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Come to our Fellowship Hall Saturday night February 11, 2012 for our much talked about Chili, Chowdah and Chocolate festival. We will open the doors at 6:00 PM so that everyone can bring their homemade offerings and the judging will begin at 6:30 pm.

Given the continually growing attendance at this event, we are modifying our "ticket" price. We would really like EACH family unit to bring a pot of chili, chowdah or chocolate dessert for sampling by everybody. Those seniors (over 70 in years) who are not in a situation where they can make up a pot of their favorite, can contribute \$5 towards the beverage costs.

We want everyone in our congregation to come on down on this cold night to be with others having fun, but we do need food for sampling.

We will have electric plugs for all crock pots and ladles for scooping. We are going to award first prize in each category and an honorable mention to share the media attention. Much is at stake in this competition as the winners get bragging rights for an entire year!

We would like each cook to write out a simple card explaining their product. This will help people with

food allergies to understand any special ingredients (like nuts in chocolate desserts). It also gives you a marketing opportunity to add votes to your

score. Please do not put your name on the sheet as we have a very secret balloting system.



We are not going to put this notice in the region's newspapers, but you are free and encouraged to bring friends with you this night. It is an excellent opportunity to introduce people to our great church. Make sure you go hungry for a couple of days since even with small sample cups, you can get very full fast!

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall prior to the event just to get an estimate of the number of people attending. Or

just call the church office at 524-6057 when your family plans firm up.

Any questions? Call Warren Hutchins at 366-4982 or e-mail at whutchins@metrocast.net

GILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH 2011 ANNUAL MEETING Held Sunday, January 29, 2012

Directly after morning worship, a delicious brunch was served in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the
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Take a walk with me...



Church annual meetings aren't supposed to be fun. Or maybe they are, but it's just that they usually aren't. Over the years, more than a few people have endured long dry discussions about the financial minutia of the church. I've seen more people grow sleepy-eyed than I usually do during a sermon. I've heard rumors about annual meetings that got quite heated. On the other hand, sometimes the discussions turn to the inane or the comical. We once had a discussion about the name of the choir. A few days ago, we held our annual meeting and it really was one of the better church meetings I can recall.

As we've come to expect, Mary Hutchins and her kitchen crew did a fabulous job on the brunch that preceded the meeting. Doug Hill stepped up to the plate, filling in as the moderator. From the call to order right through to the motion to adjourn, he kept the meeting moving and he kept us focused. Treasurer Walt Flinn, Finance Chair Derek Tomlinson and Membership Chair Steve Anthony presented their reports with just the right mix of levity and detail. But it was Dale Dormody, Church Council Chair, who shared something that made most of us smile with pride.

While perusing the archives at the Gilford Library, Katherine Dormody discovered a number of *Gilford Boosters*. That was what our church newsletter was called back in the 1920s. What so many of us found fascinating is something that the inaugural issue included. There was a section where the church's dreams were articulated. They dreamt of the day Gilford might have a ball field so the boys could play baseball. Imagine what they might have thought if they knew those fields would be shared by equally athletic *girls* - many from our church. They hoped that one day Gilford might have its own tennis courts and their biggest dream: a gymnasium, so that children, youth, and adults might have a place to play during the long winter months. They closed the list with their final wish - that someone might magically appear and fund this dream. (Picture a naysayer from the church in 1922: "A gym ?? That would cost almost \$5,000. Where in the world would we come up with money like that?") When Dale shared their dream, especially the one about the gym, we all chuckled with delight. Imagine that - you and I have been dream-fulfillers. I gleamed with pride, realizing that I am, and we are, part of a community that has always had big dreams. Not every faith community has the proactive, forward-thrusting faith that ours does.

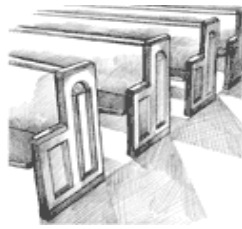
I thank you for the part you have played in the life of the Gilford Community Church. Together we have accomplished some significant things. May we continue to shape our future for the good and may the larger community be enriched by our presence.

