

# THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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Philip Gulley, one of my favorite authors, has a little book called, “For Everything a Season”. It’s a delightful collection of simple musings on that well-known poem from Ecclesiastes 3

*“For everything there is a season  
and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

Entering a new year is always a time for reflection. The passage of time is relentless, and we measure it not only by the clock, but also by the calendar and by generations being born and dying.

*“There is a time to be born  
and there is a time to die”*

Yes, there is a time to be born – we’ve been privileged this last year to baptize 11 babies. New Hampshire’s population is among the nation’s oldest – I think 11 is quite impressive. Sadly though, I also led 34 funerals in 2018. Lots of families lost someone special. Yes, there is a time to die.

I appreciate how the writer of Ecclesiastes linked life’s opposites in the list:

*Plant/pluck up, kill/heal, break down/build up  
Weep/laugh, mourn/dance, etc.*

Every life has seasons of sorrow and stretches of great joy. Friday’s funeral is followed by Saturday’s wedding and Sunday’s baptism. A few centuries before Ecclesiastes was written, a Chinese writer wrote something very similar about the yin and yang nature of life: the complementary nature of opposites and the interconnectedness of all things.

Our Buddhist friends remind us that nothing last forever. Nothing is permanent. Our good times won’t last forever, but neither will the bad times. That’s a fair exchange in my book and while everyone of us will experience some sadness and suffering, misery is always a choice.

I wish you a year filled with more good than bad; but my realistic hope is that you and I might make the best of whatever happens.

Michael



New to our church? Would you like to learn more about it? Would you like to join the church?

Come join Rev. Michael Graham and others to learn about our church and what we can offer you.

**Watch this space for notice of our next Meet and Greet, held on a Sunday after worship service in conference room A.**

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### January Birthdays

- 2 Danielle Baron
- 3 Kandi Edson, Dan Brown
- 4 Mary Swain, Roger Ellsworth
- 5 Dale Curtis
- 6 Jeffrey Baron
- 7 Alex Richardson, Scott Hodsdon
- 8 Sue Cutillo, Kyle Gandini, Laura Zakorchemny
- 9 Nancy Carsen
- 10 Ginny Littlefield, Shawn Chase, Meghan Baron
- 11 Margret Eddy
- 15 Mark Swain
- 17 Ryan Nelson, Carolyn Ames
- 18 Barbara Dewhirst
- 19 Kelly Ellsworth
- 20 Susan Noyes, Diane Greenwell
- 21 Jonathan Wixson, Holly Bannon, Alexander Goehausen

- 22 Linda Ilg, Irene Johnson
- 23 Carole Hopper
- 24 Emily Arnold
- 25 Faith Rupert
- Kathy Dahll
- 28 Janet Paddack, Tom Boucher, Renny Ilg
- 30 Caleb Devarney
- 31 Derek Blackwelder
- David Warrender

### January Anniversaries

- 20 David & Janet Haley 1990
- 29 James & Joann Cowan

**Did we miss your birthday? Omit your anniversary? Please let the church office know so we can happily add you to our list!**





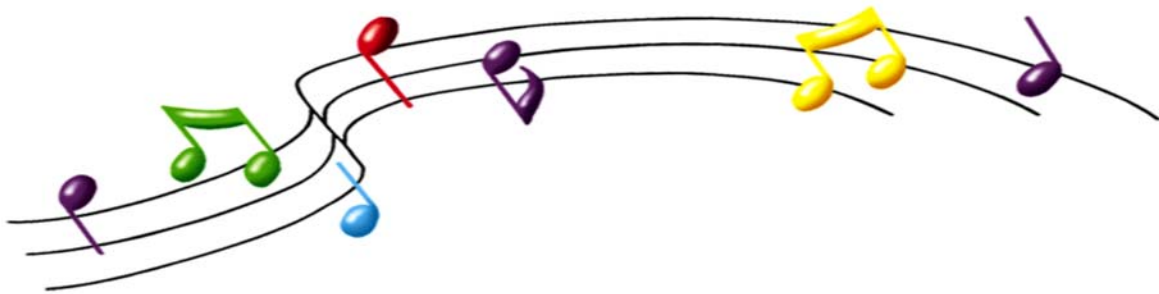
January is upon us, and with the new year comes many resolutions. I can think of none better than this; ***sing more!*** You've seen the studies shared: singing more makes you happier! What better place to sing than in the GCC Chancel Choir!

