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All-Church Day at Horton Center

Over the years, many of our children and young people have attended the Summer camping program at our UCC camp in Gorham, NH. Campers have returned with great memories, new friends, and a fresh view of what it means to be God's child in this world.

Now is YOUR chance to see the beautiful camp for yourselves. On Saturday, August 20th, YOU are ALL invited to join in a visit to this great camp with its rustic cabins, comfortable big dining/meeting hall, rocking chairs on the porch, quiet corners and breathe-taking views of the surrounding mountains.

We will meet at the church at 9AM and carpool to the camp. We plan to leave the camp about 4PM to return.

During our visit to the camp, there will be time to gather for devotions, for lunch, for exploring the camp, for climbing up to the Chapel and/or the Ledges, for just plain relaxing on the porch facing Mount Madison, for playing together, and generally enjoying the day. There might just be some surprises for families and teams!

EVERYONE is invited to come along—you have heard our campers talk about this place; NOW is your chance to see why they want to return year after year.



Families are asked to bring cookies or chips or fruit to share. Sandwich fixin's and tea/punch will be available for lunch (a small donation would be appreciated). Bring also your climbing shoes (or your sitting pillows), your good humor, your camera and your binoculars.

Please sign up on the list in Gilpatric Hall so we will know that you are coming!

Out of My Mind... and Heart

Carol Asher, — Pastor

During the children's story, a pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail and gathers nuts in the fall?" One five-year-old raised his hand. "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sounds like a squirrel to me."

That youngster must have been told many times that "JESUS IS THE ANSWER!" (Have you seen the bumper sticker that proclaims that?

One of the regular offerings on NHPR's morning program "The Exchange" is called "the Socrates Exchange". In this program, participants and callers all examine one specific topic, but instead of the guest simply answering questions posed by the listening audience, they all use the method of the Greek philosopher Socrates (470?-399BC). According to the Socratic Method, students keep asking questions beyond the first answers and opinions to probe beneath the surface of a topic; this challenges everyone to really think outside of the box.

This Socratic Method seeks the truth and fosters critical thinking as it tackles new questions in the course of the discussion. It digs beyond simple answers and debunks lots of preconceived notions. Although this method may not produce definitive answers, it illuminates lots of new ideas as the discussion progresses.

I read recently that Jesus asks 307 different questions in the gospels. (Somebody actually counted them all!) By contrast, Jesus only directly answers three of the 183 questions He is asked in the gospels.

Instead of answering a lot of questions, Jesus responds in other ways. In some instances Jesus simply keeps silent, as when Pilate questioned him after his arrest. Or, Jesus responds to a question with another question. When asked, "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus points to a coin and asks, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" (There is a saying that a Jew always answers a question by asking another question: "Why does a Jew do that?" "Why are you asking?")

Or, sometimes Jesus responds to questions indirectly, many times by telling a story that sheds light on the answer to the question posed. For

example, when Jesus is asked, "Who is my neighbor?" He responds by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan.

It seems that many modern evangelists are proclaiming that "Jesus is the answer!" without really looking at all the different questions we have. Too many times, our questions about our faith are frowned upon and discouraged as "unfaithful doubts". We fail to grow in our faith (or ANY area, for that matter) because we are too often encouraged to be content with the simple answers.

Our scriptures are not full of ANSWERS, but rather are replete with God's questions that we must try to answer. Jesus knew His purpose was not to give advice or provide easy answers... but rather to ask the hard questions; He is more like Socrates who asks questions to take us beyond the obvious to something deeper.

Some people just want a list of questions and answers they can memorize in order to be considered a Christian. I am thankful that the UCC encourages exploration of all facets of the questions before us. But as we push the limits of our knowledge, we cannot accept every new idea and concept just because they are new (or maybe proposed by someone famous and seemingly knowledgeable). We need to learn to depend on the Holy Spirit to help us identify and eliminate the ideas that are contradictory to the purposes of God. THAT's the hard part!