Sincerely,



Attendance

January 1: 119
 January 8: 125
 January 15: 198
 January 22: 189
 January 29: 169



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 your bulletin for a notice of the next meeting date.

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February Birthdays

- 01 Anita Hewitt
- 02 Ashley Lacasse, Gail Engle
- 03 Shaun Edson, David Tarbox,
Tom Winkelmann
- 05 Nicholas Murphy, Louise Osburn,
Hannah Stowe
- 06 Jan Briggs, Naisa Chase
- 08 Tom Lopardo
- 09 Natalie Wermers, Dorothy O'Leary,
Nancy Peterson
- 10 Logan Baxter, Adam Seager,
Paul Selfridge, Maria Aulisio
- 12 Katie Bryant, Kyle Middleton
- 13 Cayden Glenn Wixson
- 14 James Seager
- 16 Dot Carter, Cole Winkelmann
- 17 Olivia Edson
- 18 William Hyer, Scott Dalton
- 19 Susan Brown, Justin Lemay
- 21 Dave Merrell, Donald Curtis,
Thomas Seager
- 22 Martha Simmons
- 23 Peter Ames, Skye Devarney
- 25 Kelli Vieten, Dale Squires
- 26 Brenda Nelson, Kris
Blackwelder
- 27 Robin Austin, Jack Clark, Esther
Debettencourt, Shelly Middleton
- 28 Lindsay Pike, Jack Stephenson

February Anniversaries

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|----|--|------|
| 3 | Gary Francke & Susanne
Weldon-Francke | 2001 |
| 24 | Peter & Monica Sawyer | 1996 |
| 25 | Priscilla & Paul Selfridge | |
| 26 | Darlene & David MacDonald | |

Music Notes



From
Carolyn Ames
 (Music Director/Organist)
Carlos Martinez
 (Choir Director)

Having finished our seasons Hof Christmastide and Epiphany, we enter into a period called "Ordinary Time." During Ordinary Time, we present music which leads us into the next season of Lent (beginning on the 22nd). The music is more thoughtful and moderate in tempo.

February 5th we will sing "On Eagles Wings", a favorite among mature members. We will also be offering the "Ubi Caritas" translated: "Where Charity and Love are, God is There"; The Chancel Choir will sing this in the original Latin.

Carolyn would like to thank May Stewart and Carlos for covering for her while she was taking her mother down south.

Again, if you are interested in joining the choir, please feel free to contact either Carolyn or Carlos.

HELPING HAND and HOOK scholarships are now available in the church office!



DEADLINE for items for the MARCH newsletter will be Friday, February 24, 2012. THANKS!



SENIOR Breakfast

Saturday 9-10:30 am

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

We will continue our senior outreach with a free breakfast and bingo event for the residents of the Village Knolls. This has become a wonderful event, and the residents are very grateful that we do this.

Youth group members are invited to help set up, serve meals, run bingo, and clean up. If you would like to help, please contact Scott and be at Fellowship Hall at 8:15 am.



Pictures from GCC Family Night Out: Disney On Ice



Church Potluck Dinner and Movie Night

Saturday, February 17th,
6pm



Bring a dish to share with others. We will have dinner, followed by the movie "Courageous"
All youth members, families, and friends are invited to attend.

Christ Quest 2012

Planning Committee Meeting
Sunday, Feb 12, following the worship service.

We are looking for adults who would like to help plan this year's Christ Quest.

IN THE PEW.....

Dick and Lynne are so thankful to be part of the spiritual life of our church. To quote them exactly.... "It is where the nicest people in the world can be found and a place where everyone knows your name. We feel like we belong to a special enclave that exists to do only good things for others....A place where God can be found in each member."

Lynne grew up in Lynn, Massachusetts (yes, Lynne is from Lynn) with her sister, Gale. Both girls loved music and would sing in the car as they rode along. Their parents would join in and harmonize with them. In high school, Lynne was active in the drama club and school musicals and also played the piano. Dick is from Everett and has three brothers who all played musical instruments. Dad was music director of the Everett school system and was known for his annual Gilbert and Sullivan productions. Both sets of parents had cottages on Newfound Lake and Lynne and Dick met one summer when Lynne was a freshman at Salem State College and Dick was an alumnus of Wentworth Institute's Architectural and Engineering program. He was working for an engineering firm in Boston at the time. Lynne also attended Chandler School for Women in Boston.

