

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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From the Pastor

Greetings neighbors,

I write to you in the wake of our congregation's focus on Earth Day this past week, and on a glorious morning in Canterbury where it is truly evident that Spring has finally sprung here in New Hampshire! I also write to you in the midst of disheartening world and national news headlines relating to the climate crisis that present themselves as our regular dose of bitter pills to swallow.

As we seriously consider the daunting challenges present in our world it is certainly understandable to lose a sense of hope, and to feel that our faith-filled actions are no more than just a drop in the bucket. Of course there are a myriad of fronts on which to focus and take action, and on this spring day my heart continues to focus on our responsible care for the Earth the Creator has entrusted to our care. This morning I find God seems to be shouting to us a song of hope somehow still evident in the very creation itself—a song encouraging us not to lose heart.

Jennifer Halteman Schrock, leader of the Mennonite Creation Care Network, puts it like this: "Hope is imbedded in creation. It is evident in every sprouting seed, in every green leaf straining toward the sun; in the dependable rhythm of the seasons; even in the wood decomposing on a healthy forest floor."

Yes, indeed, hope is evident in the natural processes of creation itself that can easily be seen springing forth today, putting that hope into practice as the natural world unfolds around us. Today life is daring to push through, and carry forth, even in the face of the regular uncertainty of what may lie in store each day.

In the face of environmental degradation on our planet it is easy for us to feel cynical and hopeless. But hope isn't just an emotion, it is something we put into practice as nature does. We practice hope when we teach younger generations to care for the Earth. We practice hope when we support businesses and nonprofits that care for the Earth. We practice hope when we recognize and support flourishing ecosystems and healthy farming practices ... in short, when we take the steps we can together to care for the gift God has given us.

Canterbury is a place where creation's hope is more easily visible and accessible than perhaps in other corners of our world, so I invite you to take a longer look and be encouraged by the tenacious life and hope that can be experienced in our beautiful rolling landscapes. May we follow the faithful example of our natural world—carrying forth in hope, encouraged and emboldened to spread that hope here in our community and beyond.

God's Peace,
Pastor Sara

Pastor Sara and the community church are here for everyone.

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Pastor Sara is distributing a weekly at-home worship packet by email. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, leave a message at 783-9365 or email mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

Local Businesses, Here to Serve You ...

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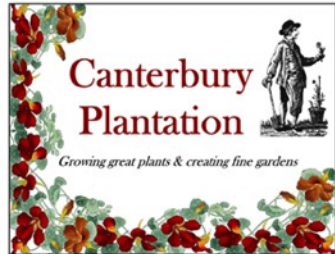
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- Mid May will bring on a larger selection of cool-soil tolerant annuals, vegetables and herbs.
- Late May will bring us into prime planting season with all manner of plants, both heirloom & hybrid varieties, ready to go home to your pots & plots!

So, grab a friend and stop by for a relaxing & friendly plant shopping excursion, some unique plants and helpful advice. Thanks to all who came out last year for your support as we transitioned our business. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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~ Mark and Brenda Travis, editors
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Two Memorial Day services planned

We will attempt a safe observance of Memorial Day this year on Monday, May 31. We will forego the traditional parade down the hill and gather at the bandstand at 10 am. The Belmont High School Band will provide the music and Mark Stevens will be our featured speaker. In case of inclement weather, the observance will be cancelled via town email and a sign on the bandstand. I hope to see you there,

~ Dale Caswell

Canterbury Elementary School Staff are planning a Memorial Day program to be held on the morning of Friday, May 28 (with a rain date of June 4) at 9:30 am in the town center. We would love for our neighbors to join us at this event. Masks and social distancing will be required. We will have an area designated for visitors. We hope to see you there as we honor our fallen heroes.

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Canterbury Plant Swap makes comeback!