Easy answers can give us a sense of finality. By entertaining hard questions God has a chance to change us and form us. So many of our responses to God's questions will be, NOT in words, but rather in the ways that we live our lives.

May we be blessed in our probing and exploration of the proclamation that "JESUS IS THE QUESTION!" May we find the joy and the truth in the saying that "Christianity hasn't been tried and found too difficult and confusing; it has been found difficult and mysterious and then left untried."

Asher
Pastor Carol

From the Board of Deacons

What a beautiful summer we are having here in Center Harbor! Our popular 8:30 outdoor services have been well attended and the weather has been very cooperative. The view from the hill is beautiful and inspirational. If you have not yet attended this early service, there are still several weeks left. Consider bringing a friend along.



Our 10:00 indoor services have been enhanced with special music shared by church members, family and friends. We have heard choir members, young Madison Smith on the piano and Jim Aldridge, a friend of Honey and Bob Evans. Libby Tuttle and her daughter, Susan, shared their musical talents with us in late July. If you would like to share your music with the congregation ANY time of the year, speak with our choir director or a member of the choir.

Church members have been fantastic in signing up for worship service duties this summer. Thanks to all who have been willing to fill a slot!

The Board of Deacons will resume their monthly business meetings soon, after a one-month respite. We are always receptive to feedback about our worship services. Let us know what you're thinking.

Enjoy the rest of summer and see you up on the hill or in the sanctuary!

Church T-shirts

The Deacons are going ahead with the idea of designing a church T-shirt for members to wear as a proud advertisement of our community of faith. Would YOU like to be among the first to have this special shirt? Each shirt is a good-quality tee with a colorful banner design on the back (based on the design at right) and the UCC logo and our name on the front. Each shirt will cost \$10.

If you want to be among the first, please tell us your shirt size (give us \$10 per shirt) and you will be included in the first order. (Once everyone sees how neat these shirts are, there will be future orders.)

Name _____

Shirt size Adult: small medium large X-large

Youth: X-small small medium large X-large

Number of shirts x \$10= _____



News from the Mission Board!

LAKES REGION HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is our local MISSION OF THE MONTH for August.

Last year our Habitat gift was two washing machines for two families with a number of children each. Habitat furnishes each family moving into a home with the kitchen appliances – a stove and a refrigerator. The expense of washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers is left to the families to finance as they are able.

This year there will be a family with five children moving into a renovated house at Maple Square in Franklin. Habitat has requested that we again consider donating the funds for either a washing machine or a dishwasher. Possibly we will again give enough for both, as five children can generate many clothes and dishes!

Habitat for Humanity International builds homes for families unable to finance their home with a conventional mortgage, by using volunteer help and 500 hours of “sweat equity” by the family chosen to move in. Many materials are donated or discounted by local suppliers, and the family is given a no-interest mortgage, so the charges are much less than a conventionally built house.

In over 20 years in the Lakes Region, Habitat for Humanity has built or refurbished over 20 homes for families in the area. Families are chosen who are willing to work on their house or other Habitat houses, and who have an income that will allow them to take the responsibility of owning their own home.

If you would like to volunteer to help in building, supplying food to those working on a house, a Selection Committee, or by giving money to support the latest project and new family speak to Jason Hicks, a church member and member of the local Habitat Board, or to Mission Board members Joyce Larson, Robin Weeks and Mary Alice Warner.

We are happy to report that our May donation for Church World Service - Blankets +, for helping those impacted by natural disasters or conflicts was \$273.00. Six School Kits and nine Health Kits have been assembled and sent to the distribution center in Maryland.

The Rev. Larry Brickner-Wood, who led worship the first Sunday in June, told us about the United Campus Ministry which he directs at the University of New Hampshire. He wrote to thank our church for the gift of \$515.54 to support programs to welcome and empower students from all over the world who come to study in New Hampshire.

There were 29 people who came for the Soup Kitchen on July 12, and at least 14 from our church who cut, cooked, assembled, served and cleaned up. The meal finished off with ice cream sundaes and all the toppings served by Diane Crawford! Thanks to all!

Thanks to so many generous contributions to the various mission projects of our Church.

