

THE CENTER HARBOR LIGHT



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*Submissions & calendar events
due by the 15th each month.*

3...2...1... LAUNCH!!

On Sunday, September 11th, another year of church school classes and activities will begin anew. It will be so good to have the energy and excitement of the younger members of our church family with us again!



There are classes for all age groups from pre-school through youth. We are thankful that our church has a wonderful group of enthusiastic and dedicated adults who are willing to learn as they teach the classes for the different age groups.

LAUNCH SUNDAY will begin with our children and youth in worship, then they will leave for registration of students, meeting of teachers and students, and sharing of ideas... and the activities of the day will continue at the All-Church Picnic.

Many families have already been informed and invited to LAUNCH out. It would be helpful if families updated or filled out the registration forms before that Sunday morning. If you know of a family who might be interested in joining the fun and learning, PLEASE INVITE THEM or contact the church office.



Please join us for our
Annual All-Church Picnic

at the Perkins' Peninsula at Lake Waukegan
(directions available)

September 11th following the 10:00 service.

Come to Worship dressed for the picnic.

Bring food to share, chairs and anything else to make this a fun time together. There are swimming and boating opportunities... as well as games together.

(In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Gilpatric Hall.)

Out of My Mind... and Heart

Carol Asher, ... Pastor

I'm learning the unfortunate truth that there is little that will elicit more recounting of horror stories than to tell people that you are having surgery in the near future. As of this writing, there are just a little over three weeks before I get my new knees. I have to laugh at the people who feel it necessary to tell about their neighbor/uncle/ sister-in-law's second cousin (pick one) who had a knee replaced and oh, the problems that they had... they can hardly begin to tell me. Yet, they DO begin and then rattle on and on. (In all fairness, I have to tell you that I have heard many GOOD reports also.)

And then the looks of concern... and in a whisper they ask if I really do want to do BOTH knees at the same time, indicating that I must be a glutton for punishment. Someone even asked if the surgeon had "pushed" me into this decision! They sarcastically ask if my kitties have been trained enough to take care of me, since I live (relatively) alone.

So let me make this statement loudly and clearly: I am SOOO looking forward to new knees that won't hurt. My knees have been my "Achilles heel" for most of my life. I have had three years of relative comfort since having "the debris" removed. I am grateful for the wonders of cortisone and injections that temporarily replace cartilage. I have explored the options and I trust the orthopedic surgeon.

I have a lot going in my favor: I'm in good shape (for the shape I'm in); I have exercised regularly even though it has been very uncomfortable to do that. I'm still young enough to heal more quickly; I'm doing this before having to deal with all kinds of complications in OTHER parts of my body for having hobbled and limped for too long.

But I really believe that the strongest thing in my favor is my positive attitude... I EXPECT this whole operation to go smoothly. That doesn't mean that I think that I am going to slide through this process as if it were as easy as the scraped knees that I suffered as a kid. I expect that there will be days that I will hurt more than I do now... but it will be HEALING hurting instead of just plain HURTING hurting. I know there will be lots of physical therapy during the rehab process... but I WANT to get back on me feet and I am willing to do the necessary

hard work for that to happen. I will not always be smiling, but I WILL be positive!

I am claiming this scripture passage: *"Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb that is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather will be healed."* (Hebrews 12: 12-13)

I envision the hardest aspect of all this is my own stubbornness and my fierce sense of independence. I hope that that aforementioned stubbornness and FSOI will work in my favor. I don't like having to ask for help... but I appreciate the willingness of my big brother and family and my friends.

I hope to see you all on Launch Sunday (Sept 11th) and want to enjoy the All-Church Picnic later that same afternoon. On September 13th, I will be in Littleton Hospital for surgery. On September 14th, my new knees won't be ready to leap and dance, but my mind and heart will already be looking forward to the day when they will!

In the meantime:

Don't Ever (Laine Parsons)

Don't ever try to understand everything—
Some things will just never make sense.