The annual Canterbury Plant Swap is returning this May after taking a year off due to COVID. It will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 6 to 7 pm. We'll meet on the grounds around the gazebo in the center to maintain some social distancing. Please wear a face mask during the swap. Bring your labeled, divided perennials and bulbs, or extra flower and vegetable seedlings you might have.

There is a new invasive to be concerned about that gets spread through plant swaps and sales. It's the Jumping Worm and, unlike other common earthworm species, they are not good for our soils. I'm aware of some gardeners in town who have them. You may have them and not know it, especially when digging plants in April and May. They aren't usually seen as adults this time of year but their eggs may be present.

So we ask that you bring any plants dug from your yard or garden using new best practices: **PLEASE BRING AS BARE ROOT.** After you dig your plants use a high-pressure setting on your hose and spray all the soil off. You can put them in a shallow tray or plastic bags with enough water to keep the roots from drying out. To find out more about the invasive jumping worm you can go to this blog from UNH Cooperative Extension: extension.unh.edu/resource/plant-sales-and-jumping-worms

This swap is open to anyone in town no matter your level of gardening experience. If you're new to Canterbury it's a great way to pick up some plants to landscape your yard and meet your neighbors at the same time. There's always plenty to share so come even if you don't have much to bring.

Master Gardeners Donna Miller and Meg Miller will be on hand with gardening handouts, and will help answer your gardening questions. Call Donna at 783-0220 if you have any questions.

Don't Miss Town Meeting! It's May!!

Town Meeting set for Elementary School

As a reminder, the second session of Town Meeting is Saturday, May 1, at 10 am at Canterbury Elementary School.

Last year we spent almost \$5,000 for notices for "Public Hearings" for land use hearings. RSA 675:7 "Notice Requirements for Public Hearings" was amended to allow notice of public hearings for land use on municipal websites in lieu of publication in a newspaper of general circulation, provided that the notice or a link appears prominently on the home page, that it meets the requirements for timely posting, and that it be posted in two other public areas.

In an effort to reduce expenses, the town will be posting notices of public hearings for the Planning Board, Zoning Board and Historic District Commission on the town website and at the Town Office, Elkins Library and Canterbury Country Store.

The Highway Department is working its summer schedule: Mondays-Thursdays, 6:30 am to 4:30 pm.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator



Haven't voted in a few years? Time to re-register!

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every ten years. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past four years must re-register to remain on the checklist. The Supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Canterbury will hold sessions for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2017, accepting applications for new voter registration, accepting requests for the correction of the checklist, and/or change of political party affiliation on:

- Tuesday, May 4, from 7 pm to 7:30 pm

- Monday, May 10, from 10 am to noon

At the Sam Lake House, 10 Hackleboro Road, in Canterbury

Voters may check party affiliation on-line:

<https://app.sos.nh.gov/Public/PollingPlaceSearch.aspx>

Applicants for registration who possess proof of identity, age, citizenship and domicile should bring proof. Those who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age and citizenship and/or domicile.

~ Denise Sojka, for the Supervisors of the Checklist

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Remembering Chris Blair, Neighbor To All

Christopher Spaulding Blair
March 28, 1953 — April 14, 2021

Canterbury has lost a good friend in Chris Blair, who left this life and the town he loved on a beautiful spring breeze full of birdsong. Chris would say that it was *not* important that you knew where he went to school (Cornell), or what he did for work (electrical engineering specializing in fiberoptics).

But he would say that Canterbury was the best of communities in which to live. We are both grateful for the love and support that our friends and neighbors have shared with us for the thirty years we have been here, and in particular during the last six years of Chris's battle with cancer.



Chris and Beth stringing the colorful Christmas lights in the gazebo that brightened the center all winter long. (Thanks to Lois Scribner for the photo.)

With permission from a dear friend that many of you also know and love, Pastor Mel Burrowes, I will share a poem from Mel's grandmother, Elizabeth H. Burrowes. It speaks to what Chris firmly believed was important.