CHCC 2011 Missions	
January	The Christmas Fund (UCC)
February	Mission Trust Fund
March	One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC)
April	New Beginnings
May	Blankets & Tools of Hope (Church World Service)
June	United Campus Ministry
July	Strengthen the Church (UCC)
August	Habitat for Humanity
September	Focus on Africa
October	Neighbors in Need (UCC)
November	Hunger
December	Alternative Christmas & Angel Tree

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Boldface = Church-sponsored events	1 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi	2 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen	3 6:00pm Ice Cream Social: Mill in Bristol	4 6:00 pm T'ai Chi	5	6 8:00 AL-Anon	
7 8:30am Outside Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	8 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi	9 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen 7:30 pm Trustees	10 6:00pm Ice Cream Social: Sandwich Creamery in Sandwich	11 6:00 pm T'ai Chi	12	13 8:00 AL-Anon	
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21 8:30am Outside Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship Crop Walk	22 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi	23 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen	24 6:00pm Ice Cream Social: Jordan's, Rte. 106, Belmont	25 6:00 pm T'ai Chi	26 Women's Mini-Retreat at Pastor Carol's	27 8:00 AL-Anon	
28 8:30am Outside Worship 9:39am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship	29 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi	30 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen	31 6:00pm Ice Cream Social: Kellerhaus in Laconia	This month's mission: "Habitat for Humanity" Questions? Call the secretary during Office/Sanctuary Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9:30 am - 2:30 pm or leave a message: (603) 253-7698 or 253-8668 E-mail: chccucc@myfairpoint.net			

Christian Education News

THE OWL PROGRAM

The Board of Christian Education is pleased that our church will present the Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum during the academic year 2011-2012. The OWL program was developed jointly by the UCC and the Unitarian Universalist church to address concerns about the future of our teens; the influence of pop culture, sexually explicit songs and TV shows; and where our kids are getting their information about sexuality and healthy relationships. OWL is a comprehensive educational program that helps participants gain the knowledge, values and skills to lead sexually healthy, responsible lives.

More specifically, this curriculum is designed to help adolescents:

- affirm and respect themselves as sexual persons and respect the sexuality of others
- increase comfort and skills for discussing and negotiating sexuality issues with peers, romantic partners, and people of other generations
- explore, develop, and articulate values, attitudes, and feelings about their own sexuality and the sexuality of others

The OWL curriculum is divided into different ages; our focus for next year will be 8th–10th graders. Carrie Crosby and Norman Larson both participated in the intense instructor training program held last February in Plymouth and received their certification to teach this course. They are both parents and church members, known in our communities for many years. Our church is fully behind this educational endeavor. The only other church in the area that offers this program is Plymouth UCC, so we are excited to be able to offer the program in our own community. This course is taught to a mixed gender class.

We will begin with a REQUIRED parents meeting on Sunday evening September 11 at 5:30, at which time the course is reviewed in detail with parents. The course will begin with a weekend retreat October 1st and 2nd at Geneva Point Center, followed by one evening class a month on the first Sunday from October to June. This class is open to other teens from the community.

Please contact Carrie, Norman or Pastor Carol if you would like to discuss this or to obtain more detailed information. There is also a bulletin board in Gilpatric Hall with more information.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2011-2012

Launch Sunday for the new year of learning will be September 11th. Children and teachers will leave worship following the Children's Story. After the initial community circle, all teachers for the Church School year will meet with students in the classrooms to introduce themselves and begin a lesson or welcoming activity. Maybe we can enjoy a "Welcome Back to Church School" cake during Fellowship.

Following a wonderful tradition for Launch Sunday, we will gather at Perkins' Peninsula of Paradise on Lake Waukegan for an All-Church picnic after worship.

Our church is fortunate to have so many dedicated and faithful adults to teach (and learn) with the different age groups in our Church School. Although most of the slots have been filled, there is always a need for substitutes and helpers—anyone interested in working with a great group of children can speak with Thom Winslow, Church School Superintendent.

