

Canterbury Community Newsletter

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What a Fantastic Fair!

From the Fair's Co-Chairs ...

What a remarkable return for the Canterbury Fair! It was gratifying to see so many new people join in the fun—setting up, taking down, helping run the many venues we have and wonderful to see our young families join in the festivities.

Thanks go out to all the folks who helped make it such a memorable time: our musicians from Lunch at the Dump and the thrilling Mr. Aaron (we hope they'll both be back!); the beautiful performances by SE's violin students; our demonstrators and craftsmen; the great variety of vendors; the marvelous kid's games set up by AH with help from BM & CC; our food tent folks, book sale folks and What-Not folks (thanks to CC, SJ & SH especially!); our parking folks (thanks JB et al.); and the ice cream scoopers & frappe bar folks. ...

The thanks keep coming! This article continues on Page 9!



Who doesn't love a frappe? Or a friendly, furry beast? Thanks to John Polizzi for sharing these beautiful fair photos. There is one more on Page 9!

This Labor Day, Rest

Dear Canterbury,

This summer has been busy with community events, the wonderful 4th of July fireworks and barbecue, the Canterbury Fair and Wednesday Farmers Market and all the programs at the Elkins Library and Shaker Village. They all remind us that Canterbury is our home, a place where people know us and share with us and invite us to join in, a place where we belong.



Pastor Becky

But summer has been full of work as well. For many of us summer means planning outings and fun for kids: projects at home, time with friends, getting to camp and taking day trips, all while

parents work full time. Some of us are commuting or tele-commuting while striving to make summer special. Our teenagers are working summer jobs (often more than one) and trying to squeeze in some fun. Canterbury farmers work in high gear during these months, with summer sowing and growing and mowing, markets and farm stands, and all the upkeep that has to wait for good ...

Sunday services:
We'll switch from our summer time, 9:30 am, back to 10 am starting on Sept. 11!

Pastor Becky's message continues on Page 3!

Lots of Town News Inside!

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, Sept. 13. Where and when to vote—and more—on Page 4.

It's back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 6! (Which can only mean the hot dog supper, open house, and book sale is coming.) Page 5.

Live music is featured Wednesdays at the Farmers Market through September. Page 7.

Elkins Library offers up two lectures, a new book group ... and a toddler field trip! Page 8.

Local Folks, Here to Serve You ...

PETALS IN THE PINES: Affordable, local and educational for all ages. 10th Annual "N.H. Monarch Festival" Sept. 10, 9 am to 4 pm! PYO Flowers daily, plus bouquets Friday-Sunday (+ by request). "Tale Trail," Farm Stand Gift Shop, 2 miles of walking trails, 2 labyrinths! Leaf Stones, hand-crafted scarves, Swedish Almond Cakes, John Polizzi's cards. Daily 9-6. Please NO PETS. 603-783-0220; 126 Baptist Road; petalsinthepines.com

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CANTERBURY COUNTRY STORE: Open 6:30 to 6 on Monday-Saturday, 8 to 5 on Sunday. You'll find quality local foods and products (and your Canterbury neighbors) as well as a variety of convenience store items – and it's the season for fresh-picked produce from local farms. If you don't see something you'd like, ask! Call us at 783-9933 if you'd like items bagged for pickup.

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CANTERBURY WHOLE CHILD CENTER is accepting waitlist applications for children 3-12 yrs to nature/art based preschool & before/after school care. 603-783-4370 or CanterburyWholeChildCenter@gmail.com for more information.

BROOKFORD FARM: Our farm store is open daily from 7 am to 7 pm. Pre-order for pickup Tuesday through Sunday. CSA subscriptions and bulk meat orders available too. Organic vegetables, krauts, aged meats, 100 percent grass-fed beef and dairy, pastured chicken, eggs, pork and lamb. Find out more at our website: brookfordfarm.com.