~ Beth Blair

NEW DAY

Here is a new day,
One of the few shining coins
Still left in my purse.
How shall I spend it?

In rest? For I am tired;
In labor? Many things I have longed to do;
In play? I do not well enough know how to play.

How shall I spend my day?

One bends to me and says
Spend it in love.
Do what you love today.
Only love can guide you
To the right spending of your bright coin.

Speaking of good neighbors ...

A heartfelt thank you to the person/people who left the pot of beautiful white tulips on our porch on Easter Eve. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

~ Jan and Michael Cote



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Decision Time Approaches For Canterbury Fair

What's special about the Fair? Everything!

Perhaps nothing stands out more clearly in our hearts than has been the sight of so many people in town coming together to make the Canterbury Fair happen the last Saturday in July every year. From fair planning meetings well attended in the little Chapel Room of the Parish House to tucking away tables, tents and fair ingredients, we become a united band of volunteers who bring our town together to celebrate what makes living in Canterbury so special.

When Andrew Bragg was in kindergarten he started riding around in my golf cart assisting with whatever tasks needed to be done starting a week ahead of the fair. He ended his able fair assistance only when he went off to college. He is only one of our children who learned the values of participation and leadership in our community via the fair. Whole families have passed along these values as generations of Fifields and Fifes offered the **Frappe Bar** year after year, joyfully sending out the very best frappes anywhere on earth.

It has always been a treat to stand and watch the crews put up and take down the tents year after year. Next come the tables and signs and setting up the area for **children's activities**, then the laying out of spaces for craftspeople and vendors. And to the **artisans and craftsfolks** who come to display and sell their quality, varied wares we are grateful for the careful vetting process that takes months of planning by a dedicated group who know their stuff!

In the Parish Hall busily setting up for a week in advance would be our world-famous **Chicken Bar-B-Que** team, while Sunset Mountain Fish and Game arrived at dawn to start cooking chicken on their massive pit for hours on end. Let's not forget the town pond and canoe polo and thanks to the Lockwood clan for all these years.

No matter where it has been put, there's the crowd-pleasing **What Not Sale** — and how about the army of folks that bring that together under the steady and flexible leadership of the Hayslip family? Near and dear to our hearts is the unbelievable **Book Sale** under the capable leadership of Stephanie Jackson, who collects her own army of helpers to offer us all wonderful reading selections not to be missed. Over the years our music for the fair has been as varied and delightful as any can be to enhance the flavor of a day well spent with family and friends and neighbors ... no small undertaking to attract **good music** over the years. Not to be missed are **the demonstrators** who amaze each year by showing just how things get made. It seems there is no end to our fond memories.

If you are new to town, reading this and wondering what all this praising and gratitude is about, it's about living in this remarkable little town for almost 30 years and getting involved. If you moved here because you liked the feel of Canterbury, it's because we who live here participate, get involved and make it be the special place it is. We introduce ourselves to neighbors, wave as we drive by each other, bring a casserole when



What could be better than these friendly faces and their Canterbury Fair Frappe Bar? Absolutely nothing, that's what. (Thanks to Paul Lepesqueur for the photo!)



Go or no go? Decision coming on May 19

The Fair Committee met over Zoom on April 14 and agreed that May 19 would be "Decision Day" for this year's Canterbury Fair. The committee felt that waiting any longer would be unfair to our vendors and the volunteers who make the Fair such a wonderful community experience. That date will also allow us to announce it in the June newsletter. In the meantime, fingers crossed and let's all hope for the best.

*~ Bob Drew and Rick Crockford
for the Canterbury Fair Committee*

someone is sick or a baby is born, take care of each others' animals. We shop at the Canterbury Country Store because we want a store in our town center to stay open, we volunteer on the Fire Department, we cheer our kids at sporting events and we always attend Town Meeting because it is a mighty event in our community where we can make our voices heard.

The Canterbury Fair is a highlight in our year that brings any and all together who want to get to know folks in town and become part of the fabric that makes Canterbury so special. And so, we invite you and your family to join us!

