



First Christian Church of Freedom
THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE / ESTABLISHED IN 1858

Freedom Rings

Newsletter

November/December



Pastor's Thoughts

In our Bible study a few weeks ago, I noted an article on the contrast between a 'maintenance driven church' and a 'mission driven church'. In a 'maintenance driven church', when contemplating some form of change, members say, "If this proves upsetting to any of our members, we won't do it!" In a 'mission driven congregation', they ask, "Will this increase our ability to reach those outside?" When thinking of its vision for ministry, the 'maintenance church' says, "We have to be faithful to our past." The 'mission driven' says, "We have to be faithful to our future." When thinking about growth, the 'maintenance driven' asks, "How many Church people live within 10 miles of our building?" The 'mission driven' asks, "How many unchurched people live in the area?" The 'maintenance church' asks "How can we get these people to support our congregation?" The 'mission driven' asks "How can the Church support these people?" The 'maintenance church' thinks about how to save their congregation, the 'mission church' thinks about how to reach the world.

You get the idea. The 'maintenance driven congregation' is usually more concerned about keeping things smooth and convenient, while the 'mission driven' is more about reaching out and taking risks. If we look closely at our faith, notably demonstrated in the life of our Lord and

Savior, we see that Jesus was all about moving outside his safe and secure life. The Gospel that's been featured this year has been Mark, and this particular evangelist talks of the urgency of Jesus' mission, using the words 'immediately' and 'at once' to illustrate Jesus' sense of carrying out his purpose.

Now, this doesn't mean the church has to run 'helter-skelter' after every cause that comes before us, to the neglect of taking care of our church building needs, but it does remind us of our responsibility as Christians to look beyond ourselves in living the Gospel message. We are confronted by the needs of the world around us, and whether they're next door or in the Florida panhandle or in Central America or in Indonesia, we are a part of God's creation. God doesn't discriminate; all of God's creation is the subject of God's compassion, and God works through us. So, we are called and challenged to help wherever we can, with whatever we have, to care for whomever has needs.

As we approach the holidays we hold so dear – Thanksgiving and Christmas – remember how blessed we are, how God so loved the world that God gave to the world a gift so precious in a plan to save us from ourselves. May we continue to be the church in this place! See you at worship. Pastor Larry



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Veterans Day, Ring in the Holidays, Thanksgiving, Church Annual Meeting and Christmas; so many ways to be thankful and to enjoy our church. The ladies under the direction of Velma Hormell will be serving the luncheon at the Town Hall for Freedom Rings

in the Holidays on November 17. There will be soups, sandwiches and desserts. I hope everyone will stop by and have lunch, as this is a fundraiser for our church.

The Trustees reported that two new furnaces have been installed and are working. Next they will be working on getting repairs to the roof at the back entrance of the church. The two back rooms will have new carpets installed soon. They are also working on a new handicap ramp to replace the old wooden one on the north side of the church.

I remind everyone that our church annual meeting is coming up on December 2 directly after church. Our Treasurer, Paul Olzerowicz and the finance committee have been working very hard to come up with a reasonable budget for the church. Last year the members approved spending \$104,950. However, we have fallen short of our obligation. I guess if we approve the spending we all have to increase our giving to meet the goals of our church. I pray that everyone will see it in their hearts to help.

The Nominating Committee has been working to fill our roster of officers and committee people. If you would like to be on a committee to serve, please get in touch with Sandy Boyle or me.

Happy holidays to everyone and see you in church.

Dean Robertson

CHORAL SINGING BOOSTS MINDFULNESS

New research points to one reason joining a choir boosts mental health.



"It is high time that the realm of social, emotional, and psychological benefits reaped from choir singing is recognized, and thoroughly incorporated into the promotion of mental health worldwide," they conclude: "Choirs are an extraordinary way of maintaining social and emotional well-being, and they deserve to be recognized as such." BY TOM JACOBS SEP 28, 2017

Tom Jacobs is a senior staff writer at Pacific Standard, where he specializes in social science, culture, and learning. He is a veteran journalist and former staff writer for the *Los Angeles Daily News* and the *Santa Barbara News-Press*.