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Administrative Assistant Position Canterbury United Community Church

The Canterbury United Community Church is seeking an Administrative Assistant: 12 hours/week. Primary duties include editing and printing the weekly bulletin; managing phone, email, and USPS mail, communicating with church and town, and assisting record-keeping and with church website content and social media accounts.

We're looking for an outgoing, friendly individual who is discreet with confidential information, proficient with Microsoft Office programs and Google Docs, and has strong attention to detail and organization skills. This assistant will need to prioritize various tasks and work closely with our pastor, church members, and community friends.

For more information, please contact Pastor Becky Josephson, 603-783-9365, mycanterburychurch@gmail.com.

Pastor's Message, *continued from Page 1!*

... weather. Still others retreat to family camps or cottages, and face all the upkeep that even summer places require!

It seems to me that this summer we are working as hard as ever—maybe even harder!

September and the start of school may bring some relief to those of us who aren't teachers or educators. But regular school hours bring their own pressures and work to our lives. Even with the relief of school schedules, we may need a change. We may need that ancient, radical practice: Rest.

Imagine that! Jewish and Christian tradition (in those Ten Commandments) call us to keep holy one day a week, the Sabbath. But even for faithful folks, that's asking a lot! What about one hour every other day, or 20 minutes a day doing just one thing, not several things at once? Consider 20 minutes a day when we turn down the noise and notifications, unplug, and—do just one thing (cue disaster music!). What if we choose to just listen to a neighbor or read a book or weed or walk or daydream? What if we choose to rest? Even though it will take some practice, we could all benefit from some dedicated leisure time, even our most active kids (of all ages)!

Maybe this year, we could mark Labor Day as a new beginning. What if, this year we honor our labor and the labor of others by engaging in a new habit of planned, regular rest? Though it may feel selfish or lazy or silly at first, give it some time; most of us have some work ethic deprogramming to do before we can feel at home with rest. Eventually we may find ourselves feeling rejuvenated and a little steadier, a little more clear-headed, and yes—even a little happier.

Blessings, Becky

Broadband Project Update, Primary Voting Info

Comcast misses out on first round of funding

The selectmen continue to work with Comcast for expanded broadband coverage. The state approved grant funding of \$130 million. Of that, \$50 million was awarded in August to a single company. Unfortunately, Comcast was not the recipient. As Comcast already covers almost 80 percent of the town, it would seem difficult for a different company to provide services for the remaining "unserved" residences. The remaining \$80 million will be awarded this fall and hopefully the RFP will allow more than one company to be awarded the funds.

The Board of Selectmen met with the Budget Committee on Aug. 29 to review the budget. Expenses are at normal levels except for fuel for our town vehicles. With the cost of fuel doubled the budgets are either already expended or very close to being expended. The Department heads met with the Town Administrator and identified funds within their budgets that can be redirected to the fuel budget lines.

We received \$128,977 for the second payment of ARPA funding. We hope to use this for broadband expansion. The state also distributed a one-time extra payment of Highway Block Grant money, bringing the year's total to \$176,747.

Paving has been completed on sections of Baptist Hill Road and Shaker Road. The Selectmen will have their regular meetings on Sept. 12 and 19. The Town Offices will be closed on Sept. 5 for Labor Day.

~ Ken Folsom, Town Administrator

Where, when and how to vote on Sept. 13

State primary voting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Old Town Hall, 1 Old Tilton Road. Polling hours will be from 7 am to 7 pm.

Sample ballots are posted on the Town Clerk's page on the website, canterbury-nh.org, and they are also available on the Secretary of State's website. The application for an absentee ballot is also on the website, but can be mailed to you upon request.

The last day to apply and receive an absentee ballot is Monday, Sept. 12. The Town Clerk's Office in the Sam Lake House, 10 Hackleboro Road, will be open from 3 pm to 5 pm for any last-minute absentee requests.

The Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session at the Sam Lake House from 7 pm to 7:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 1, to make additions and corrections to the checklist. No changes of party will be accepted at this time.