~ Lisa Carlson and Al Edelstein

(Thanks to Lisa and Al for so many things, including having chaired the fair for many years.)

What's Up Around Town? A Lot!

Check out historical model at library!

Last December Harold Sargent presented his model of the Houser Center Schoolhouse to the Canterbury Historical Society. During the winter the model has been on display at the elementary school for our students to see and study and now it has now been moved to the Elkins Library for all to see.



The historical society would like to again extend its thanks to Harold for his generosity in making this donation to us. We also wish to thank Mark Stevens, who worked closely with Harold in scaling and drawing the plan for the project. We also extend our appreciation to Sue LeClair and the library trustees for allowing us to display this wonderful "Canterbury Creation" so prominently in the library. We are proud to have the model in our archive collection.

Out of hibernation: Finally, after 14 months of relative inactivity, we are beginning to stir! The historical society trustees will be holding our first meeting shortly and there is much to discuss. Items will include programs we might sponsor for the next year, the mounting of an exhibit in the Elkins Memorial building, our One-Room School House program, archive status, finances, trustee vacancies, our annual meeting status and our meeting schedule. The trustees are anxiously looking forward to our meeting and to getting going again!

Pandemic recollections: At the risk of being accused of "drip-dripping" we would appreciate receiving your stories, pictures, and writings about your experiences in the past year. Having a record of how you and others were affected in the past year will prove to be a valuable record in our historical society archives as future historians and researchers study this extraordinary time.

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Energy Committee is out to save you money

The Energy Committee is very interested in helping residents save money and energy. One obvious way is to weatherize your home, so the heat you generate in winter does not end up outside and the air-conditioned air in summer stays inside! Did you realize that many homes can receive a free energy audit to suggest improvements and (even better) discounts on improvements to weatherize your home? It's a win-win. You get help on the costs and savings on your future energy bills!

The committee will be available at several Wednesday Farmers Markets this summer to help you find out if you qualify for these large discounts on weatherizing your home and help you apply. Look for our announcement in the June newsletter about dates when you can get help.



Here's to you, Mrs. Blanchette! (She's standing at left.)

CES students: They are "better together"!

It was a joyous day at Canterbury Elementary School as we welcomed Cohorts A and B together for the first time this school year. We celebrated with a **school spirit day** and encouraged students and staff to wear their CES apparel or our school colors of blue and white. The students were welcomed to school with balloons and banners; "Celebration" played when the students entered the building. Each student also received a pencil that says "**We Are Better Together**" when they got to their classrooms. The CES PTO helped decorate, provided some new recess equipment and gave each student a piece of sidewalk chalk to keep and use while at school. Overall, it was an amazing day and we're so happy to be together again.

Girls on the Run has started at Canterbury Elementary School! Girls on the Run encourages girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths and celebrate connections with others. The lessons taught at each practice blend physical activity with skill development that enables girls to adapt to whatever comes their way!

Great news! We are now accepting volunteers at CES for outdoor activities. In order to be a volunteer or chaperone you will need to have a 2020/2021 Volunteer Affidavit on file with the SAU. You must also be fingerprinted with the district. To get fingerprinted, please call Laurie Cowan at 267-9223, ext. 5304, and make an appointment with her. Fingerprinting results can take anywhere from 2 weeks to 4 weeks. Please see Lynn Blanchette in the office for an affidavit form.

CES celebrated Administrative Assistants Day on April 21. We appreciate Mrs. Blanchette and all of the ways she takes care of us and keeps the office running smoothly. Thank you, Mrs. Blanchette!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal

Elkins Library: Many Thanks to Claudia Leidinger!

The next Trustee virtual meeting is on Monday, May 17, at 7 pm.