Don't ever be reluctant to show your feelings—
When you're happy, give into it!
When you're not, live with it.

Don't ever be afraid to try to make things better—
You might be surprised at the results.

Don't ever take the weight of the world on your
shoulders.

Don't ever feel threatened by the future—
Take one day at a time.

Don't ever feel guilty about the past—
What's done is done.

Learn from mistakes you might have made.

Don't ever feel that you are alone...

There's always someone there to reach out to.

Don't ever forget that you can achieve so many of the
things you can imagine—
Imagine that!

It's not as hard as it seems.

Don't ever stop loving

Don't ever stop believing

Don't ever stop dreaming your dreams.

*Sharon
Pastor Carol*

From the Board of Deacons

You know that autumn is just around the corner when the daylight hours shorten, the leaves become tinged with new colors and the outdoor worship services at Center Harbor Congregational Church draw to a close. Our last outdoor service will be on September 4. The following Sunday will find our church family reunited for the 10:00 service in the sanctuary, church school resuming and the always anticipated picnic at the Perkins' Peninsula of Paradise.

August special musicians have included Libby Tuttle, Barb Edwards, Don Morton, Pastor Carol, Noah Smith and Bruce Rankin. It has been wonderful to have musicians this summer who span the ages of our congregation---from eleven to eighty plus years old! Thank you to all who have shared their special talents with us this summer.

Very busy family schedules unfortunately did not allow for the scheduled trip to Horton Center Saturday, August 20th and the trip had to be cancelled. Hopefully, we can try again next summer. If you have never been to this beautiful place, speak to any of our youth who have spent inspirational and fun days there, and you will want to check Horton Center out for yourself someday.

Mid-September and early October worship services will include church members sharing their faith journeys. In addition, former pastor, John Eaton, will lead us in worship on October 2. Pastor Carol will be recuperating from double knee surgery and hopes to be back for the October 16 service. You can't keep a good woman down!

Deacons are considering ways to bring our church family even closer. One idea discussed at our August meeting is for some church members to invite small groups of members to their homes for either a meal or simply an informal time to get together and learn more about each other or to share in a Biblical discussion. The weekly ice cream socials in the summer are an excellent example for fellowship outside of worship service. Thanks to Don Edwards for all of his sweet summer planning. If you have other ideas for fellowship or ideas for worship services, please share them!

Church T-shirts

The Deacons have begun the process of finalizing the design of a church T-shirt for members to wear as a proud advertisement of our community of faith. 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.

Feedback about having church T-shirts has been positive. NOW we really need people to confirm that they would like to be among the first to have this special shirt.

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.) If you haven't already done so, return the lower portion to the Church.



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!

In Africa, our church has two very personal connections, and we will focus our September Mission in these two areas of that large continent!

25:40 continues to be Pat Thomas' and her family's commitment to orphans of AIDS in South Africa using Matthew 25:40 quoting Jesus, "*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me*". The organization builds health clinics and schools for children and teens in several locations to help the young victims of the disease carry on with their lives.

Our sister church in Zimbabwe, Beacon Hill, Mt. Selinda, has sent us letters from members of the church in a correspondence which was helped last September when Bob Masters took letters from our members to them. Our most important support to the church is our concern for the members, and our answers to their letters. Many of us have special friends whom we now write to, and many others in their congregation have written to us looking for a new friend to answer.

We have received a number of letters to specific people—check to see if there is a letter addressed to you. To make it easier for us to respond, we are setting aside time after worship on two Sundays, September 18 and 25 in Gilpatric Hall. We will use that time to answer these letters right there, so that we can send them together and keep our connections alive. We need many people to write, so please plan to stay for a bit and be part of sending support and love to our friends there in their troubled country. You may want to send some family photos or photos of some special events in your lives (please print them on regular paper to reduce the weight of the package of letters).