This month we have the Epiphany Service at the United Methodist Church in Gilford to look forward to. At the end of the month you can see AJ flap about in ETC's production of "The Little Mermaid" at Plymouth State University. And we have lots of great music in store for the new year!

If your interested in joining us, drop by after the Sunday service and talk to Carolyn and AJ, or come to rehearsal from 6:00-7:00 on Thursday nights in the Sanctuary. See you there!

Musically Yours,

Carolyn & AJ



We are in the process of updating our church directory. Please let us know if there are any changes or if you would like to be added.



Thank you for all the support folks at GCC have provided both of us throughout Molly's recovery from her knee injury and surgery in September. We have been held in prayer and received an outpouring of meals, cards, phone calls and visits, as well as rides and errands for Molly when necessary. Your care and well-wishes are much appreciated!

Molly & Rick Notkin



The **deadline** to submit for the February Newsletter is January 16th.

**Friendly Kitchen** is **Friday, January 25th**. Our volunteer crew serves lunch at the Salvation Army in Laconia at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. To help serve or contribute food to the meal, please sign up downstairs on the bulletin board. For this month's menu they need donations of American Chop Suey and brownies. (The crew provides green beans.) Thank you!



### Coffee Hour Hosts



We would love to have members of our church community commit to volunteering **once a year** to help host coffee hour during the scheduled "Members of the Church" days. You can host it with your family, a friend, or join forces with another family! Please contact Jessi Fleck for more information or to get yourself onto the coffee hour schedule.

728-5671 or [jfleckjr@metrocast.net](mailto:jfleckjr@metrocast.net)



### Church Attendance for December

2	162
9	227
16	274
23	240
24	307 (6:00pm)
24	85 (11:00pm)
30	141



The first Sunday of every month is **FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY** and members/non-members are invited to bring donations to church with them. **Food Pantry Bottle juice, cookies and canned pasta (e.g. Beef-A-Roni, Spaghetti-os).**

**Please make sure item has not expired.**

For **New Beginnings**:  
(Please label these donations "New Beginnings" and leave in the church foyer):

- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Hair conditioner
- Body wash
- Hand soap (preferably the size to have at sink)
- Facial tissue
- Feminine pads & tampons
- Baby wipes & diapers size 4-6
- Canned soup & saltine crackers
- Other non-perishable foods

### *Ladies' Night Out*

Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. at 6pm

**"Native American History in New Hampshire"**

Speaker from Kearsage Indian Museum

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Catered by Eloise Post

Reservations made at coffee hour or call Carolyn Ames by Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. at 524-1952.





**On behalf of Outreach Committee and all the recipients of these seasonal gifts, thanks so much to everyone who purchased Christmas Mitten and Tag items, or made donations of groceries or funds for Christmas Baskets.**

Due to our congregation's abundant support, four local families received presents for Christmas, and many children got new clothes through the Children's Foundation Christmas Angel Program at St. Vincent de Paul, which serves hundreds of families each December. Fifty-seven baskets of food were donated, along with six from the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club. As a result, a complete Christmas dinner was provided to eighteen families in our community, and folks at Belknap House, Carey House and Laconia Salvation Army.

Kudos as well to the following people who were a HUGE help with these projects: Judy Cook, with Jessi Fleck's help - organized the Christmas Mittens and Tags, Dianne Anthony, Jan and Rich Briggs - managed sign-ups for basket contributions, and helped distribute/deliver baskets with Molly Notkin, Ron Dudley - contributed thirty poinsettias to go with baskets, and Deb Birch - took names over the phone and organized the basket recipient list.

This year instead of giving hams with the food baskets, recipients received a grocery gift certificate. That way they could buy a ham the size most suitable for them or other items they would enjoy for a Christmas meal. Special thanks to Thom Francoeur for arranging the purchase of those gift certificates. Also, much appreciation goes to management and staff at Hannaford in Gilford, for going above and beyond to provide us with the large volume of gift certificates required for both 2018 holiday food distributions in a timely manner.

Through your generosity, our church helped spread the Light of Advent this season, bringing comfort to people who thought there was no hope, and joy to families who otherwise might not have had a festive meal or gifts under the tree on Christmas Day.