We are always ready to welcome new singers to our choir. If you would like to sing with us, you can simply show up at a rehearsal or contact me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at (603) 569-5711 or at colzerowicz@gmail.com. Weekly rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7 PM at the church.



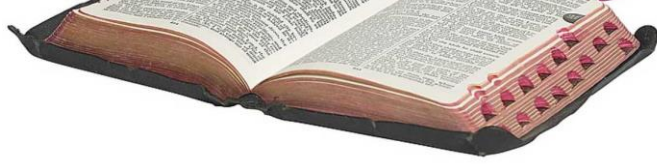
Calling All Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, etc!

All children are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant. The one and only rehearsal will be on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th at 10 AM. At that time we will choose roles, give out costumes, and practice all parts. The pageant will be the centerpiece of the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM. You can contact me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at colzerowicz@gmail.com or at (603)569-5711 for further information.



The Personnel Committee welcomes **June Burt** as the new member joining David Avery and me. We will meet with the staff members in October for yearly reviews and write reports and recommendations.
Peg Scully

Bible Study



All are invited to Camp Calumet each week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for a group discussion of the scripture lessons for the coming week and how the lessons relate to daily living. **Bible Study** is held in the Camp Calumet Conference Center on the right as you go west on Lake Ossipee Road. Please see Pastor Larry if interested.

"B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!"

Anonymous



A NOTE FROM THE USHERS

We are in need of ushers. If you are interested, or if you are currently an usher and no longer wish to serve for your specified month, please call Mark McKinley at 539-6577 or Henry Granahan at 539-5295. Please know that your faithful service continues to be deeply appreciated and does much to reinforce the welcoming attitude of First Christian Church. If you have not participated, and would like to consider becoming an usher on Sunday mornings, please contact Mark. Thank you.



PASTORAL VISITS

Should anyone wish to have a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Larry, a deacon, or Patty in the church office.



Good Morning Call! Several of us participate in this program offered by the Carroll County Sheriff's office. It is simple.....you make a call and talk to a real person.....if they do not hear from you, the Freedom Police stop by. It is reassuring that, during an emergency, either personal or weather related, someone knows where you are. Any questions.....call the Sheriff directly at 539-2284



TREASURER'S REPORT

Save money this year with your Giving

You may be able to save more on income taxes in 2018 by using one of the following ways to give.

Use your Traditional IRA (not ROTH IRA)

Members over age 70 ½ are required to take a certain portion of their IRA's out every year (MRD). You can ask your IRA custodian (Fidelity, etc.) to send some of this annual amount directly to FCCF to meet your giving goal. Doing this saves you money because the amount sent to a charity (FCCF) is not taxed. You are guaranteed to save money because you do not need to itemize to save. For 2018, the standard deduction has increased to \$13,600 (single over 65) and \$26,600 (married filing jointly, both over 65) so if you cannot itemize you will lose your tax deduction for 2018.

Use Appreciated Stock

If you have stock that has increased in value and have held it for more than a year you may save money by donating it directly to FCCF. You ask your broker (Fidelity, etc.) to send stock to FCCF to meet your giving goal. Doing this can save money since you do not pay tax on the gain on the stock given. To benefit from this approach, you must have 2018 income exceeding \$38,700 for singles and \$77,400 for married couples. If you need help determining if you will benefit from this approach, you can speak with your tax advisor, or if you have

none, call me, I am happy to help. Please note, age does not matter when giving stock, different from using your Traditional IRA to make a gift.

If you have questions about either of these giving methods give me a call. But do not wait too long as your custodian will need time to process your request before 12/31/2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Olzerowicz, CPA, CFP, ChFC, RIA
603-569-5711