An exciting international event for our church carrying on our interest in Diversity will be held on Saturday, September 10 in Laconia – Multicultural Market Day. There will be a colorful Parade of International Flags representing many who have come to make their homes here, and welcoming newcomers to the region, delicious food from Africa, Turkey, Greece and many other countries, and dancers and drummers to celebrate many different cultures here in our midst.

As a community of faith, let us reach out to all parts of the globe and extend God's love through us giving hope and support to our brothers and sisters locally and worldwide!

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



A Little Faith in a Great God

A woman was known for her simple faith and her joy and her composure in the face of great difficulties. A neighbor sought her out and asked: "Are you the woman with the great faith?"

"No," she replies, "I am the person with a little faith in a great God."

We may have faith in ourselves and fail, or faith in another and be disappointed. But when our faith is centered in God, we can be assured that everything will be all right. Our Great God will never let us down!

Center Harbor Congregational Church, UCC September 2011

Visit us online: www.chccucc.org You may request the newsletter by e-mail.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's mission: "Neighbors In Need" 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</p>						
<p>4 8:30 am LAST Outside Worship 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>5 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi</p>	<p>6 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>7 6:00pm Ice Cream at Town Docks</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm T'ai Chi</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00 Al-Anon</p>
<p>11 8:30 am BOCE 10:00 am Worship & Church School launch 11 am Short Fellowship All-Church Picnic at Perkins 5:30 OWL Parents Mtg 7:00 9/11 Service (Laconia)</p>	<p>12 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi</p>	<p>13 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen 7:30 pm Trustees</p>	<p>14 6:00pm Ice Cream at Dewey's</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm T'ai Chi</p>	<p>16 7:30 pm (through 2:30 am) Reach the Beach Rally</p>	<p>17 8:00 Al-Anon</p>
<p>18 10:00 am Worship & Church School 11:00 am Fellowship & Refreshments</p>	<p>19 5:30 & 8:30 am Boot Camp (M-F) 9:00 am T'ai Chi</p>	<p>20 5:30 pm Soup Kitchen 5:45 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Cabinet</p>		<p>22 6:00 pm T'ai Chi</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00 Al-Anon</p>
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A Seed Planted at CHCC is Recognized Community Caregivers to Be Honored

A couple of months ago, the NH Conference issued an invitation to all churches to submit a short “report” (with an interesting addenda) to illustrate the theme: “Imagine What’s Possible”.

CHCC submitted the idea of Community Caregivers, which began in this church when a small group of members recognized the need of some of the older “less mobile” members to get to medical and other necessary appointments. They imagined what could be possible if CHCC members could assist with the transportation and the assistance to get out when needed. Over the last 13 years, what began as a small way of addressing this important need has blossomed into a grand independent organization that provides transportation, respite and many types of assistance to hundreds of “neighbors” in Center Harbor, Meredith and Moultonboro.

In the past week, our church received this joyous news:

Greetings to you as we enjoy the last of our summer days!

I am writing regarding the Imagine what's Possible submission that you sent to the NH conference. Your submission has been chosen to be part of our presentation at the Annual Meeting in October.

We hope to have a time of video taping at the conference office in the near future and would like one of your members to share what this project meant to them. When those dates are decided I will contact you. Your submission was very complete and it's possible that we may be able to use some of what you sent. I will be in touch.

Thank you for your submission.

Nancy Talbott NHCUCC Annual Meeting Planning Committee

This is particularly exciting because it is “normal” that larger churches get noticed for the grand programs that are carried out. We can be proud of (and humbled by) the great service that Community Caregivers provides in our community. Three cheers for what God has done here in Center Harbor! And a round of applause to our community of faith that reaches out and cares for one another!

And this gives us even more incentive to continue to “imagine what is possible”!

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 on Friday night, September 16 and into the early morning hours of Saturday, the 17th. 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.



2011 ALL-CHURCH SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT

In May 2011 an All-Church Survey Form was made available to all members and friends of the Center Harbor Congregational Church. Approximately 100 forms were distributed and thirty-one forms were completed and returned. Therefore, this report reflects the opinion of approximately 30% of the members and friends who received a form.

