FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The days begin to lengthen, but the cold sinks more deeply. We find ourselves muttering about the weather, being thankful for a slight warming of the air above freezing temperatures, shivering as we greet each other. Can the promise of spring be trusted? We are often so cold, and it takes more time to do the simplest things as we prepare to start the day.

A recent essay helped me understand that much of what we feel inside ourselves is connected with the motion of our planet. Earth, moon, sun, and the rotation of the seasons resonate within us. How we feel in every way, in every cell of our being is connected with the universe. Carl Sagan, astronomer, was fond of reminding us that we are made of cosmic dust.

The ancient cycles of death and new life repeat themselves whether we agree or not. As we begin the season of Lent within the church on February 13 we will set the smudge of ashes on foreheads during a service in early evening as the day ends, reminding ourselves of our dust-like origins. Walking out into the cold, dark winter's night we will shiver with life, and be sure that love pierces through it all, binding us together in common purpose, to live and to love as best we can.

The journey to Easter takes seven weeks in calendar time, it can seem like forever in our hearts. Yet, by God's grace, we have each other for company on the way.

Gratefully,

Bill

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF CANTERBURY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Canterbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing at its meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in the Meeting House:

The public hearing will be on a proposed amendment to incorporate existing State law regarding a cemetery burial site setback clause to the Canterbury Zoning Ordinance by adding the following language:

ARTICLE 5.2 B. 8. BURIAL SITE SETBACK

No new construction, excavation, or building shall be conducted within 25 feet of a known burial site or within 25 feet of the boundaries of an established burial ground or cemetery, whether or not such burial site or burial ground was properly recorded in the deed to the property, except when such construction, excavation, or building is necessary for the construction of an essential service, as approved by the Board of Selectmen in concurrence with the cemetery trustees, or in the case of a state highway, by the commissioner of the department of transportation in concurrence with the cemetery trustees.

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Please call first.

CanterburyChurch@myfairpoint.net Wed., 4:00-7:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 -6:00

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CANTERBURY NEWSLETTER

Deadline: 15th of the month prior to the month you want the article to appear.

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canterburySWTS@myfairpoint.net

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LIBRARY 783-4386

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CANTERBURY POLICE OFFICE

783-0433 (non-emergency) Tues.-Fri., 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Concord Police Dispatch (non-emergency): 228-1010 **EMERGENCIES** — 911

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND ASSESSOR'S OFFICE 783-9955

Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9:00 am - 1:00 pm canterburyselectmen@myfairpoint.net canterburyassessing@myfairpoint.net

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783-0153 FAX: 783-0501

Monday, 9 am-3 pm, Tues., 12 pm-7 pm Thursday, 3 pm - 7 pm

canterburytaxcollect@myfairpoint.net

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meet at the Meeting House (MH) unless otherwise noted

Conservation Commission 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, MH

Fire & Rescue (at Municipal Complex) Business Meeting: 1st Mon., 6:30 pm Officers Meeting: Last Thurs., 7:00 pm Trainings: All other Mondays, 7:00 pm

Library Trustees

2nd Monday, 7:00 pm, Elkins Library

Planning Board

2nd Tuesday, 7 pm, MH 4th Tuesday as needed

Recycling Committee 1st Tuesday, 6:30 pm, MH

Renewable Energy Committee Third Tuesday, 7:00 pm, MH

Selectmen

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Deadline is 15th of each month. \$7 for 30 words or less or \$14 up to 60 words. Please email ad to newsletter (see address below left) and mail payment to CUCC, P.O. Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224. Must be received by the 15th and we'll take it from there!

Fire numbers

Fire Station: 783-4798 Fire Station Fax: 783-8964

Fire Chiefs e-mail: firechief88@hotmail.com

Emergency Calls: 911

Canterbury United Community Church News

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the CUCC membership will take place in the Thunberg room of the Parish house at 11:30 am on Sunday, February 17, 2013.

