

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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Welcoming the Spirit of the Season

Greetings Canterbury Neighbors,

The Christmas Advent Season has begun once again as the snow begins to fly in New Hampshire. This month, we welcome the sights and sounds of the Canterbury holiday season: the lighting of the towering spruce tree in the Center, the myriad of simple flameless window candles in many of our homes dotting the landscape with brilliance in the darkest of night, the sound of holiday carols being sung at Shaker Village, and the list goes on.

At Canterbury United Community Church (as the weather outside can be frightful), we have begun meeting for worship in-person indoors again this past month, utilizing our sanctuary in combination with a live video projection to the Parish House as we do for a large memorial service in town. Using a combination of the two spaces in this manner has allowed us to maintain appropriate safe distancing and other measures to assure a reasonable level of safety for those who gather. We plan to continue such gatherings as we move through the advent season. We hope you will make plans to join us.

As we move quickly toward the beginning of a new year our pastoral search committee is excited to be interviewing candidates for the next settled minister to join us in 2022 and to be an integral part of this town. The congregation is committed to that position remaining full time, given our strong desire to serve not just the members of CUCC, but to also serve as a broader spiritual and practical support to the community as well. It is our prayer that our neighbors have and will continue to benefit from this ongoing commitment.

It's also become increasingly clear that an important part of that commitment depends on ensuring our church finances remain sustainable to assure a good foundation on which to welcome a vital contributing leader to Canterbury in the coming months. We'd greatly appreciate you joining us in that commitment. If you are considering year-end financial gifts to nonprofits this holiday season, we hope you'll consider a gift to CUCC. If so, you will find a donation coupon on Page 10.

Best wishes for a healthy and joy-filled holiday season from CUCC.

Blessings and Gratitude,
Pastor Sara

We Hope You Will Worship with Us!

Sunday services at 10 am

Check the church website, canterburychurch.org, or call us (603-783-9365) for an update on Christmas Eve services. We are still making plans!

Pastor Sara continues to distribute a weekly at-home worship packet by email. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients, leave a message at 603-783-9365 or email mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

Time to order holiday poinsettias! You'll find a coupon on Page 3.

Please consider supporting the church. Coupon on Page 10.

Local Folks, Here to Serve You ...

 **HUTCHINSON FAMILY SUGARHOUSE** offers fresh PYO Christmas trees (\$50 and up) weekends 10a-2p and by appointment starting Saturday, Nov. 27. Limited maple gifts available! HutchinsonFamilySugarhouse@gmail.com or 603-783-4691.

CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Wishing everyone well for the holidays! We're open regular hours (but closed on Christmas day) and well-stocked with great local foods and locally made products, as well as a variety of convenience store items. Open Monday-Saturday, 6:30 – 6; Sunday, 8-5. Call us at 783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.

NORTH FAMILY FARM: Please note that we have sold out of seasoned firewood for this year and won't be taking orders for 2022 till the spring. You can find this year's organic maple syrup at our local store, the Concord Food Coop, Brookford Farm, our Farmer's Market or by appointment at the farm. Check northfamilyfarm.com or call Jill and Tim at 603-783-4712.

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May the Season's Blessings Be Upon You

Shaker Village offers weekend merriment

Canterbury Shaker Village gets the holiday season off to a celebratory start with "Merry Merry Canterbury," two weekends of revelry to be presented Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 11-12 and Dec. 18-19 from 1 to 5 pm. In addition, the village's treasured Candlelight Tours will return on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19, at 4 and 5 pm.

On both weekends, from 1 to 5 pm daily, visit the Horse Barn to ascend the "Stairway to the Clouds," where sights, sounds, and smells of the season will intoxicate the spirit. Downstairs in the Barn, the young—and young at heart—can indulge their creativity by making pomanders and cinnamon stick tree ornaments.

The weekend of Dec. 11-12 features "Absolutely Magic" with family-friendly magician Andrew Pinard in the Hubbard Gallery daily at 2 and 4 pm: Magician Andrew Pinard with his spellbinding, family-friendly magic show. At 5 pm daily, the Canterbury Singers will perform Shaker songs and holiday carols outside the horse barn.