Copies of a summary of the form, with the average scoring for each section, are available in the church office. While the survey rates Pastor Carol on many items, it also gives an insight into how our members see the congregation and themselves doing on many other items. Each board chair may find the results worth discussing at their meetings.

The ratings of each of the seven sections were: 1= Excellent, 2= Very Good, 3=Satisfactory, 4=Needs Improvement. Overall, 2/3 of the ratings fell between Excellent and Very Good and 1/3 of the ratings fell between Very Good and Satisfactory. What follows is a summary report indicating the questions in each section receiving higher ratings closer to Excellent, and lower rating closer to Very Good or Satisfactory. The only rating averages below Very Good were in the "You" column.

In the Professionalism and Conduct section, highest ratings were given for Pastor Carol's personal integrity and professional conduct and the churches' overall integrity and conduct. Also scoring high was the level of comfort in the church experienced by members and friends. The lowest average score in this section was in answer to the question: "Do you give enough time to your church?"

In the Interpersonal Skills section, ratings closest to Excellent were given for Pastor Carol's working with staff and committees and how she relates with children, youth and adults. Also high was how she listens to others. Individual members seemed to feel their listening skills, leadership skills and relating well with others fell at the Very Good level.

In the Sermons section, highest scores were for sermon delivery and biblical content base. Those responding felt the church did a moderately good job of encouraging discourse and feedback about sermons.

In the Administrative Activities and Accountability section, scores closest to Excellent were for Pastor Carol's sharing of leadership responsibilities and the church offering leadership opportunities. Scores closer to Very Good were given by individuals regarding their acceptance of leadership roles.

In the Worship Services section, highest scores were for Pastor Carol's delivering of the sacraments and prayer, teaching the Bible and promoting a welcoming environment. Ratings averaging between Very Good and Satisfactory were shown for individual members frequency of participation in the service as ushers, greeters, etc. Generally, participation in Bible study and other study groups was Satisfactory.

In the "Other" section, promoting a caring environment and visitation were thought to be Very Good to Excellent for both the Pastor and the congregation. Most individuals indicated they did not participate as confirmation mentors or visit people in need better than a Satisfactory level. Individuals also expressed that they ministered to others at a Satisfactory level, but that congregational and pastoral support in this area was closer to Very Good to Excellent.

The final section simply listed 11 ministry areas and asked for a rating for each. Highest ratings were for youth, children and missions, ratings closer to Very Good were for finances and visitation. Bible study was rated between Satisfactory and Very Good.

Thank you for your consideration as you answered this survey. Any comments or questions may be directed to Ann Libby, Dave Sias or Kent Warner (Pastoral Relations Committee).

Our Whole Lives (OWL) to be presented in Center Harbor

Do you worry about the future of your teens? Do you fret over the influence of pop culture, sexually explicit songs and TV shows and where our kids are getting their information about sexuality and healthy relationships? The OWL program was developed jointly by the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Church to address these concerns. It 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

Our church is pleased to present Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum during the academic year 2011-2012. The OWL curriculum is divided into different ages; the focus for this coming year will be 8th through 10th graders. There are some advantages to class chemistry to mix some kids who are not always together. This course is taught to a mixed gender class.

The two leaders, Dr. Carrie Crosby and Norman Larson, participated in the intense instructor training program held last February in Plymouth; they received their certification to teach the course. Both are parents and church members, known in our communities for many years. The leadership of our church is fully behind this educational endeavor. The only other church in the area that offers this program is Plymouth UCC, so it is exciting to be able to offer the program closer to our communities.

The program will begin with a required parents meeting on Sunday evening September 11 at 5:30 at the Church, 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.