Please note that the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office will be closed all day on Tuesday the 13th for the election. Please call 603-783-0153 or email spapps@canterburynh.gov for any questions.

~ Sam Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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~ Donna Vandewater

Welcome Back to School from the CES Principal!

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy summer. Canterbury Elementary School staff have been preparing for the school year ahead: Curriculum planning, classroom set-up as well as professional learning and collaboration have kept us busy! The front walkway has been redone with beautiful new pavers. This has resulted in a fresh, welcoming entrance to our school.

On-site summer learning has kept our students engaged as well. Students in the Summer of Discovery program at CES worked in the school's garden with Mr. B, Mrs. Gosselin, and Mrs. Wieck. They planted carrots, pumpkins and sunflowers to add to beds that were planted earlier. They were all smiles (see photo!) as they gathered the first harvest of summer squash and zucchini. Harvesting continues with green beans, potatoes and winter squash to be used by students this fall.

I am pleased to introduce several new staff members to the CES school community:

- **Cameron Bailey**, grade 4 teacher
- **Emily Hoover**, music teacher
- **Julia Mathieu**, 1:1 assistant
- **Lauren Morrocco**, art teacher
- **Beverly Nelson**, secretary
- **Christine Wong**, classroom assistant

Volunteers are an important part of our school community! Please reach out to your student's teacher or to our volunteer coordinator, Heather Drouin at hdrouin@sau80.org, to get involved. In order to be a volunteer or chaperone you will need to have a 2022/2023 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 Beverly



- **Aug. 31-Sept. 1:** Teacher Workshop Days
- **Sept. 1:** Kindergarten and First Grade Open House events (1 to 3 pm)
- **Sept. 6:** First Day of School
- **Sept. 21:** Open House, Hot Dog Supper and Book Fair (5 to 7 pm)

Nelson in the office for an affidavit form, or email her at bnelson@sau80.org. You may also complete this process at any of our open house events. Please bring a photo ID. We look forward to having you join us!

~ Be well, Erin Chubb

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Historical Society's Photo Exhibit Draws a Crowd

We had record numbers come view the Canterbury Historical Society's latest exhibit, "Luther Cody Canterbury Collection," on Fair Day. (Fred Wilcox of Concord won the drawing to receive a print of his choice.) The exhibit in the old Elkins library in the center will be open on Saturdays, Sept. 17 and 24, and Oct. 1, 8 and 15 from 10 to noon. There are 38 vintage photographs, all matted and framed. They can be ordered/purchased for \$20 each. There are 650 photos total in the Cody Collection, which can be viewed/ordered at canterburyhistory.org.

Boston Post Cane nominations sought: Sadly, with the passing of Willie Nelson the most recent holder of the Boston Post Cane, we are seeking nominations for the oldest resident of Canterbury (who is willing to accept the honor). We have posted the criteria used to select the resident to our website. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions and especially if you have recommendations.

It is not too early! **It occurs to us that the town should begin thinking about planning for the commemoration of Canterbury's 300th birthday**, which will be celebrated on May 20, 2027. The official date our Charter was signed by Gov. John Wentworth, was May 20, 1727. So begin formulating your ideas and thinking about our wonderful history and the town we have become. Surely, there is much to celebrate!

~ Bob Scarponi, President

Cemetery spirits and Canterbury tales!

On Thursday, Oct. 27, and Friday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 7 pm at the Canterbury Center Cemetery, six spirits will rise from their graves to tell some Canterbury tales. \$10 cash only at entrance. Exact amount appreciated. (Tentative rain date is Sunday, Oct. 30.)

It is expected that everyone remembers this is a sacred burial ground. Guests should please maintain a respectful demeanor, stay on Eternal Way, follow your specter, and refrain from touching stones or markers. Eternal Way is uneven and dimly lit, so please watch your step and if possible, hang on to the person you're with while walking. No costumes, strollers, or pets permitted.