Kathy Avery	Bonnie Engroff	Bill McIntire, Jr.
Tarryn Balch	Dick & Wanda Fields	Carol Melvidas
Gerry Barnicle	Joanne Fuller	Judy Michaels
Charlie Bojus	John Gallagher	Gay Mocer
Ed Boyer	Jane Garnsey	Cindy Nason
Chris, Harold & Kevin Boynton	Dick Gauley	Peg & Peter Nichols
Harold Brown, Jr.	Michael Gillis	Pat & Roger Olson
Kathy Brownrigg	Cynthia Granahan	Anne & Bob Parker
George Carbone	Beverly Grant	DeMott Post
Christie Catino	John Hogan	Daniel Quinlan
Eric Chamberlain	Karen Hopkins	Virginia Quinlan
Carolyn Clancy	Glenn Hormell	Jeannie Rogers
Celia Costa	Rob Hyam	Kim Rose
Sarah D'Angelo	Dale Johnson	Sally & Bill Stoops
Al Davidson	Elmer Killam	Laureen Strauch
Greg Dayton	Fred Kistler	Mike Sudak
Eric DeCof	Susan Lander	Rosemary Traveis
Lorelei DeNisco	Harold Libby, Sr.	Cheryl Vitum
Connie Dockham	Jeff & Kathy MacLeod	Joy Anna Winslow
David Eldridge	Jean Marshall	Donna Wogman
Delores Ellis	Mary Mayhew	

all our country's military personnel and their families, and all the refugee children that were separated from their parents, may they be reunited.



November 16 & 17

The Ladies Guild is looking forward to a **“whopping”** sale when Freedom Rings in the Holidays in November. There will be many beautiful quilts, microwave bowl holders, adult clothing protectors, pot holders and many more items.

The beautiful “Wheg Rose” raffle quilt will be on display in the church and tickets may be purchased at that time and up to the drawing, which will take place Sunday, November 18th. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting a Guild Member on Sunday, Monday at the church or any time during the week.

Long time Guild Member, Pauline Libbey celebrated her 99th birthday on October 20th. Several Guild Members honored that milestone by taking Pauli to Delaney’s Restaurant in North Conway on Monday, October 22nd. Pauli enjoys sewing quilt squares and quilt tops. Several of her quilts will be for sale in November.

Myrtle MacLeod, Guild Secretary



FUN TO KNOW HISTORY OF THE CHURCH (Rev.)10/27/2018

HEATING THE CHURCH

The building we use today was constructed in 1867, nine years after the Church was organized in 1858 and 2 years after end of the Civil War . In cold weather it was heated by a wood burning “furnace” that provided a single, large metal grate in the center of the aisle where today there is a bump in the floor. Heat was controlled by a lightweight “register” chain hung from the end of an adjacent pew. Slab wood costing \$10/cord was stacked next to the furnace. During cold weather one of the local boys was paid \$1/Sunday to light a fire and stoke the furnace.

In 1955 Harry Wormstead was paid \$418.20 to provide and install an oil-fired furnace. The first oil delivery was May 10, 1955 for \$29.80.

The original chimney came up through the floor just inside the double doors on the south side. Trim boards around this construction remain visible in the ceiling. The chimney masonry continued several feet above the roof and was then extended with a metal pipe. Sometime in the late 1990s the insurance company required this chimney be abandoned because it was a fire hazard next to the bell tower. It was removed and a power vent installed to service the oil fired furnace – a constant maintenance problem and expense but the building can be heated for services.

NOTE: A separate furnace heats the fellowship halls.

2018

After several furnace failures during the winter of 2017-18 and 2018 inspection failure of the fellowship area furnace it was decided to replace both units. The Trustees met with several heating professionals that considered one central furnace for all buildings and conversion to propane it was decided to install two new oil fired furnaces and two new oil tanks. Up Country Heating Services of West Ossipee offered the selected bid for all equipment and work for a total of \$12,231. Installation was completed in time for the first cold Sundays in October 2018.



The Freedom Food Pantry

Half of the proceeds (\$1,049.45) from donations at the "Reach the Beach" concession stand at Calumet's transition area #10, which was held on September 14th, was given to First Christian Church of Freedom from Camp Calumet and Lutheran Church of the Nativity.