Parents connected with our Church have already been contacted about this opportunity. We would like to augment our class with other teens (8th to 10th graders) from the community, to make a better class size and increase discussion. All interested parents and teens are invited to contact the church (253-7698 or chccucc@myfairpoint.net) for more detailed information or for contact information to discuss this program with the leaders. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Carol, Carrie Crosby or Norman Larson.

Bereavement Support Group September and October, 2011 Center Harbor, NH

Central NH VNA & Hospice would like to offer a 7-week Bereavement Support Group during September and October. This will be a series of 1½ hour meetings, held at CHCC starting in September at time convenient for interested participants. Shirley Marcroft, Hospice Bereavement Coordinator, will be the group facilitator.

The purpose of the Support Group is to give people the opportunity to learn about the grief process, discuss their own particular ways of coping with loss, and to gain the support of others in safe and caring ways. Although grief is a unique experience through which each person finds his or her own way, there are common threads we all share when facing this experience.

Pre-Registration is Required

For more information or to register for the group,

call Shirley Marcroft at 524-4339 x 390 or email: Smarcroft@cnhvna.org

Trustee's Report

We have installed a water filter so that there are no more small specs in the water. This cost about \$60 for the equipment and 2-1/2 hours for a plumber. Combined with the repair of the motor on the roof fan, this will increase our maintenance expenses for the year. The trustees and volunteers work helps keep these expenses down.

In recent weeks, we have gotten several calls from our alarm system company concerning the dedicated phone line being out. We will explore a radio direct to the fire department to avoid that problem.

The Pledge Campaign will get organized at our next meeting, and get underway in October. As you can see from the financial report we are running a deficit, even with the \$5,000 challenge which we met. The goal for next year will be slightly higher so all of us will have to pitch in to meet our goal.

Kent Warner for Trustees

Treasurer's Report

Year to Date Net Operating Loss as of July 31, 2011		
Income	Expenses	Net Loss
\$ 55,802	\$ 68,098	\$ (12,296)

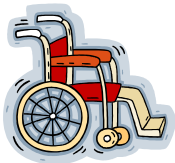
Year to date income is in line with the budgeted income and we've managed to control expenses. We currently have net operating loss of \$12,296 versus a budgeted loss of \$17,255. Let's hope things continue in this direction.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Hicks, Treasurer

Updated Church Directories

New directories are available (blue cover) with new and updated information. Please use these new directories for phoning, e-mail and notes.

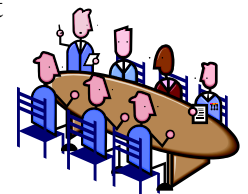
If there are any changes, PLEASE notify the Church Office, so periodic up-dates can be issued.



Borrowed Church Items

There is a "store" of wheelchairs, walkers, adaptive "things" for the home that are available for loan. Please call the Church Office to inquire about any of these items.

And PLEASE... for ANY items that are borrowed from the church (tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, tablecloths etc), it was be most helpful to sign these items out on the list on the bulletin board in the Secretary's office, so we can keep track of all these things.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



So all women will get this on the calendar... the Women's Fellowship will enjoy their fall luncheon at noon on Thursday, October 6th at Kevin's Cafe. Please call Jane King at **968-7495** or the church office at **253-7698** to confirm your reservation.

Birthdays



This information is not available online.

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



"The creator must have had a sense of humor when he made those odd-ball looking humans!"

Anniversaries



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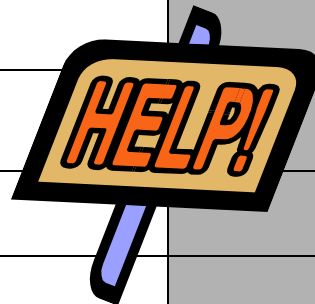
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We apologize if we missed anyone. Please let us know if you want to be added to the list(s).