We are looking for actors, specters (a non-speaking role, ushering groups through the presentation; we also need specters as crossing guards on Center Road), ticket sales volunteers, etc. Proceeds to benefit the Canterbury Historical Society.

~ Deb Allen, debbieallen727@hotmail.com, and
Diane Modugno, dianmdgn@gmail.com, organizers



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Canterbury News Roundup: Lots of Good & Some Bad

Shaker Village hosting Artisan Market

On Saturday, Sept. 10, from 10 am to 5 pm, the Shaker Village will host an Artisan Market with more than two dozen craft booths featuring artisanal, handcrafted work, guided tours, live music, farmers' market, food, and more. The juried artisans will display and sell everything from hand knit and woven items to jewelry, rugs and pottery. They include Vicki Chase of Canterbury Soapworks (pictured) and Phil Nadeau of Loudon, who will sell his hand-crafted footstools.



At the farmers' market, visitors can shop for produce, prepared foods, soaps, candles, oils, and more. Visitors are also welcome to walk the

village grounds.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for village members, and all youth and young adults under age 25 are free.

Live music ... and the final Sandwich Slam!

The Canterbury Farmers Market gathers every Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 pm right in the heart of town, the Center. We have a great mix of vendors this summer to provide you with the best local produce around. You can use cash or purchase wooden tokens with your credit card at the Info Tent to use at all of our vendors' booths. We are a rain or shine market and only cancel when thunderstorms and lightning are on the radar.



We have our final Sandwich Slam on Sept. 21. There will be exhibitions from the New Hampshire Master Gardeners on Sept. 14 and children's activities on Sept. 7. Check out our website for more information on these events! Each week there is live music, so come and bring a friend and enjoy the market! Here is the music schedule for September:

Sept. 7: **Senie Hunt**
Sept. 14: **Mike Morris**
Sept. 21: **Mark Ledgard**
Sept. 28: **Paul Warnick**

We look forward to seeing you all for the last few weeks of the season! For more information visit our website at canterburyfarmersmarket.com.

~ Emily Sullivan

Maple Grove Cemetery vandalized; police and trustees seek public's help

The Canterbury Cemetery Committee is saddened and disturbed to report that the Maple Grove Cemetery on Baptist Road was vandalized sometime during the period of Aug. 11-14. Veterans flags and plantings at gravesites were pulled up and trampled, and keepsakes were removed and scattered. Evidence indicates that the perpetrators committed these acts while riding an ATV. ATV's are never permitted in a Canterbury cemetery and desecration of a gravesite is a violation of state statute RSA 635:7.

We are asking for your help. If you observed anything that might lead us to the perpetrators, we ask that you contact one of the Cemetery Trustees or the Canterbury Police Department. Anonymous tips are welcomed. Thank you.

~ John Goegel, Chairman,
Canterbury Cemetery Trustees, 603-783-4079

Friends of Elkins welcomes new members

September is a time of new beginnings, and the Friends of Elkins Library are back from hibernation! We're excited about a year of programs and supporting the library in new ways, and we're excited to welcome new members.

Please come to FOEPL's fall meeting, to learn more about what's going on at the library, meet new friends, and enjoy some snacks and cider. We have a few open roles at FOEPL—some of these are very occasional (an hour a month or less), and others are more formal.

Next FOEPL Meeting: Sept. 29, 7 pm, at the Meeting House and via Zoom.

For info, contact Sandy Hodsdon: slhodsdon@gmail.com or Sarah Crow: smccrawcrow@gmail.com

How about a little strength and stretching?

There will be a Weekend Strength and Stretch Class on Saturdays, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, and Oct. 1, from 8:30 to 9:30 am at the Parish Hall, behind the Country Store in Canterbury Center.

Contact Judy Nelson for more information
at 603-493-4207

It's a Fall Full of Activities at Elkins Library!

The next Trustee meeting is on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6 pm in the library.

We will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 3, and Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day weekend.