Seems like it is "same old, same old" when it really isn't. We never know who will or won't walk in the door. But our great volunteers are there to provide food, hear discussions, offer clothing and other items on a weekly basis. We

continue to give out an average of 2000 meals a month. Doris continues to do the heavy lifting, Dallas sends in the reports, Nancy keeps the books and Paul helps with reports and investments. I continue to input the data and print reports. The ministry continues and we remain grateful to all who make this possible.
Bob Bossdorf, Co-Director



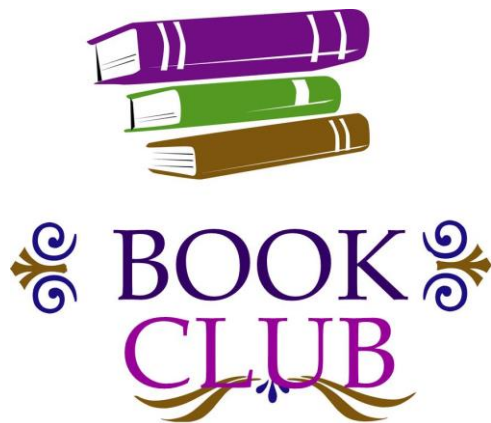
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY

The First Christian Church of Freedom has medical equipment available. If you have such a need, please contact the office or Henry Granahan at 539-5295.

Wheel Chairs	Commodes
Crutches	Potty Seats
Canes	Shower Chairs
Walkers	Blow-Up Mattress
Shower Transfer Benches	Knee Braces

Thank you to the Nason Family for their very generous donation of the following equipment: Slide Board (wheel chair to car), Step Stool, Transporter Chair, Bed Rails, Bike Pedal on Stand, Air Mattress w/pump

The following exercise equipment was also donated by the Nason Family:
Trapeze and Bike Pedal on Stand



The Book Group will start a new book on November 1. The book is *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*. Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling, and honesty, Brown will again change the cultural conversation while mapping a clear path to true belonging. She argues that we're experiencing a spiritual crisis of disconnection, and introduces four practices of true belonging that challenge everything we believe about ourselves and each other. It is a New York Times best seller. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. on November 1 as we start to read this book.



The Fund Raising Committee is selling "**Rada Cutlery**" made in the USA as one of our fundraisers. This will not be a door-to-door event but samples will be on display at our events and ongoing. You may contact Judy Robertson, Velma Hormell or Patty Dumas in the church office if you are interested in checking out the catalog for paring knives, bagel knives, chef's knives, granny forks, pie or cake servers, steak knives, etc. which are available.

We have the catalog for 2018. Keep this extremely well-made cutlery in mind for gifts throughout the year and you will be supporting the church at the same time. Velma Hormel



The OCC Christmas Gift Tree will be in the Church available the beginning of December for anyone wishing to give a gift for children in need.

The deadline for turning in the gifts from the tree is Sunday, December 16th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Please join us on **November 11th** after the church service for our Church Luncheon to raise money for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Several people have moved; Mary Hockmeyer, Petula Plunges and Beverly Grant. The addresses are as follows if anyone wishes to send a greeting. I'm sure they would love to hear from you!

Bev Grant - Wolfeboro Bay Center
39 Clipper Drive
Wolfeboro, NH 03894-4222

Mary Hockmeyer - 58 Tree Haven Drive
San Raphael, Ca 94901

Pet Plunges - 2 Old School Close
Farndon, Chester
CH3-6QR GBUK



Freedom Rings in the Holidays Luncheon

will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Town Hall. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which is used to serve the community.

The Luncheon will feature the famous minestrone soup, corn chowder, sandwiches and desserts.

We need volunteers to help with cooking the chowder, soup and desserts. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room. If you can help, please sign up or call Velma Hormell at 539-2079.



The Annual Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on December 2nd after the church service. The Report will be available for all.
Patty Dumas



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FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Are you ready for the holidays? Here they come! "God Bless Us, Everyone."

If you have any information for the office or for me, please leave it on my desk on Sunday mornings. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Sincerely, Patty Dumas



A mother took her three-year-old daughter to church for the first time. The church lights were lowered, and then the choir came down the aisle, carrying lighted candles. All was quiet until the little one started to sing in a loud voice, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you...." "

The Christmas Story

by Leanne Guenther

Once upon a time,
A long, long time ago.
Begins the story of a baby,
That most of you should know.

His daddy's name was Joseph,
And Mary was His mom,
This babe was very special
He was God's only Son.


Some angels came from heaven,
And they began to sing.
To the shepherds in the fields below,
"Glad tidings do we bring!"

A bright star lit the heavens,
To light the magi's way,
To the baby in the manger
Who was born on Christmas day.

And all who gathered round Him,
Rejoiced and praised His birth,
For the babe, the King, named Jesus,
Is our Saviour here on earth!



November 2018

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