Ladies Benevolent Society

The Ladies Benevolent Society will meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 1:00 pm in the Parish House. The program will be a review of the budget and planning meeting for programs for the coming year. This is an important meeting and hope all can attend. We need your input, so bring ideas! Hostesses: Ann Fifield and Elaine DiStefano Devotions: Judy Patterson.

Souperbowl Fundraiser

The Church Outreach Committee encourages Canterbury residents who plan to gather for SuperBowl parties on February 2nd to support the CUCC Outreach Fundraiser. Put out a bowl at your party for donations and then forward them to CUCC, P.O. Box 216, Canterbury, NH 03224. Make checks out to CUCC and put Souperbowl Activity on the memo line. What if everyone gave an amount equal to what they spend on either beer or chips or both!!

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday worship with Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

OOPS! We extend our apologies to Ginny Litalien for missing her name on the list of Newsletter sponsors. If we miss your name let us know so we can acknowledge your generous gift.

Help Support the Newsletter

Once again we invite townspeople to support this newsletter with our sponsorship program. Thanks to so many people's generosity last year we were able to cover most of the cost in 2012. Send in a contribution with the enclosed form any time during this year and we will acknowledge folks in the December issue.

Levels of Giving

"Subscriber" — \$10

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~In Memoriam~

William "Bill" Rice (63) died Thursday, Dec. 20 after a prolonged fight with cancer. Bill was born in Yonkers, N.Y., on Jan. 26, 1949, the only child of William and Edna Rice. His family moved to Clearwater, Florida, where he graduated from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a bachelor's of science in chemistry. One of his passions was becoming a private pilot. He loved giving aerial plane rides for friends, family and clients. Aerial photography became another important hobby. His other passions were computer programming, electronics, snowmobiling and boating with friends and family. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 34 years, and his three children, William, Robert, and Virginia, all of Canterbury.

Congratulations!!

Bailey Beltramo was nominated to the United States Naval Academy by US Senator Jeanne Shaheen. Bailey is the son of Mindy and Jeff Beltramo, Hackleboro Rd., Canterbury.

LIBRARY NEWS

The next Trustee Meeting is Monday, February 11 at 7:00 pm.

The library will be closed on Monday, February 18 in honor of Presidents' Day.

Rock N' Read is a music and movement program for babies and toddlers. Our young friends will have a chance to move to a beat, listen and sing along with music and participate with others the same age. What fun! Come join the fun on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 am. There will be no Rock N' Read during school vacation week.

Join us for winter stories and a craft at **Story Hour** on **Wednesday**, **February** 20 at 10:00 am.

TEEN TIME READ: Students grades 5 and up meet Monday, February 11 from 4:00 -5:00 pm for a discussion of *Tangerine* by Edward Bloor; a place where anything seems possible! Copies of the book are available if you would like to participate.

The Book Discussion Group is reading *A Walk Across the Sun* by Corbin Addison. Spanning three continents and two cultures, this story chronicles an unforgettable journey through the underworld of modern slavery and into the darkest and most resilient corners of the human heart. Copies are in for anyone wishing to join us on Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm.

The Knitting Group continues meeting Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm by the fire place.

Quilters meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Bring your handwork, sewing machines and don't forget your lunch!

Scrabble every Monday night at 6:00 pm. Come join in!

Games! We have popular board games for all ages to enjoy at the library.

Puzzle Swap – stop by, take one and leave one. All puzzles should be at least 500 pieces and in very good condition with all pieces in the box.

Genealogy Program with Sam Papps: Have you ever wondered what your family's past was, or have some family stories that you always wondered if they were true? A box of photographs labeled with "Mother's grandparents" or "Uncle Jimmy", or names you don't recognize? Here's your chance to discover some of those answers. This "class" invites genealogists from beginner to experienced to join us in building your family knowledge. We will be focusing on how far you wish to take your family genealogy; from drawing a family tree, writing a genealogy to compiling and writing a family history. The sky is the limit; using various research methods, we will dive into your family's past and see what

we can dig up! Thursday, February 7 and 21 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.

SCHOOL VACATION WEEK: Cupcake decorating and a necklace craft. Anyone ages 8 and up is welcome. Please sign up by February 21.