The weekend of Dec. 18-19 features the world premiere of the *Birdie* Dance and Theater Performance in the Hubbard Gallery daily at 3 pm. Inspired by the Canterbury Shaker "Entertainments" of old, artist-in-residence Lorraine Chapman and six dancer/performers interpret the story of Alberta MacMillan Kirkpatrick, the last girl to be adopted by the Shakers. The candlelight tours will be offered daily at 4 and 5 pm, with tickets sold separately. These tours focus on how Shakers observed the season, capped off by a performance of "Simple Gifts."

Admission for "Merry Merry Canterbury" is free for youth; \$15 for members; \$20 for adults, and must be reserved in advance. The Candlelight Tours are a separate fee of \$50 per person, with limited capacity.

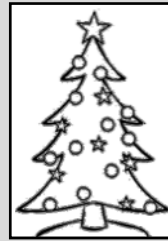
All tickets may be purchased online at shakers.org. The village requests that all visitors be fully vaccinated. Masks required.

Enjoy a cup of good cheer—hot cocoa or hot cider—while you browse the Village Store, which will be open throughout all "Merry Merry Canterbury" events, offering a variety of specialty items and holiday gift options.

Thank you to our sponsors, CCA Global Partners & Northeast Delta Dental, NH Dance Collaboration, and NH State Council of the Arts, for making this event possible.

Tree Lighting on the Canterbury Green!

Friday, December 3, 7pm, by the gazebo



Join your neighbors as, once again, the giant pine tree in the center comes alive with holiday lights! The tree lighting will immediately follow the Holiday Night at Canterbury Elementary School. Bring your family and invite a friend. Get ready to "Oooo!" and "Aaaah!" and maybe sing a carol. You can even pick out a Christmas tree and support the CES PTO. Bundle up and see you there!

CUCC Holiday Poinsettia Orders — Deadline Sunday, Dec. 12

Please make check payable to Donna Miller (783-0220). Send check/cash and this form to Donna at 126 Baptist Road, Canterbury NH 03224

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☐ I would like my plant delivered to me after the Christmas service

☐ I would like the flower committee to deliver my plant to someone else in Canterbury

Elementary School Students and Staff Honor Veterans

Students and staff at CES have been very busy! We recognized Veterans Day with an assembly. Local veterans and family members were invited to attend. The staff made baked goods and had orange juice and coffee available for our guests of honor. Each class recited a poem or performed a song.

The veterans who attended were presented with cards, letters and poems that the students created. The assembly ended with the entire school singing a song thanking all of the brave soldiers. Thank you to all who have served.

TIGER from Plymouth State University visited this fall and performed for the CES students. TIGER stands for "Theater Integrated Guidance, Education and Responsibility" and is a professional educational theater company that weaves social emotional learning into a theatrical performance.

This year's performance was titled "Kindness Counts." Using song, dance, and storytelling, TIGER encouraged students to choose kindness and be supportive of all. As usual this year's performance was fun and energetic. The Plymouth State students did a great job of presenting important topics in a memorable way for the CES learners.

Another CES guest was author Megan Prendergast. Megan wrote a wonderful book called *Included*. She visited us virtually and read the book to the students. She also led a discussion about the writing process. Thank you to North Country HVAC for purchasing 10 copies of the book for classroom use. We appreciate it!



Buy your Christmas tree and support the PTO!

The CES PTO is selling Christmas trees in the center again this year! These are fresh cut from northern New Hampshire and will be sold for \$50 each. Trees will be delivered to the town center on Sunday, Nov. 28, and will be available for purchase through the Canterbury Store or CES PTO volunteers.

We can accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to CES PTO. Thank you for your support!

~ Erin Chubb, Principal



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~ Mark and Brenda Travis, editors

What's Up Around Town? A Lot!

Still shopping? Winter Market is Dec. 11!

Canterbury Community Farmers Market would like to thank the community for a great first Indoor Winter Market with record attendance! It was so special to host our market again and see happy shoppers supporting some of the best local vendors around. We hope to see you again for our December Indoor Winter Market!

Our last market of the year will be held in the gymnasium of the Canterbury Elementary School on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 am to 1 pm. We encourage you to "shop here first" for all of your last-minute holiday shopping needs. Our market will have some of the best local food, artists, and craft vendors around! How many items can you get here instead of at the brand-name grocery stores?

Because our markets will be indoors, without the ability to maintain social distance, we will be requiring all vendors, volunteers, and consumers who attend the winter markets to wear a face mask. This decision was made out of concern for the health and safety of our community because we are the Canterbury Community Farmers Market and we care about the health and safety of our friends and neighbors. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Happy Holidays and see you in the New Year!