We will continue to use the Faith Alive Curriculum, which has been well-received by students and teachers.

Families and students are reminded that guests are always welcomed at Church School. Some special "Bring a Friend" days are planned during the year.

Parents are also assured that everyone who is teaching and working with our children and youth has met the protection guidelines for our Church's Safe Spaces policy.

SPONSORED CHILD Rawdat El-Zuhur

Five-year-old Talin Mani is currently our "adopted" student at this Palestinian school in East Jerusalem. We are waiting to hear if there is a second, older child to adopt. We plan a cookie walk on October 2nd to keep the Sponsorship Fund healthy.

SECOND SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

Our youth group for 6th – 12th grades will continue in addition to the OWL program. Patte Morrow has agreed to help with this active group of young people... and other possible leaders will be enlisted.

Hopefully the Youth Group will be able to participate in the Fall Work Weekend at Horton Center in October.

Trustee's Report

The Trustees are dealing with some items that do not appear to be major expenses at this time. Dave has dug a drainage ditch away from the basement wall to try to eliminate dampness inside.

With Will Briggs and my help, Dave is fixing the exhaust fan from the kitchen through the roof. A new motor will be installed in the next few days for an expense of about \$250. If we had not done it the bill would have run over \$500.

Will has touched up the paint on lower green door. Our neighbor Doug Hurst has been cleaning up the area between his property and ours to improve the appearance. We are trying to keep the church looking presentable.

Jason's and Dave's reports show how well all of our work paid off on the Flea Market. Thanks everyone.

Kent Warner for Trustees.

Treasurer's Report

We're about \$2,000 better than we expected to be by the end of June. That means our expenses are outpacing our income year-to-date by only \$15,000 instead of the budgeted loss of \$17,000. Net Income for 2011 Flea Market was \$2,364. We budgeted \$1,800.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Hicks

Year to date expenses vs. income received As of June 30, 2011		
Expenses	Income	Income Over/ (Under) Expenses
\$ 60,411	\$ 45,341	\$ (15,070)



Ending Hunger One Step at a Time CROP Hunger Walk August 21, 2011

Neighbors walking together take a stand against hunger in our world— THAT's a CROP Hunger Walk!

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to food, water and fuel, and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence. We walk because we want to end hunger... one step at a time.

Many walkers of different ages, faiths and backgrounds will participate in the local five-mile CROP Walk beginning at the Federated Church in Sandwich on Sunday, August 21st after our worship service. You can walk (along with Pastor Carol) or you can sponsor one of the walkers. Twenty-five percent of the money raised is spent locally to assist local food pantries; the rest is administered by Church World Service in many parts of the world.

Sponsor sheets are available in the church office. Thank you in advance for helping to end hunger!

Ice Cream Socials



- Aug. 3 Mill, Bristol
- Aug. 10 Sandwich Creamery, Sandwich
- Aug. 17 Geneva Pt. Moultonborough
- Aug. 24 Jordan's, Rt. 106, Belmont
- Aug. 31 Kellerhaus, Laconia
- Sept. 7 Town Docks, Meredith
- Sept. 14 Dewey's, Center Harbor

Birthdays



This information is not available online.

For updates, members may request a printed sheet from the secretary.

Women's Mini-Retreat (AKA pajama party)

All women are invited to come for some fun and fellowship at Pastor Carol's home in Hill from supper-time on Friday evening, August 26th through Saturday breakfast. Bring something pot luck to share for the Friday meal, some snacks to keep our energy from lagging, your bedding (and favorite stuffed animal, if you need it) and your grand sense of humor.

Please let Pastor Carol know that you are coming (either for just Friday or overnight).

Anniversaries



This information is not available online.

For updates, members may request a printed sheet from the secretary.

Worship Volunteers for the Month *Please share your time and talent!*

August Deacons Responsible: Ann Libby, 253-8270

	Ushers	Liturgist		Greeters	Fellowship Host
7				Meeghan & Kim LeBlanc	Nancy Leighley
14	The Siases			The Siases	The Siases
21					Ann Libby
28				The Siases	The Mortons

Hear Ye!! The Annual Holly Fair is Coming!!