Wednesday, February 27 at 1:30 pm: Cupcakes – decorate a snowman, panda or create your own great cupcake decoration. Make one to eat and one to take home!

Thursday, February 28 at 10:30 am - Necklace craft using a metal washer, nail polish and decorative ribbon for ages 8 and up.

Try out these family passes:

SEE Science Center – Manchester
The Fells – Newbury (John Hay National Wildlife Refuge)
Currier Museum of Art – Manchester
Museum of NH History - Concord
Christa McAuliffe Planetarium - Concord

* Some passes allow a family of 4 to visit free of charge while others provide a reduced fee. The passes are available to borrow, just stop by or call to reserve.

The numbers are in and last year 21,503 books, CDs, audios, videos, DVDs and magazines were borrowed from the library. Patron visits totaled 15,822. There were 94 programs for adults, teens and children such as story hour, adult and teen book group, Rock N' Read, summer reading, knitting, humanities programs other special events with 647 children, 56 teens and 927 adults in attendance. Many thanks for the wonderful support. We look forward to another rewarding year.

New Titles:
Back To Blood by Tom Wolfe
1356 by Bernard Cornwell
Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot by Bill O'Reilly

Middlesteins by Jaime Attenberg

ARE YOU READING THIS??

If you are reading this send us an email at doureadthis@gmail.com or if you don't have computer access you can call and leave a message at 934-2075. We would also like to know your thoughts about the newsletter going digital. Would that interest you, or do you prefer the paper copy? If you like the paper copy would you be willing to pick it up at the store or Library? Or maybe pay for your newsletter's first class postage??

As you know through earlier newsletters our costs have skyrocketed and we are currently looking for ways to cut cost without cutting the integrity of the newsletter. Let us know your thoughts.

CES NEWS

The Shaker Regional School District Annual Meeting will take place on Friday, March 8th at the Belmont High School Gymnasium. The polls will be open at 6:00 pm for the election of school district officers and the business portion of the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be two Public Hearings dates prior to the District Meeting. The first will be held at Canterbury Elementary School on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm and the second will take place on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm at Belmont Middle School. If anyone would like further information about filing period dates, postings, and checklist revisions, please call the Superintendent's Office between the hours of 7:30 and 4:30 pm at 267-9223. Reminder: Same day voter registration may be done at the Annual Meeting.

February is *I Love to Read Month* at CES and once again we are looking for Guest Readers. Parents and community members are invited to come into a classroom and read to the children. Guests can bring their own favorite stories or read selections provided by the teachers. If you wish to join us and share your love of reading with the children please call the school and we will make the arrangements for a date, time and class. (783-9944)

Students will be reading this month to raise money for the vegetable gardens that are planned for this spring. Supporting our school-wide theme, "Growing a Garden of Learners" participants will be asking for sponsors to challenge them to read numbers of pages or spend a specified number of minutes reading. Students and sponsors will agree on the reward for achieving their goal. The money raised will be used to purchase seeds and materials to complete the garden beds.

Steve Schuch, an accomplished singer/songwriter, guitarist, author and storyteller will be our guest presenter at our annual Theme Night on Wednesday, February 20. Mr. Schuch is designing a special musical program that will celebrate our school-wide theme "Growing a Garden of Learners." Families will meet in classrooms at 5:30 for a pizza supper and then come together in the gym at 6:00 pm for Mr. Schuch's delightful presentation.

The Canterbury Police Department will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, February 14th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school gym. The Canterbury drives have had excellent support in the past and we are looking forward to another very successful event.