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

SEPTEMBER Deacons Responsible: Honey Evans

	Ushers	Liturgist	Acolytes	Greeters	Fellowship Host
4		Honey Evans			Evans
11					
18					Edwards
25					





Interfaith Service of Remembrance

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11, we will pause to remember and to reflect. You are invited to a special service on Sunday, September 11th at 7:00PM at the Church of Good Shepherd in Laconia. This service is sponsored by the Greater Laconia Ministerial Association

What a Valuable Ministry!

There is a story about a teacher who wanted to show some of the different religions in the class, so she invited her young students to bring something representative of their faith for class "show and tell".

On the appointed morning, little Mary was the first to stand up and say, "I am Roman Catholic and I have brought my rosary."

Then Michael stood to say, "I am Jewish and here is a Star of David and the yarmulke that I wear during worship services."

Young Mustafa followed to say, "My family is Islamic... and this is a prayer rug that we use."

Last up was Susanna, who said, "I am Congregational... and this is a casserole dish!"

We laugh a little at this... but there is such truth in this way we care for each other that is really representative of our faith community. We experience this every time we gather for worship and then enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This part of our ministry together was very obvious during July as we served the families of three members who had gathered in our church to celebrate the lives of their loved ones. It is such a valuable ministry to provide "goodies" and a place for families and friends to visit and talk and relax a little before going out into the world.

Thank you to all who baked and served these families. It's "because you care!"

From the Church Mailbox:

Dear Pastor Carol and Members of the Center Harbor Congregational Church,

We thank you, Carol, for your wonderful leadership for our Mom's (Amy Brown) funeral service. Allowing us to share our memories and the playing of the Scottish Cat and Mouse's "The Night Before Christmas" was very meaningful. Mom would have loved it! She was so proud of being the longest living member of the church and remained interested in all of the happenings. To all the members, thank you for your kindness.

Most sincerely, Brownie Schoenbauer and Sherri Thomas and families.

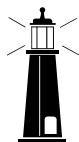
To the members of the Center Harbor Congregational Church,

Thank you for the loving service for my mother (Barbara Riordan). You all welcomed her so lovingly when she moved to this area and she felt so at home among you.

Thank you for taking the time to visit her so many times and for welcoming her family as we celebrated her life. Our family will be forever grateful to your congregation. Sincerely, Barbara Brzezowski

Dear Carol and all Church Members,

Thank you so much for such a beautiful service in memory of our Dad, Bill King. You helped make it so personal! We are so grateful for the welcome we received from the members who helped coordinate the time of fellowship after the service. You were all so gracious! May God bless you always, Carol Luther



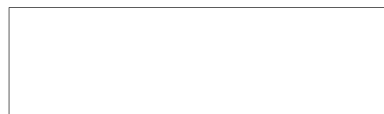
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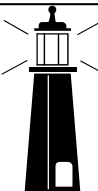


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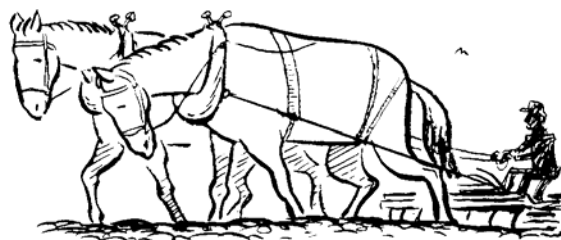
<p>THE CENTER HARBOR LIGHT September 2011</p> 	<p>We are a church whose members love and value each other. Our faith community is a force for caring and sharing God's love in local and wider communities. As members, we learn, grow and serve together to do God's work with faith, compassion and respect.</p>
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All are Welcome on Sundays
 10:00 a.m. Worship and Church School
 —all children welcome
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship in Gilpatric Hall

Pulling Together in the Church

One draft horse working alone is a powerful animal that can pull a plow easily. But two draft horses properly harnessed and working together can triple and even quadruple the amount of work that one alone can do.

This is the perfect picture of how a Church can work. On our own, we can accomplish a great deal for God's kingdom. But how much God multiplies our efforts when we work together toward a common goal and draw on the motivation and power of the Holy Spirit!



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