Open Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 to 5; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 7, and Saturdays, 9 to 12. Check our website, Facebook or Instagram page for more information about our expanding services. Head over to elkinspubliclibrary.org and click on the Programs page for a new daily calendar.

Have you taken a look at our gardens lately? Thank you to the Friends of Elkins Public Library Gardening Committee for their work year round. If you want to get involved with this great group, let us know!

Programs

The Old Man Boring Book Club will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 6 pm after their traditional break for July and August. This group of interesting men and women bring history titles to share and discuss.

Sweet Grass Group: Enjoy reading nonfiction books that deal with current social issues? Consider spending some time with this new book group that David Emerson has helped to create. (You can learn more about the ideas behind it in Dave's article on Page 10.) Come and share your views and reviews with like-minded readers in a safe environment. This group takes place on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 5:30 pm. Thursday, Sept. 1, is the first meeting.

Evening Book Group: On Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 6 pm we will be discussing *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk or downloadable via Libby or Hoopla.

Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 2. We will do a Jigsaw Murder Mystery—Death by Diet. Read the story, complete the puzzle and find the clues. Can you help us solve the crime? We are a participant-driven club and try to do something different each month related to MMM, so join us or drop in once in a while.

On Pins and Needles. Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 7, On Pins and Needles will be meeting by the fireplace on Wednesdays at 2 pm. All levels of crafters are welcome! Bring your own work-in-progress or join us for our charitable project. This fall we will be making blankets to donate to Project Linus, named after the adorable security blanket-toting character from the Peanuts comic strip. More information about Project Linus and sizes of accepted blankets will be at the main circulation desk. We look forward to adding you to our lively conversation!

Elkins Café. Join Rachel by the fireplace on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2 pm for an hour. We start the time with fellowship and refreshments and then work into our

Elkins Public Library Speakers Series

September: Lyme Disease. This program on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 pm in the Town Hall will feature Dr. Lynn A. Durand, is a family medicine physician in Concord, who specializes in Lyme disease. He is known among people in the Lyme disease community as a "Lyme-literate" doctor, one who understands the disease and can help those who suffer from it. Lyme author Katina Makris will also join us. She is the author of two books published following her own recovery from Lyme disease.

October: The 1943 Center Fire. Sunday, Oct. 2, at 3 pm in the Town Hall. Author, historian and presenter Mark Stevens will tell the story of this massive fire, which broke out in the center of Canterbury on a cold and windy night during the winter of 1943. In the morning aftermath, the historic town center looked shockingly different. At least six buildings were destroyed, and another half-dozen sustained varying degrees of damage.

program. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 2 pm when Susan LeClair comes back to visit to tell us what she has been up to and lead us in some guided meditation. On Sept. 15 at 2 pm, come to the Cafe with stories to tell. We will focus on the art of storytelling and share a tale or two.

Musical Monday: On Monday, Sept. 12, we will be watching *Follow the Fleet* with Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire on our big screen at 2 pm. (This is normally held the first Monday of the month, but it's a holiday.)

Free tech help! Thursdays from 5 to 7 pm, in half-hour time slots, Katie McKay offers free tech support at the library. Please schedule an appointment and give a brief description of the issue. Katie's appointments fill up quickly so be sure to sign up.

Story Time: Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 for stories, songs and a craft. Perfect for children birth through Kindergarten. Come to the library and meet your children's future classmates while fostering a love of reading.

Special Story Time Field Trip: On Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 am, Story Time is planning a field trip to Hackleboro Orchards. Meet Mrs. Cheryl at the orchard for a fun morning of books, apple picking and more!

Tunes, Tales and Tumbles: Join us Thursday mornings at 10 for songs, stretching, stories and more! This program is perfect for our patrons ages birth through preschool.