February Calendar

February 5 School Budget Hearing –CES 6:00 pm
February 6 School Budget Hearing –CES 6:00 pm
February 14 Shaker School Board Meeting CES 6:00 pm
February 14 Canterbury Police Dept. Blood Drive 2:00-7:00 pm
February 20 CES Theme Night – 5:30-7:00 Steve Schuch

Feb. 25 - Mar. 1Winter Vacation - No School

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Plans Projects & Programs For The Year

A Strategic Planning meeting was held on January 12th, during which the Trustees reviewed 2012 planned initiatives for 2013 and progress. contemplated future goals and objectives. The group established three major initiatives for this year. The first will be the creation of a User's Manual for training of volunteers in the proper use of the Museum Software, which is used in entering and maintaining digital information of the contents of the Archive Collection. It is expected that the digitized Archive Collection will eventually be shared with the N.H. Historical Society's digital collection and be available on line. Secondly, the Trustees decided to mount an exhibit to open on Fair Day (July 27), entitled "Canterbury Through The Years 1900-2012". The show will be in the Elkins Memorial Building and will feature items from our Archives. Finally, the Board decided to hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 pm in the Town Hall. It will feature a program by Dudley Laufman entitled, "Contra Dancing in New Hampshire - Then and Now". The March Newsletter will have additional information.

Do you know where this is? Look for the answer in the March Newsletter.



Town-Wide Email List

The Town of Canterbury has a Town-Wide email list to distribute information. If anyone is not on the list and would like to be, contact me at smile_lrg1@yahoo.com (that's an underscore). This is a great way to get information out. Thank you!

~Laura Crockford

"Love is what we are born with. Fear is what we learn. The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and prejudices and the acceptance of love back in our hearts. Love is the essential reality and our purpose on earth."

~Marianne Williamson, author & speaker

AROUND TOWN

4-H

The Canterbury 4-H Rascals had their January meeting on January 7, 2013. The Food Show and Public Speaking are coming up in February, as is Presentation Day in March. Good luck to all participants.



At our next meeting Emily Brunkhurst will be teaching us how to make a no-sew scarf. Members should buy $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of fleece so they can select a fabric they like. Bring the fleece to the meeting along with sharp scissors and a ruler.

Our next meeting is on February 4, 2013 at the Parish House. There will be refreshments available at 6:15 and our business meeting will begin at 6:30.

~Abigail Camire, Reporter

Fire Department News

The fire department would like to remind everyone to be careful on ice-covered ponds and lakes, especially if you are riding a snow machine or four-wheeler. The added weight may cause the ice to give way. This time of year the weather can change quickly; it may seem that the ice is thick enough but in fact it isn't. As I mentioned last month, please make sure your smoke alarms are working and your CO detectors; we aren't out of the woods yet.

We still have our second wood raffle going on until February 14th. Please stop by the station for the tickets or you can pick them up at the Canterbury Store. We have several members in school for their EMT licenses and three more in the Firefighter 1 program at the Fire Academy. Our members train hard and are here for you if needed. Thank you for your continued support. Stay Safe .

~Chief Peter Angwin

ATTENTION DUMP GOERS

A child's ceramic bank that contains some cash was left at the Treasure House recently. Please call Laurie to arrange retrieval, 783-4690, if you left it by mistake... otherwise the money will go into the volunteers' coffee

Transition Canterbury News

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP "In the Heat of the Pile" 7:00pm February 19 at the Parish Hall. Transition Canterbury offers "In the Heat of the Pile", a UNH Extension Service workshop on composting led by Donna Miller, a UNH certified Master Gardener. Come to the Parish Hall to learn how to build various types of compost bins and piles – and Donna will share her 'lasagna garden" technique for composting. We'll enjoy Compost Cake and tea for refreshments. (You'll have to come to find out the recipe!) This will be a continuation of what we learned about improving our soil at the January 29 film on Permaculture Soils.

COMMUNITY NURSERY: Are you interested in seeing more edible plants around town? We are! Come to our February 19 meeting as we discuss the possibility of forming a Community Nursery. Can't make the meeting? Send us an email at info@transitioncanterbury.org for more information.

MARCH 26 TUESDAY FILM "TAPPED"

Our March event will be Tuesday, March 26 at 7pm at the Parish Hall. The theme is water, and we'll view "Tapped", which examines the role of the bottled water industry and its effects on our health, climate change, pollution, and our reliance on oil. [To whet your appetite for the topic we encourage you to watch "The Story of Bottled Water"an 8 minute cartoon documentary available on the Internet.] The discussion afterward will be led by Arnie Alpert, who has studied extensively the commodification and privatization of water at the local, national and international level, and locally worked with Save Our Groundwater (Nottingham, NH).

