Committee Mtg. 7:00 Troop 243	<b>18</b> 6:00 Old Home Day Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>22</b> 7:15 Chordsmen	<b>23</b> 1-2 Help move boxes for Fair 6-7 Help move boxes for Fair	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 Old Home Day Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 9:30 FRIENDLY KITCHEN SUMMER FAIR 5-7:30	<b>27</b> 7-10 Rotary Pan- cake Breakfast SUMMER FAIR 7.30-2:00
<b>28</b> 9:00 Worship OLD HOME DAY Help clean up Fellowship Hall after worship service.	<b>29</b> This Sunday starts regular worship time of 10:00 a.m. 7:15 Chordsmen	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> NEWSLETTER FOLDING 7:00 Troop 243			



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