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Town offices and organizations

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Town website:
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Town Clerk/Tax Collector: 783-0153. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 3; Tue. and Thur. 12 to 7. Email: spapps@canterbury-nh.gov

Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, and Assessor's Office: 783-9955. Mon. and Wed., 9 to 1; Thur. 10 to 2. Emails: selectmen@canterbury-nh.gov assessing@canterbury-nh.gov kfolsom@canterbury-nh.gov

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

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

Monthly Meetings (Check town website for details.)
- **Planning Board:** 2nd Tue., 7 pm; 4th Tue. as needed
- **Conservation Commission:** 2nd Thurs., 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

Struggling to put food on the table? Just call for help

In June the Loudon Food Pantry gave out enough food to 243 individuals for them to prepare 6,278 meals. Of these people, 120 were age 60 and older (49 percent), 37 were age 18 or under (15 percent), and 86 were between those ages (25 percent).

In July the pantry gave out enough food to 293 individuals for them to prepare 4,553 meals. Of these people, 141 were age 60 and older (48 percent), 45 were age 18 or under (15 percent), and 107 were between those ages (37 percent).

Help support the community and the environment: Have you heard the news? The food pantry has been selected as the beneficiary of the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program! During the month of September, each time the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag is purchased at the Hannaford at 73 Fort Eddy

Road in Concord, we will receive a \$1 donation.

Canterbury Fair results: We received \$176.14 in donations and sold \$83 in Teddy Bears and wrist bands. Thank you for your support!

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!

We are located in the Huckleberry Business Park, Unit D, 30 Chichester Road in Loudon. We are open for donations and volunteers on Tuesday from 10 to 6, Wednesdays from 10 to 1, and Thursdays from 10 to 4. Service is by appointment during the same hours.

~ Sue Houck



The Center was hopping on Fair Day! Thanks again to John Polizzi for sharing his photos ...

Fair thanks ... continued from Page 1!

We are sure we left off some folks crucial to our success. (Not you, TW—thanks so much!)

We couldn't have done it without the institutional memory of LC (the devil is in the details!) and the brilliant sign work of BB! A big hug to Al E. for his indispensable help and to DS and all the folks who helped with the bake sale table.

Thanks to the SAU for the use of the elementary school and to BL & ML for another successful road race. The secret BBQ sauce the Sunset Mountain crew brought made the chicken barbecue as special as ever—thanks as well to the Wieck family for stepping up yet again. It was great to see some younger folks

help with set-up and take-down—you know who you are and we're counting on you again next year.

We hope everyone got enough to eat, a pile of books to carry you through the winter and managed to load up on enough tchotchkes at CES—we may see some of those again next year!

Thanks to all for such a splendid time. Stay tuned for fair meetings starting in March! If you want in on the fun, think about volunteering—we can always use more help.

Let's do it all again next year, maybe the Last Saturday in July?