Announcing one of the oldest church festivals celebrated in any church, including ours. This FUNd-raising holiday, usually celebrated in November, is the ALL-CHURCH HOLLY FAIR. Notice the word “ALL CHURCH”.

Although it is a LOT of work to plan for a holiday fair, there is also a LOT of fellowship and fun that goes into the preparation. Well, it’s a lot of fellowship and fun IF, AND ONLY IF, there are lots of willing hands to help along the way. It ISN’T fun when the burden falls on only a few people.

YOUR HELP IS IMPERATIVE! There are a few good people (and you know who they are) who are willing to work, but they need much more help and cooperation and commitment from all of us to make an ALL-CHURCH HOLLY FAIR possible.

Sooo... HOW will you help? What talents and time will you share? What can you make to sell?

Do you have an idea that we can gather and work together to make? In the past, we have used some hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer to join together in Gilpatric Hall to make items. We need your ideas—get out those OLD books for some new ideas! We need your time—to help create all kinds of neat salable items.

The Holly Fair is one of our more successful money-makers... and we need every extra dollar, especially this year. Put your thinking caps on and get your clever hands working. Start NOW so you have enough time to help prepare (the Holly Fair is only three months away!)

GOT A GREEN THUMB ?



When you repot over-grown house plants or get ready to “put your garden to bed” for the season, please consider starting some “baby plants” in small pots for possible sale at our November Holly Fair. A “green corner” at our popular fair has not been offered for awhile; it may be time to experiment, and see if something growing will be appreciated.

NAMES of plants would be helpful, as well as pretty pots, covers or other holiday décor. Any plant you “start” should be healthy and attractive by mid-November. If you have a talent in this area, let us (Ellen or Lynne) know. Thanks for thinking about it. Also, thanks, in advance, for your donation.

Attitude is everything.

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. “Well,” she said, “I think I’ll braid my hair today!” So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. “Hmmm,” she said, “I think I’ll part my hair down the middle today.” So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. “Well,” she said, “today I’m going to wear my hair in a pony tail.” So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn’t a single hair on her head. “YEA!” she exclaimed, “I don’t have to fix my hair today!”

REACH THE BEACH RELAY COMING SEPTEMBER 16/17, 2011 (7PM-2AM)



Our church will again sponsor a transition site for the Reach-the-Beach Relay which will take place on Friday night, September 16 and go into the early morning hours of Saturday, September 17. This is a really fun event for our church and is always well supported. It has become a major fund raiser for our church.

There is plenty to do. We will need several parking attendants and food workers through the evening as well as food donations and preparation. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in Gilpatric Hall where you can indicate what you would like to do or what food items you could prepare or donate. You may work any part of the evening you are able. All volunteers who will be actually working at the church that evening must register on-line with NH Reach-the-Beach Relay. You may do so by going to: nhrtbrelay.com and clicking on *volunteer*, or if you do not have internet access, give your name to Dave Sias and he will sign you up. Be sure to check the waiver box at the bottom of the sign-up form.

For those who cannot make it that evening, help will also be needed for food preparation the week before the event.

From The Mailbox



Dear Members of the CHCC:

Meeghan and I had a fantastic time at Big Feet Little Feet Camp at Geneva Point from Friday afternoon (7-8) through Monday morning (7-11). We played games, did a lot of swimming, rowed in a kayak, roasted marshmallows

to make smores at the nightly campfires, sang hymns and camp songs, had prayer circle, and ate lots of great food. We hope to be able to do it again next year.

Thank you all very much for supporting the Camp program at CHCC.

Yours in Christ,
Thom Winslow & Meeghan L.

The Creator Knows

In the early days of the automobile a man's Model-T Ford stalled in the middle of the



road. He couldn't get it started no matter how hard he cranked nor how much he tried to advance the spark or adjust things under the hood. Just then a chauffeured limousine pulled up behind him, and a wiry, energetic man stepped out from the back seat and offered his assistance. After tinkering with the engine for a few moments, the stranger said, "Now try it!". Immediately the engine leaped to life. The well-dressed individual then identified himself as Henry Ford. "I designed and built these cars," he said, "so I know what to do when something goes wrong."