~ Emily Sullivan

Soccer players, parents and volunteers score!

We had a great soccer season this year! PreK-sixth grade all had a great turnout. Thank you so much to all our volunteers, parents and kids for a great season.

Thank you to the selectboard for helping us get our Rec Department running smoothly!

~ Meghan O'Brien, Canterbury Recreation Department

Historical society prepares community directory

The Canterbury Historical Society's Canterbury Business and Community Directory is in its final stages of preparation. Originally the booklet was intended to serve as a "Welcome to Canterbury" directory for new residents. It will be a ready reference and contain information about businesses, schools, clubs, organizations, churches, town offices, etc. It will be published shortly. Watch this space!

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~ Bob Scarponi, President



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Recognizing Those Who Give to Our Community

Susan I. LeClair wing will honor the library's transformational director

In 1991, **Sue LeClair** assumed the directorship of Elkins Public library. This was after 5 years of balancing the commitments of being a young mother and a readiness teacher at Canterbury Elementary while also a librarian at our small library, which is now the Elkins Memorial Building. During her 30-year directorship, Sue has changed the face of Elkins Public Library. She was instrumental in the design, building and move to our new beautiful space. Through Sue's tireless work and commitment, she was able to change Elkins from a library to



a true community center. Patrons comment on how the library looks new, even though we have been housed in this space for over 16 years. Sue is 100 percent responsible for this.

This is why the staff and the trustees have voted to dedicate the adult section of our beautiful library as the Susan I. LeClair wing. Her formal portrait will hang in the library at the Circulation Desk for all patrons to acknowledge her contribution to this town. Please join the staff and trustees in wishing Sue our very best upon her retirement.

Since 1998, Hubbs has answered the call

This month I would like to take a moment to recognize a long-time member of the fire department. **Geoff Hubbell**, a resident of town since the early 1980s, has been an active member of the department since 1998. Recently he was recognized by the National Registry for being an EMT for 20 years. Maintaining these and his fire certifications takes time and effort on a weekly basis. Hubbs, as we like to call him, contributes to our weekly training and freely offers his wisdom to many members of the department. We value Hubbs's dedication and contribution to our department and to our town. Thank you for your continued service.



~ Mike Gamache, Fire Chief

Welcome and welcome back to two officers

We would like to welcome aboard our new officer, **Katelyn Mills**. Katelyn has been going through field training since the beginning of September and will attend the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy beginning in January.

We also would like to welcome back Officer **Aaron Smith**, who has been deployed for the past 13 months.

~ Michael Labrecque, Police Chief

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Library Is Cooking Up New Adult Programming!

The next Trustee meeting is on Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 pm in the library.

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

Website: elkinspubliclibrary.org

Contact: 603-783-4386, elkinslibrary@elkinspubliclibrary.org

Elkins Library will close for the Christmas holiday at 3 pm on Thursday, Dec. 23, and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 27, at 9 am. We will also be closed on Saturday, Jan. 1, to celebrate New Year's Day. The staff and trustees extend our warmest wishes to you all for the holiday season and for the year to come with gratitude and glad tidings.

Elkins Library requires face masks. Programs have resumed in person with a remote option for those that prefer to stay home yet participate. Check Facebook, our website and the town email or phone us if you have any questions about in-library services. Elkins Public Library is pleased to offer the Meeting OWL Pro, which provides anyone with the ability to participate in programs no matter where you are.

Online reservations: Head over to elkinspubliclibrary.org to book reservations for all future virtual and in-person programs. Just hit the banner at the top of the page to access our easy-to-use sign-up form. If you are not comfortable signing up online, please give us a call or drop by.

Hoopla! This digital media service allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, phone or TV. Details and how to connect are on our website. Contact the library for help signing in.

NH Downloadable Audio Books (Overdrive): Download audio books, e-books & magazines! Check out the website nh.lib.overdrive.com and contact the library to register. Library cards must be renewed annually to stay current.

New adult programs for 2022: Stay tuned at the beginning of the new year to hear about some new adult programs in the works. We are considering a Cook Book Club. Food lovers will gather, swap recipes and learn a thing or two about new dishes. Everyone speaks the same language: food!

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet again on Dec. 2 at 7 pm in the library. This group typically chooses individual nonfiction titles and gives an overview and opinion of the selection read.