During the April meeting we welcomed a new trustee, **Rick Crockford**, and look forward to planning the library's future with him. **Ray Craigie** became the new chairperson of the board and **Flo Woods** the vice-chairperson. Last month we bid a very appreciative goodbye to **Claudia Leidinger**, who served as the chairperson since 1999, as a board member previous to that and as the director of the library — culminating in an exemplary 40 years of service to our library and town. Under her guidance sensible budgets were developed, issues were handled with sensitivity and professionalism and Canterbury received a new library building. Our gratitude to you, Claudia, for all you have done for us and our community.

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 to 5; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 7 and Saturday, 9 to 12.

Elkins Library requires face masks. Please ring the doorbell before entering the building. Appointments are required for computer usage in 30-minute time slots. Please call to make arrangements. We are happy to find the materials you're looking for and have them ready for curbside pickup if that's your preference.

Inter-Library Loans continue and are quarantined for an extended period.

Wi-Fi is available outside the library 24-7. Just choose elkins_library. No password is required.

Adult Programs and Services

The Old Man Boring Book Club meets virtually on Thursday, May 6, at 7 pm. Individually chosen non-fiction selections will be discussed. Email or call Sue for the Zoom link.

Book Group: Tuesday, May 18, at 7 pm. Copies of *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg may be downloaded on NH Downloadable Audio Books and Hoopla. The library also has print copies to borrow. Please provide your email address to join the Zoom discussion.

"Keep Calm and Craft On" Create a succulent bowl with Donna Miller from Petals in the Pines on Wednesday, May 19, at 11 am. We'll be assembling a variety of sedums and succulent plants in a shallow planter to adorn your porch, deck or patio. All plants and materials will be provided. The plants we'll be using are adapted to our climate so they can winter over. You can also take cuttings from your finished planter and put them in your landscape. Green thumbs are not required! Supplies are limited. Pick up your materials at the library and provide your email to receive the Zoom link to join the fun!

Youth Services

We are excited to announce our summer programs! This summer we celebrate the Summer Reading theme of Tails and Tales. Animals of all kinds roam the lands and soar through the air and many have both a tail and a tale! Explore the world of life around you and find out what is special about so many of the animals who live with us on our little blue planet. Keep your eye on our website, Facebook and this newsletter for upcoming dates and details!

Story Time-To-Go! These kits are created for young readers to promote literacy development. Each kit is based on the interests and reading level of the individual reader and contains books, activity sheets and crafts with materials included. Call or email to receive your own kit for curbside or in library pickup. This is a program that is currently serving over 80 children per week, ages birth to 13.

Teen Talk meets every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm to discuss current events, share ideas and book suggestions. This wonderful group of young people is best suited for people aged 13 to 16.

TREAT Boxes (Teens Read, Eat and Talk): This program has taken right off, and we are currently serving 20 young adults. There is still time to sign up and get a box of goodies delivered to your doorstep! Contact the library and fill out the signup survey, and we will build a personalized monthly box just for you! You'll get two books to borrow (and return, please!), snacks, and some fun bits and pieces as well. Plus, before you return the box itself, make your mark on it; draw something, add a sticker, write out your favorite quote — whatever you'd like! The boxes will be quarantined before being sent out to another teen, who'll make their own mark, and so on. Sign up now and join the fun! Suggested for ages 13 and up.

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Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 5 pm (closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm); Sat., 8:30 am to noon; 783-4158

Stores

Canterbury Country Store: Mon.-Sat., 6:30 am to 6 pm; Sun., 8 am to 5 pm; 783-9933

Brookford Farm Store: 7 am to 7 pm daily; 783-4084

106 Beanstalk: 6 am until midnight daily; 783-4305

Loudon Food Pantry

Hours: Open for donations and volunteers Tues. 10-6, Wed. 10-1, Thurs. 10-4.

Service: By appointment only at same hours as above.

Location: Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road, Loudon.

Contact: 603-724-9731, on Facebook at LoudonFP, or on our website: loudonfoodpantry.org.