As a fresh new year begins, we ask that God continues to show us ways to spread that Light, as individuals and a church family, in our community and our world, through the coming months and beyond.

Wishing each of you and your families a happy, healthy 2019!

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*Outreach Committee 2018: Dianne Anthony, Betsy Castro, Judy Cook, David Gingrich, Kathy McNamara,  
Co-Chairs - Jan Briggs, Molly Notkin and Gilford Senior Resource Team Liaison – Thom Francoeur*



## Family Night Out

### Disney on Ice

**Thursday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

We have tickets reserved for Disney on Ice for ,Thursday, Jan 17th The show is at 7:00, so we will leave the church at 5:30pm.

\$25.00/ticket, includes transportation (15 passenger van). Space is limited.

If you would like to attend, please contact Scott



### Mission Trip 2019 Meeting

**Sunday, Feb 3rd, following service**

We will have our first Summer Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, February 3rd. This meeting is for anyone interested in attending this summer's trip, as well as parents. We will go over dates, fundraising, and Scott will answer any questions parents may have. We will meet in the sanctuary.

### Annual Meeting Brunch

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Serving: Sunday (Following Service)**

For the 5th consecutive year, our youth will be catering the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan 27.

We will meet on Sunday morning at 9am to start our prep work. All HS and MS youth members are invited to help.

We make a lot of food for this, so the more help we have, the better.



January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Drop the kids off and have a night out without kids!!!

Learn more and sign up at [gilforyouthcenter.com](http://gilforyouthcenter.com)

### Family Night Out

**Tubing Night @ Gunstock**

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**5:00-8:00pm**

Young children and families are invited for a night of food and fun. We will meet at the GYC for a potluck dinner, and then head to Gunstock Mountain for a night of tubing fun! Parents are invited to bring a dish to share. Tubing will be \$20/pp.

Please let Scott know if you plan to attend.

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION AT WESLEY WOODS

**Wesley Woods** would like to invite you to join us on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am for some coffee and conversation with Chief Anthony Bean Burpee of the Gilford Police Department.

Come over and warm up with a hot cup of coffee or tea in our Community Room, located in the First United Methodist Church off Route 11A in Gilford.

Chief Bean Burpee's topic will be about heading off fraud and scams. Today, more than ever, everyone needs to be aware of "fraud" and "scams" targeted at individuals. Seniors, in particular, are susceptible to these types of crimes as they generally grew-up in an era where they were raised to be polite and trusting. Con artists exploit such traits, knowing that it is difficult or sometimes impossible for this generation of citizens to simply say "no" or to just hang-up the telephone. Gilford Chief Anthony Bean Burpee will discuss what the National Council on Aging lists as the "Top 10 Financial Scams Targeting Seniors" and will share tips on how not become a victim of such scams.

This is our first in a series of Safety First talks that will be brought to you through throughout the year.

For more information, or to RSVP please contact Stace Dicker-Hendricks at 603-528-2555 or [sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnnh.org](mailto:sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnnh.org).

### **Guys' Night Out**

Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **“Physical Therapy on the Quality of Life”**

Speaker: Josh Brooks PT,MPT

Social hour begins at 5:30, followed by a dinner catered by Ellie Murphy at 6:30, cost \$12.00 per person.

For reservations call the church office at 524-6057.



### ***SWEETHEART SUPPER***

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>.

6pm Fellowship Hall

Come as a couple or by yourself. This supper is for everyone!

We will start the evening with delicious appetizers, a gourmet entrée, special dessert and a champagne toast.

Gluten free, vegetarian and vegan available upon request.

There will be music and dancing,  
FUN and a photo booth!

There will be a special table for wedding album or photographs.

Please bring yours to share!

\$18.00 per person


For reservations please text, email or call

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# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3 Adult Book Study 10:30  Chancel Choir 6:00pm	4	5
6 10am Worship Communion Food Collection	7	8	9	10 Adult Book Study 10:30am  Chancel Choir 6-7pm	11	12
13 9:40 Hymn Sing 10am Worship	14 Senior Momentum - Soup & Servicelink 11:30am	15	16	17 Adult Book Study 10:30am Guy's Night Out 5:30pm Family Night Out Chancel Choir 6-7pm	18 Ladies' Night Out 6:00pm	19
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