Book Group: Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7 pm. We'll be reading *A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg. Copies are available at the library and can be downloaded on Hoopla and NH Downloadable Books.

All aboard for Polar Express story time!

Story-timers are invited to take a trip to the North Pole this December! Be sure to reserve your ticket for the Polar Express "Story Time Style" on Tuesday the 14th and Wednesday the 15th. Sign up online or at the library. After singing holiday songs and listening to a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express*, the story-timers will be invited to stay for a socially distanced Hot Chocolate Bar. The train leaves the Elkins Public Library at 10 am. All aboard!

The library will have Polar Express Movie kits available for home viewing starting Thursday the 16th. Kits will include a movie to borrow, cocoa, popcorn and a gift for each child.

"... the bell still rings for me, as it does for all who truly believe."

Keep Calm & Craft On! Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 11 am with presenter Emily Preston leading the group in creating Gnomes. You will need 2 socks, one a knee or crew sock for the hat. The other will be for the body and can be anything as you'll be using the foot part and a glue gun. Kits will be available at the library. Come in or pick up curbside. We're meeting in-person wearing masks or you may provide your email to receive the Zoom link to join the fun!

Free Tech Help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Any topic may be addressed, including cell phones, computers, security, social media, etc. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the nature of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Katie is a Friend of Elkins Public Library who donates her time. Thank you Katie! You too could donate your time and skills to the Library. Fill out a Volunteer survey on the Friends page on our website to find out more. It's so good to have friends!

It's soup season! Come to the Canterbury Community Farmers Market indoor market on Saturday, Dec. 11, and find the Friends of Elkins Public Library table. They will be selling their famous Frontier Soups, with a full selection of your favorites and even some new ones. Stock up for the holidays and buy their new cookie jars as gifts. These wonderful mixes include all the dry ingredients needed to make chocolate chip cookies or white chocolate cranberry cookies and they are delicious! They will also be raffling off a Christmas-themed basket. All products are also available in the library.

Thinking of the Woods, Thinking of Others

Trail Notes: It can be just as important to let your mind wander

I often remember a reader of the hiking pieces telling me she was sure she'd never walk any of the trails but that she certainly enjoyed reading about them. I told her I thought mental walks were as valuable as physical walks. Where your mind wanders is as important as where your feet wander.

The wandering of our minds is more of a concern nowadays—too many places you'd just as soon not go. I count my blessings more frequently these days. Living in Canterbury, of course, makes this easier. As a country song puts it, "Those days when my gratitude exceeds my expectations I have very very good days."

Living in the midst of the abundance of nature we have here, my mind does not lack for paths to wander and nature to contemplate. Of course now that I'm 79, my physical wandering is curtailed. But my mental excursions into the natural world have become constant. For most of my life I hiked to get above treeline, for the wide open spaces, the views of surrounding peaks. Longer hikes where I could go from peak to peak, look back and see where I'd been, observe the changes in vegetation with altitude changes, camp in the back woods were best. Way back when we could camp on the summits.

Nowadays I have my favorite local walks, some of which I do often just to observe and discover the seasonal changes and recall them as I lie on the sofa. Speaking of the sofa, the other day I was lying there, my mind drifting, when I spied an eensy shining silvery dot moving up and down in the sunbeam. No, not a dust particle. It moved up and down like a very small slow yo-yo. It could only be a new hatched spider baby moving up and down on its invisible filament.

I spend much time on the sofa with books, filling my mind with the incredible variety and complexity of life forms surrounding us. Did you know there are over 350 kinds of ladybugs in North America? And "95 percent of all plants ... have access to nutrients and water they obtain through a relationship with fungi," from *Naturally Curious*, by Mary Holland. The mycelia are a greater volume of living matter beneath the ground than there is above it.

The complexity of the natural world is almost incomprehensible. To me, the "size" of the universe certainly is. I find the thought of being a speck immersed in nature uplifting, perhaps like what the Indians referred to as their "Great Spirit."

Old Ways Traditions trails, including the Valley Trail, are up to snuff! Trail sections needing it now are blazed. Chainsaw and brushing are done, thanks to my fine crew, including **Sandy Blanchard, Steve Smith, Joe Egan, and Ruth and Greg Heath.**

Come and enjoy. Stop in, call, or email and get a map. We're usually home.