Town offices and organizations

EMERGENCY? Dial 911

Police Department: Call 783-0433 for non-emergencies. Concord police dispatch: 228-1010 for non-emergencies.

Fire Department: Call 783-4798 for non-emergencies. Email chief at canterburyfire@canterbury-nh.org

Elkins Public Library: 783-4386. Website: elkinspubliclibrary.org

Town website: canterbury-nh.org

Transfer Station: Wed., 4 to 6:45 pm; Sat., 8 am to 5:45 pm. Call 783-9980 or email transferstation@canterbury-nh.org

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 783-0153. Email: spapps@canterbury-nh.org

Selectmen's Office and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.org assessing@canterbury-nh.org

Town Administrator: 783-9955 kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org

Building Inspector: 783-9033 buildinginspector@canterbury-nh.org

Highway Dept: 783-4123 canterburyhighway@canterbury-nh.org

Planning Board: 848-2059 planningboard@canterbury-nh.org

Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Mon., 7 pm
- **Historic District Commission:** 3rd Wed., 7 pm
- **Selectmen:** 1st and 3rd Mon., 6 pm
- **Solid Waste Committee:** 4th Mon., 6 pm
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Tues., 6 pm

It's Farmers Market Membership Month!

May is Membership Month! If you'd like to show your support, you can become a member for the 2021 season. Each \$25 membership helps support Mary Ellen's Basket, (our charitable giving program), coupons for Loudon Food Pantry patrons, musicians, advertising and insurance.

If you would like to mail in your membership form, you can make checks payable to CCFMA and mail them to PO Box 3, Canterbury, NH 03224. You can print off the membership application from our website, canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

Market dates are now posted on our website, with Opening Day happening on Wednesday, June 2, from 4 to 6:30 pm! If you have yet to subscribe to our email list, make sure to do so by visiting our website.

We are working hard on organizing our volunteers, vendors and musicians for this season. Even when we are "off" the Farmers Market board members meet each month virtually to plan and reflect on how to make the upcoming year better than the last. We cannot thank you enough for your support over the years. 2021 is our 15th year in action!

~ Emily Sullivan

Food pantry sees 42 percent leap in demand

The need for food is not declining. In the first quarter (January-March) of 2020 the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to create 17,919 meals. In 2021 during that same time period, we gave out enough food to create 25,505 meals. This is an increase of 42 percent.

Our needs list is located at loudonfoodpantry.org. We update the list frequently and only list the items we currently need. Thank you for your help!

Do you need food? Call Sue at (603) 724-9731 to see if you qualify. The process is simple and if you have all your paperwork, you'll receive food the same day as your appointment. See our hours and location to the left!

~ Sue Houck

Please: Do not burn without a permit

As I drive through town, it is so nice to see people out and about, working in their yards and walking the roads. It feels like our community is coming alive. With many of you completing spring cleaning chores outdoors, the requests for fire permits at this time of year are numerous. I ask that you help us as we help you. Do not burn without a permit. A permit will give you guidance and serves as assurance that when you burn, it will be done safely. There are days, especially at this time of year, when burning is prohibited.

To obtain a permit, visit us at the fire station or preferably through the state online portal. Search nhfirepermits in your web browser and this will take you to a self-service portal to create your permit. We appreciate your cooperation.