They were married in 1964 after Dick achieved his goal...making \$7,500.00 a year. They built their first home in Tewksbury (for the cost of one of today's mid-sized autos), and lived there for 12 years before moving to Chelmsford. It was while living there that Dick decided to go into business with his brother as general contractors in the Lakes Region.

Gilford became their permanent home in 1980 where they raised their two sons, Peter and Greg. Each son has a little girl; one lives in Belmont and the other in St. Augustine, Florida. They enjoy vacations when they all gather at their cottage on Newfound Lake. Camp Wicosuta is just up the road where President Obama's daughters have been campers the last two summers. Lynne and Dick know when they are there because of the helicopters flying overhead.

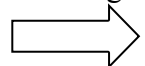
Dick's work career has always encompassed the building field, working as a building supplies sales rep, and in structural drafting and engineering. He

still works part time detailing structural steel for a local company and in his spare time, he will tell you everything that you want to know about fly fishing. He is an avid fly fisherman. After having surgery last fall, he decided to go fishing just two days out of the hospital (when Lynne wasn't looking). He just couldn't resist the lure of the big salmon that had moved into Lake Opechee during the time he was in the hospital. Dick can be found three times a week exercising at the Community Wellness Center where he serves on its advisory board. He also serves on the Building and Grounds Sub Committee of the hospital, has been a member of the Maintenance Committee at the church and is currently on the Finance Committee.

After moving to Gilford, and with the boys in school, Lynne decided to volunteer at the hospital where she met some wonderful people. Four years later, she became the hospital's Director of Volunteer Services, a job that she held for 22 years. She oversaw the activities of over 250 volunteers working in a variety of positions ranging from patient escort, gift shop, golf cart transportation, clerical help in the nursing units or medical records and flower delivery to every new patient. She was also president of Zonta of the Lakes Region, and served as president of the LRGH Auxiliary. At our church, she has served as Chair of the Pastor/Staff Committee and is now on the Flower Committee, the Outreach Committee, and is co-coordinator with Carolyn Ames of the Ladies Night Out.

Music has always been a part of both of their lives. Dick played the clarinet in high school and then played for 9 years in the National Guard Band. He also sang with a barbershop chorus in Andover, Mass. and Lynne was the founder and president of a championship Sweet Adelines chorus. After retiring from her hospital job, she decided to try something new so has learned to play Dick's clarinet. She now plays with the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region and serves on their board.

I asked what their number one wish would be for our church as we head into the future. "Do not lose what we have now. Just expand on it by continuing



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to make a difference in the broader community, but with an emphasis on local outreach. We have a wonderful mix of ages and that's what makes for a healthy, progressive congregation.”

- Barbara Daniell



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Annual Meeting.

Douglas Hill called the meeting to order in absence of the Moderator, Alexandra Breed.

Rev. Michael thanked those who helped with the brunch and gave an opening prayer.

Doug asked for approval of the agenda as printed – ACCEPTED.

There was a moment of reflection to remember those we lost through death in 2011.

The minutes of the 1/30/11 Annual Meeting and the 10/30/11 Faith Proposal Meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer Walter Flinn began his report by thanking Carl Carder and Steve Richardson for their many years of service. He also expressed his thanks to Nan Fay and Kathy Lacroix for their weekly duty of counting and posting the offering.

We have no bills unpaid over 30 days and no mortgage. The expansion project is almost finished and we may have up to \$5,000.00 to put into a reserve maintenance fund. He reviewed the use of Memorial Funds (printed in the report) and noted that the Memorial Garden Fund and Village Nursery School are both in good shape.

The Treasurer's report was ACCEPTED.

Committee and Board Reports: Dale Dormody read from reports dated 1922 and 1923, demonstrating that the goals set long ago for the church have been realized and accomplished today.

The reports were ACCEPTED as printed.

Election of Committee Members. The slate was ACCEPTED as printed in the Annual Report with 2 exceptions:

The Fair Chair will be Bill Davies (in place of the Melbournes) and Ernie Roy is added to the Facilities Committee.