~ Dave Emerson, 418 Shaker Road,
603-783-4403, ademerson4180@gmail.com

Volunteers, donors boost holiday efforts

Thanksgiving Boxes: This year the Loudon Food Pantry handed out about 45 Thanksgiving Boxes. Meadow Ledge Farm was kind enough to donate the apples. Many other donations came in that helped us complete the boxes. Thank you for all your contributions to making this Thanksgiving a success for so many! Also, a huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this happen smoothly!



Holiday Boxes: Holiday Boxes will be given out on Wednesday, Dec. 22. If you have signed up and need more information, please call the pantry.

Meal numbers: In October 2021 we gave out enough food to create 6,309 meals to 211 individuals. Of these, 101

were aged 60 and older, 43 were aged 18 or under and 32 were in between.

Donations: If you wish to support us, you can mail a donation to Loudon Food Pantry, Huckleberry Business Park, 30 Chichester Rd., Unit D, Loudon NH 03307. You can also drop it off during our office hours: Tuesdays, 10 to 6; Wednesdays, 10 to 1; and Thursdays, 10 to 4. Or go to loudonfoodpantry.org and click on Donate. Thank you!

Inventory time: The pantry will be closed and unavailable during the last week of December so that our year-end inventory can be done. No donations will be accepted during this time, so please drop off any donations before Dec. 16. As always, any donations mailed by Dec. 31 will be included in the donation letters that are issued in late January/early February. Thank you! The pantry will reopen Jan. 4.

Gift of Lights at New Hampshire Motor Speedway: Gift of Lights is running through Sunday, Jan. 2. Receive \$2 off your admission when you bring three or more non-perishable food items for donation to the Loudon Food Pantry.

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!

~ Sue Houck

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

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. Mon., 9 to 3; Tue. 3 to 7; Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterbury-nh.org

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 12 to 7. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.org assessing@canterbury-nh.org 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., 3:30 pm (6 pm on request)
- **Zoning Board:** As needed.
- **Energy Committee:** 1st Tues., 6 pm

Waste Committee to seek baler, electrical system work

We hope to have a warrant article for the March Town Meeting requesting funds to upgrade the electrical system at the transfer station and purchase a large baler. There are two broad arguments for doing the upgrade. The first argument is for practical reasons. The second argument is for social responsibility. We'll address the practical reasons this month and the social responsibility reasons next month.

We are able to use the packer truck instead of an electric compactor mostly because we are so close to the Penacook incinerator. If the incinerator were to shut down and we had to ship longer distances, using the packer truck would not be a viable option. We would need to get an electric compactor which would require an upgrade to the electrical system.

Similarly if the packer truck, which is very old, were to cease to function it would either have to be replaced with an electric compactor (again requiring a system upgrade) or be

replaced with a newer, more expensive truck.

The recycling market is volatile and unpredictable. Right now we recycle our plastic using an old baler that produces bales smaller than normally sold on the market. We get away with it now but pay for it with lower revenue. Maybe someday we wouldn't even have that option. We could get a bigger baler to get more revenue or to recycle more types of plastic but not without an electrical system upgrade.

Right now we could get a much higher price for our cardboard if we baled it but that would require a bigger baler, which in turn would require an electrical system upgrade.

In short, our old electrical system is an impediment towards dealing with equipment failures, incinerator closures, recycling options and revenue enhancements.

~ Stephen Rasche,
for the Solid Waste Committee

Interested in representing the town on regional crimelime board?

Thank you to **Gordon Jackson, Art Hudson,** and the **crews from Unutil** for once again putting up the lights on the tree in the center.



The Concord Regional Crimeline serves multiple communities in the Concord area, including Canterbury. At the present there are no representatives from Canterbury serving on

the Board of Directors. The board meets monthly. Please contact the Town Office if you would be interested in this position.

The regular Board of Selectmen meetings will be held on Dec. 6 and 20. Please see the town website for the agendas and how to access the meetings remotely.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Winter advice from the police

Winter is here, so please be careful of black ice and remember Jessica's Law, keeping snow and ice off your vehicles. Also, remember that it's illegal to leave any snow in the road when cleaning your yard.



Cruiser update: Our new cruisers are in and in the process of getting the equipment installed. These replaced the 2011 vehicle and the 2014 pickup.

Thank you.

~ Michael Labrecque, Police Chief

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that we can continue to be a vital part of the fabric of this community. If you like, you can designate your gift to help support a specific aspect of our work for which you are especially thankful.
~ Pastor Sara Rossigg

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