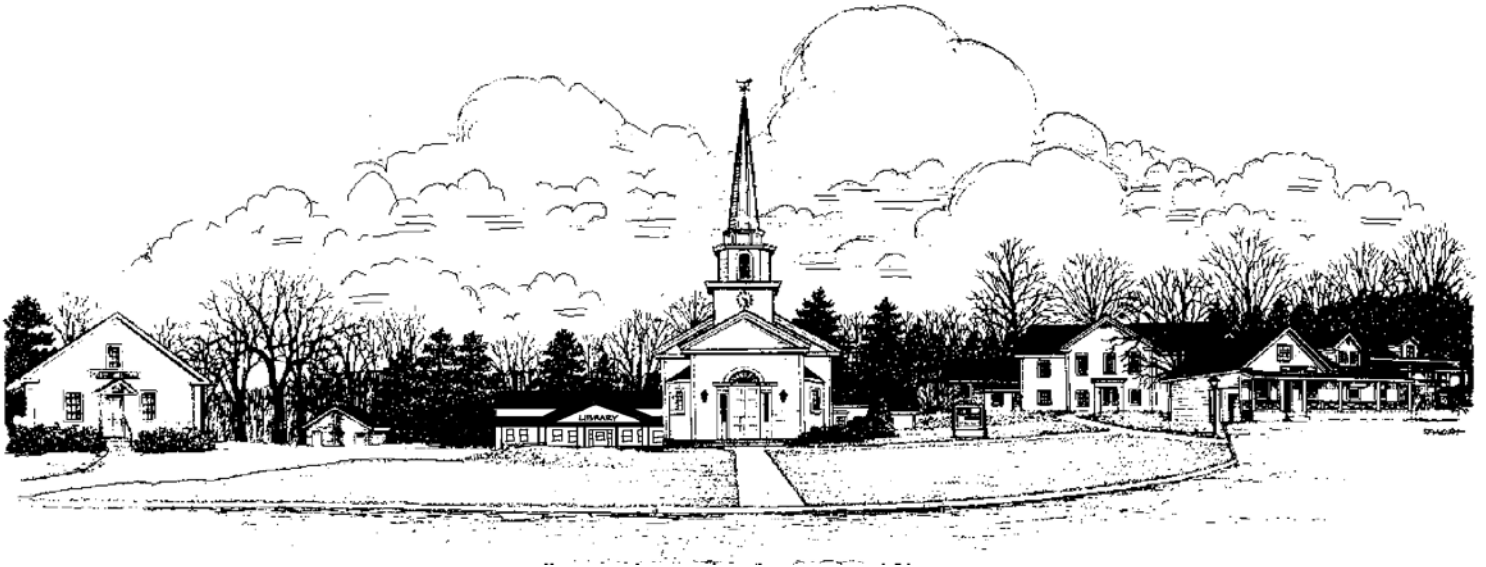
~ Michael Gamache, Fire Chief

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Put on your running shoes and race on over to the Shaker Village!

In partnership with the Capital Area Race Series (CARS) and Millennium Running, Canterbury Shaker Village will be hosting its annual **5K Cross Country Race** on Saturday, May 15, at 10 am.

This will be a safe and socially distanced event using the guidelines set forth by Millennium Running and an executive order put out by Gov. Sununu. Masks will be required when checking in, getting ready for the race, and after, but not during. Each runner will start at a specific time and distance, ensuring that the participants remain safely spread out.



Investment Group, Franklin Savings Bank, Grappone Automotive Group, Keeler Family Realtors, race-swag.com, Runner's Alley, and Stitches NH.

Village Store: Stop by on Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm to discover distinctive, artisan-quality goods made with Shaker-inspired workmanship and ingenuity. The Village Store will also be open during special events, and by appointment any day of the week. To inquire about items for sale or make an appointment to visit the store, please call 603-783-9511, ext. 221, or email info@shakers.org.

Visit Millennium Running's website, millenniumrunning.com, for further details about safety. Every race also has an option to run virtually, to accommodate all who wish to run.

To register for the Canterbury 5K only, please visit the village website, shakers.org. The fee to register is \$25. Registration deadline is Thursday, May 13, at 9 am.

Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting this event:
Cigna New England, Northeast Delta Dental, D.L. Carlson

Reserve the Dates

Saturday, June 12: Indoor tours starting June 12, featuring new themed tours. More details coming soon!

Sundays starting June 20: Music on the Meeting House Green begins on Fathers Day with the first of 13 outdoor concerts. Every Sunday from 4 to 5 pm through September.

~ Rae Easter