Curious about what Transition Canterbury is about and what we are doing? If you'd like to be part of an organization that promotes community in order to help make Canterbury more resilient (that is, able to withstand change), we invite you to attend our upcoming planning meeting on Tuesday, February 12. Call Ruth Heath for information and directions (783-4401). If you would like simply be on our mailing list (to get a monthly reminder of our upcoming event) join our e-mail list by sending an e-mail to info@transitioncanterbury.org. Visit our website at www.transitioncanterbury.org for more information.



"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

~John Steinbeck



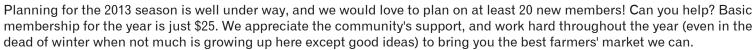
CANTERBURY FARMERS MARKET NEWS

Help the Canterbury Farmers' Market - Become a Member!

The Canterbury Community Farmers' Market welcomes all our friends - both local and perhaps a bit further afield - to join us as members for the 2013 season. Your support helps us to advertise the market, which in turn brings in more customers, which makes the farmers and the vendors happier, and that means a better market for YOU! Membership fees are also used to bring great musicians to the market every week, pay the market's dues to professional organizations, buy supplies and postage, maintain the website and, on occasion, send a thank you gift.

Furthermore, as a Member you have the peace of mind that you are supporting the Market's mission to:

- Foster a broader availability and variety of locally grown produce and agricultural products.
- Encourage sustainable farming in the Canterbury area by providing an alternative marketplace.
- Create opportunities for farmers and consumers to deal with each other directly
- Enhance the quality of life in the Canterbury area with a community activity that fosters social gathering.
- Preserve the Canterbury area's unique agricultural heritage.



~ Beth Blair, for CCFMA	
PS: The first outdoor market of the 2013 season is Wednesday, June 5, 4-6:30 pm, in the parking area next to the Elkins Library See you there!	
Yes! I support the mission of t	Canterbury Community Farmers Market and wish to become a Member by contributing th
\$25 (basic annual membersh)\$50\$75Other amount
Name:	
	Town, State, Zip:
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I would like to receive updat	reminders about the Market via E-mail (we will NOT share your Email address)

Mail membership form with check made payable to 'CCFMA' to CCFMA, PO Box 3, Canterbury, NH 03224 For more information visit www.ccfma.net or e-mail: canterburyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

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CANTERBURY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION NEWS

Canterbury Agriculture Commission wants you to know about A Property Tax Incentive Mechanism to Help Save Historic New Hampshire Agricultural Buildings.

The new law is based on the widespread recognition that many of the state's old barns and other farm outbuildings are important local scenic landmarks and help tell the story of New Hampshire's agricultural heritage. Yet many of these historic structures are being demolished or not repaired because of the adverse impact of property taxes. RSA 79-D encourages barn owners to maintain and repair their buildings by granting them specific tax relief and assuring them that assessments will not be increased as a result of new repair work.

The program represents a uniquely New Hampshire approach; it is strictly voluntary on the part of the property owner and combines <u>statewide eligibility criteria and guidelines</u> with decision-making and implementation at the local level. It is closely modeled after New Hampshire's open space discretionary easement program (RSA 79-C), which authorizes local governments to grant property tax relief to encourage the preservation of open land.

On or before April 15 of the new tax year, any owner of an historic barn or other farm building may seek relief by applying to their local governing body (town select board or city government) to grant a discretionary preservation easement and by agreeing to maintain the structure in keeping with its historic integrity and character during the term of the easement. The application (PA-36-A), available at town and city halls, includes a map showing the location of the structure(s) and a description of how the property meets at least one of the prescribed tests of public benefit.

For more information and contact info go to: http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/programs/barn_property_tax.html

~Barbie Tilton, Ag Comm Member