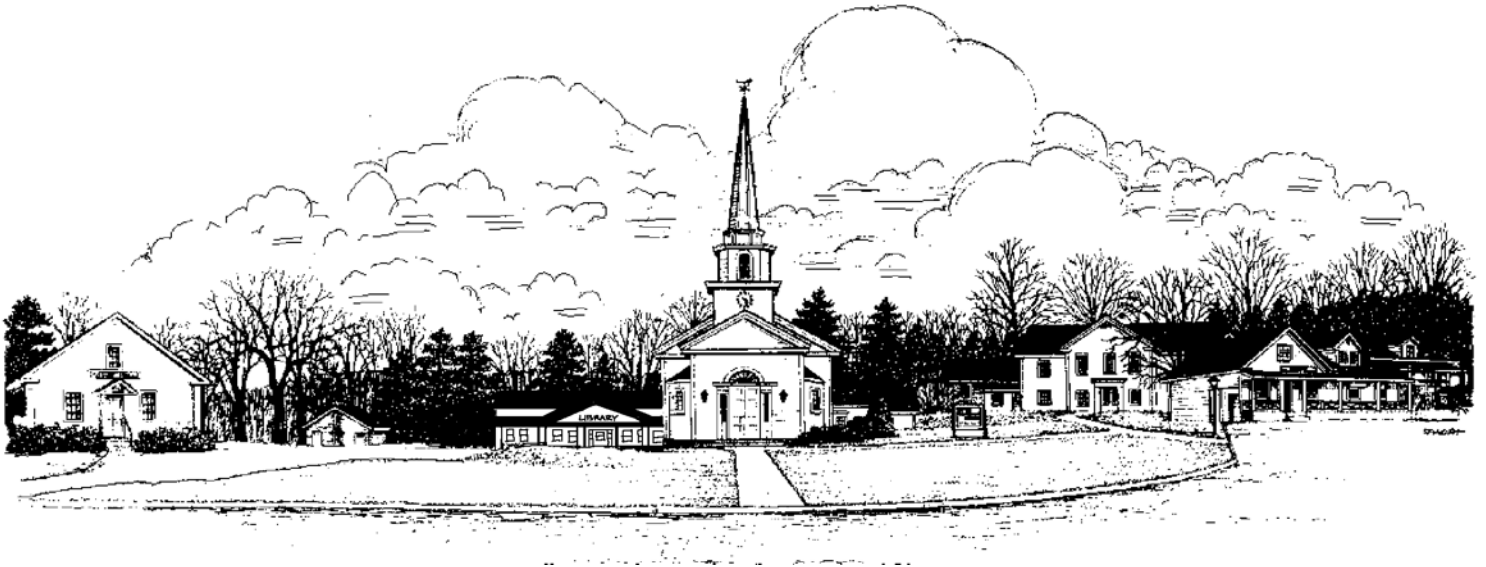
~ Rick Crockford & Bob Drew, co-chairs

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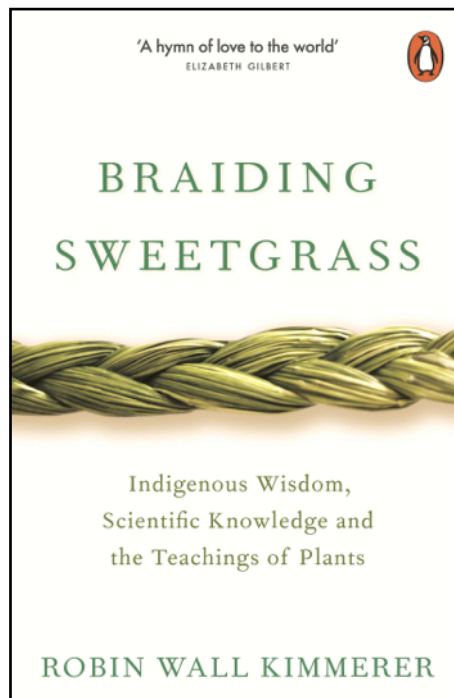
New book group offers a place to be there for each other

I have never run into so many people reading the same book, *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. (I'm on my fourth reading, taking notes this time.) Not only is it beautifully written but more importantly it's the best doorway I know of to Native American culture, spirituality and religion. And it's impossible not to love Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Rachel Baker and I agreed early on that it's a perfect basis for a book group. But no ordinary book group.

For many of us these days life is, to some degree, troubling. It goes without saying that we can no longer reliably find a good counselor or therapist to help us cope.

The only alternative would be to help each other. Fortunately, sharing groups in which we can help each other are becoming increasingly more common. More serious groups where we can share and help each other with our concerns are needed. We need to join in sharing our troubles and concerns and in sharing books and thoughts that we find



helpful.

This group will be a work in progress. It's inspired by *The Gatherings*, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, and the times we're living in.

The group will fall into the category of a library book group, though reading one (or both) of the two books mentioned above is not required. The group will be open to be what its members want from it. The reading will help give us a common starting point, of course.

If there's sufficient interest we plan to schedule two meetings a month, for 6 to 10 people, in September and October, on the first and third Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in the meeting room at the library, with a single meeting in November on the first Thursday, same time, same number of people.

Please let me know if you plan on coming.

~ Dave Emerson

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