2012 Budget: Derek Tomlinson reported. He thanked Walter Flinn and Rick and Kandi Edson for assisting him in simplifying the accounting procedures – He noted the mortgage has been paid off. We had to use \$17,170.00 from reserves to finish the year, but he does not see having to do so again. The 2012 Budget was ACCEPTED as printed in the report.

Scott Hodsdon was thanked for his fine leadership with the youth. It was pointed out, as one example, the monthly Pancake & Bingo events, held on a Saturday morning, which are enjoyed by residents of Gilford Village Knolls and the youth.

After a closing prayer by Pastor Michael, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

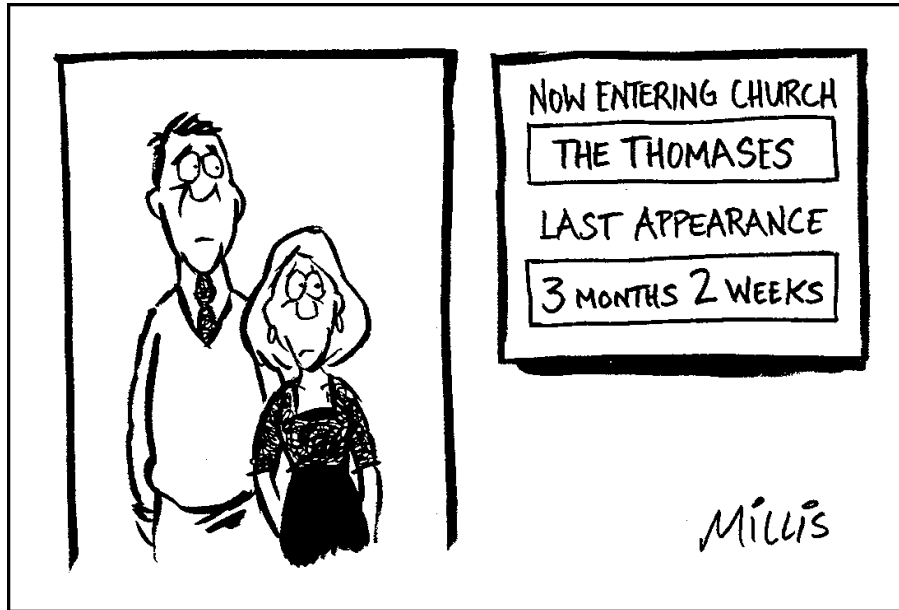
Respectfully submitted.

Doris C. MacHaffie



FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 12 noon Adult Study 4:00 Chordsmen Q 5:00 Brownies 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>2 12-2 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>3 10:00 Worship at Genesis Healthcare 12:00 Mommy/Me 4:45 Brownies</p>	<p>4 9-11 Girl Scouts</p>
<p>5 10:00 Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>6 11:30 Senior Women. 2:30-4 Dance Rehearsal - HS 7:15 Chordsmen</p>	<p>7 9:30 Mommy/Me 2:30-4 Dance 3:45 Al-Anon 7:00 CNHARC 7:30 Chess Club</p>	<p>8 12 noon Adult Study 1:30 Cub Scouts 4:00 Chordsmen Q. 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Troop 243</p>	<p>9 12-2 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>10 12:00 Mommy/Me</p>	<p>11 6:00 Chili, Chowdah and Chocolate</p>
<p>12 9:40 Hymn Sing 10:00 Worship 11:15 Christ Quest Plan- ning Comm. Mtg. 11:15 Gathering w/ Mentors BOY SCOUT SUNDAY</p>	<p>13 11:30 Senior Women. 2:30-4 Dance 7:15 Chordsmen</p>	<p>14 9:30 Mommy/Me 2:30-4 Dance 3:45 Al-Anon 7:30 Chess Club</p>	<p>15 12 noon Adult Study 4:00 Chordsmen Q 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:00 COURT of HONOR (potluck)</p>	<p>16 12-2 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>17 12:00 Mommy/Me 4:45 Brownies 6:00 Church Potluck Dinner and Movie Night</p>	<p>18 9-11 Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Internet Club?</p>
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