God, as our creator know how to "fix" us when our lives are broken.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ABOUT THE SURVEY.

Your Pastoral Relations Committee has received 29 completed survey forms and will now go through the process of tabulating the results and making a report. The report will be published in the September newsletter and also be included in the Annual Report.

We would like to thank all who took the time to complete the form and we are sure the information gathered will help our church grow and reach its many mission goals.

While the formal survey time for this year has ended, please keep in mind that your Pastoral Relations Committee always welcomes your ideas, concerns and suggestions at any time.

Pastoral Relations Committee

Dave Sias, Chair

Ann Libby

Kent Warner



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE 2011 CRAFT FAIR/FLEA MARKET WORKERS

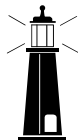
After a rainy night, a perfect morning greeted us on Saturday, July 9th as we set up the tables and signs for the annual craft fair/flea market at the Town fire station and grounds. This year the fair was coordinated by the Board of Trustees and so many thanks are due to the members of the board for putting in the time and effort

in making

preparations as well as to Rose Marie Phillips and Sally Humer who headed up the flea market table. Generous thanks also to our new secretary, Nancy Lemieux, for doing such a great job registering and checking on vendors, collecting payments, and sending out advertising. This was Nancy's first time through the process and she handled it like a seasoned pro.

Every year the crew who arrives on Saturday is impressive in size and willingness to work. Thirty people were present at some time during the day on Saturday or helping with moving equipment on Friday. This speaks so well for our church's willingness to support this event and make it a success each year. Those helping out included Kent and Mary Alice Warner, Jan and Dean Gulezian, Rose Marie and Bob Phillips, Kyle and Ann Libby, Joe and Diane Crawford, Honey Evans, Jeff Koniszewski, Dave and Lynne Sias, Norman Larson, Sally Humer, Pastor Carol Asher, John Merrill, Nancy Leighley, Steve, Ellen, Robin and Haley Weeks, Tyler and Travis Manville, Don and Jill Morton, Janet Evans and Jason Hicks. Many others worked off-site preparing the baked goods for sale at the bake table, always a popular place.

With such a nice day for a fair we drew good crowds and most vendors reported that they did well at the fair this year. Our own tables did well also: The bake/coffee table took in a profit of \$412, the flea market table \$356 and the strawberry festival/hot dogs table \$454. Our vendor income is anticipated to be about \$1,500. After expenses the fair should generate a profit of about \$2,364. This compared with a budget of \$1,800.



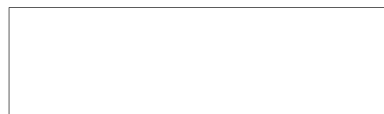
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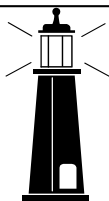
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August 2011



We are a church whose members love and value each other. Our faith community is a force for caring and sharing God's love in local and wider communities. As members, we learn, grow and serve together to do God's work with faith, compassion and respect.

All are Welcome on Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Outside Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship in Gilpatric Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—all welcome

The Baseball Player/Prayer

Almighty God, you who are called the "Mighty Umpire" in this game of life, we are not sure what uniforms we should wear. While we may be Angels in spirit, in reality we are Giants in pride, Dodgers of responsibility and Tigers in ambition.

When it comes to faith, we find ourselves in the minor leagues. When it comes to good works, we strike out. When it comes to knowledge of your Word, we are not even sure of the ground rules.

Therefore, we are thankful for your mercy when we find ourselves in foul territory; for your forgiveness when we commit one error after another; for your uplifting spirit when we find ourselves in the pitfalls of a slump. Dear God, may our game plan be your will, and our response a sellout crowd with standing room only. And, when our number is retired here on earth may we rejoice to hear you call out, "SAFE," in Jesus' name who gives final victory to all who believe. Amen!

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