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GOSPEL SEEDS

All the spiritual disciplines of your life prayer, study, meditation or ritual, religious vows are there so you can break through to the eternal. Father Richard Rohr, Franciscan Priest and Author

In the vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, early Christians use the word *koinonia* for 'fellowship' or 'community'. The word is even richer, more dynamic than modern English suggests. Koinonia suggests a lively, engaged kind of community: something more like 'communion', or even 'courage in common'. Isn't that a wonderful idea: that our togetherness manifests, matures as 'courage in common'? In a world of wars and rumors of war, in a world of such distrust, we need a whole more of that! With 'courage in common,' we sing brave hymns to the God of justice and peace. With 'courage in common,' we step off the map to risk new initiatives in compassion and kindness. With 'courage in common,' we love God in all things and 'break through to the eternal.'

I invite you to consider joining our Lenten Small Group Initiative this winter and spring. We're calling the initiative "KOINONIA: COMMUNITIES OF PRAC-TICE"—and the idea is just that. We intend to form three, four, five small groups, each of which will meet 5 or 6 times during Lent for conversation, discernment, prayer and communion. Along the way, we explore core spiritual practices and invite one another to see God in new ways and ever-present ways in our own lives and communities. How do we respond to God's fresh invitation to new life and disruptive grace? How might we support one another in our daily choices for compassion, loving kindness and prophetic witness?

We're interested in forming groups that meet at varied hours—a couple of weekend groups, maybe a midday weekday group, a weeknight—so that all who wish to participate can indeed do so. Watch for sign up opportunities in the weekly email and Sunday bulletins.

On **Saturday, February 1**, I'll facilitate a miniretreat from 9 am to 1 pm, introducing the idea for the *KOINONIA* initiative and exploring a few of the practices and themes will explore during Lent. It's not mandatory that you attend the retreat, in order to participate in *KOINONIA* this Lent; but it will surely give you a taste for the process, and for the deep currents of Christian spirit that will guide and move us between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday! Lunch will be provided for you—so plan to join us, at the church, on Saturday, February 1. In a world of anxiety and isolation, our tradition offers us time-tested and spirit-expanding practices.

When we commit to this life together, in faithful

community and friendship, we find that we are not at all alone; and we need not be quite so afraid. The Living God—revealed so vibrantly by the humble Christ—walks with us and awakens us to the deep, deep, deep joy at the origin of every breath, every conversation and every prayer. Let's claim that joy and live it boldly—for ourselves and for our world.

Yours on the Way, Dave Grishaw-Jones

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- ♥JAN 12: SECOND HOUR SERIES 11:30 CHAPEL: **GREETING TEAM MEETING** 11:30 PARLOR
- ₱JAN 13: NOMINATING COMM. LIBRARY 6PM; GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP PARLOR 6:30PM; SISE LIBARAY 7PM
- ₱JAN 14: GREEN TEAM LIBARAY 7PM
- ₱JAN 16: MEN'S GROUP LIBRARY 8AM
- **♥**JAN 17: NEWCOMERS F. HALL 9AM
- ₱ Jan 19: MEDITATION PARLOR 11:30AM; SEC-OND HOUR SERIES CHAPLE 11:30AM
- ₱ Jan 20: Nominating COMM. LIBRARY 6PM
- ♥ JAN 21: GRIEF SUPPORT PARLOR 6:30PM; COUNCIL MEETING LIBRARY 7PM
- ₱ Jan 26: ANNUAL MEETING SANCTUARY 11AM
- ₱JAN 27: SEARCH & CALL PARLOR 5PM
- ✤ JAN 30: DOVER FRIENDLY KITCHEN 3PM
- **♦** Feb 1: Retreat 9am
- ₱ Feb 2: GALLERY READING MEZZANINE 2PM; MEDITA-TION VESPERS PARLOR 5рм
- ₱FEB 4: MGI LIBRARY 4:30pm; Spiritual Nur-TURE LIBRARY 4:30PM
- FEB 6: MEN'S GROUP LI-BRARY 8AM; JUSTICE & WITNESS OFFICE 6PM; EFF LIBRARY 7PM
- FEB 9: SERVICE OF IN-STALLATION SANCTUARY 2рм
- ₱FEB 10:GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP PARLOR 6:30PM

FAMILIES FIRST PORTSMOUTH

"Parenting Journey"

Designed for parents who want to learn class. Led by Patrice Baker and Jo Ann more about themselves, their relationships, and the resources they need to effectively parent their children. In a warm and nurturing environment, parents are supported and encouraged to care for themselves and each other while participating in a series of experiential exercises and guided discussions. Parents, grandparents and caregivers of children of all ages are welcome. This class will help you identify what you're repeating from your childhood and what you want to change in your own parenting journey. This is a 12-

week program. Dinner is served in Clement, Certified Councilors.

With the approval of Justice & Witness ; Members of the Church volunteer to donate and deliver a full meal each month in support of Parenting Journey.

Up coming Dinners will be **January** 9th, February 13th, and March **12th**. Recipe and sign up sheet are in Fellowship Hall. Please deliver your donation to CCD by 3PM.

THE GIVING TRFF

The Giving Tree – A Reflection of the Christmas Spirit

Once again, we hung colorful stars on "The Giving Tree" and you responded by filling those gift requests.. The pile of presents on the floor of the church office was impressive! They filled 12 Christmas and a helping large bags to overflowing with clothing, sheets, towels, blankets, kitchen items, toys, games and diapers. Then there were the gift cards for

items and more whch totaled \$2900.

Your generosity means that struggling families and individuals being served by Haven, My Friend's Place, Crossroads House and Pastor Dave's Discretionary Fund had a gift under the tree this hand into the new year. In addition there were sleeping bags, gloves, warm socks, underwear and gift cards that will be distributed in the new year by youth group

members during their mission trip to City Reach Boston.These organizations were touched and so grateful for the out-pouring from Community Church and asked that we thank you for your generosity, caring, and willingness to shine a light into the dark places in our community

The Giving Tree Team: Donna Simpson, Carla Wilson and Brenda Sargent

groceries, gas, pharmacy

After School Choir for Children & Youth will be rehearsing on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. Taking the bus from the elementary schools is an option. Middle Schoolers often walk. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org or Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net. Rejoice Choir: Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join from 4:00-4:30. Alleluia Choir: Children in grades 3-8 are welcome from 4:40-5:00.

DONATIONS OF WARM SOCKS AND GLOVES

Dry socks and warm gloves are always needed in a NH winter!!!

Please join your Justice and Witness Board as we gather donations of these most needed cold weather clothing items to be given out at the **January 30th** Dover Friendly Kitchen.

We are asking for both male and female socks and

gloves. There will be a box outside the Church Office during the entire month of January.

Won't you help warm our neighbors?

Any questions? See Bryn Burns or email at brynb07@comcast.net or phone 743.1813.

Join the Justice and Witness Board as we again host our friends and neighbors at **The Dover Friendly Kitchen on Thursday, January 30th** at St Thomas Episcopal Church (across from Dover Library) at 5pm. Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for a meal of macaroni and cheese, green salad, rolls, and desserts! Food and volunteers most welcome!

OYSTER RIVER FOLK SERIES

1 February – The Jordan TW Trio Bringing fresh energy to traditional Celtic music, this award -winning trio delivers a dynamic show full of lively fiddle tunes, haunting airs and classic singalongs. Learn more and check out the flyer for their concert <u>HERE</u> or

visit: http://uudurham.com/wp/wp-content/ uploads/2019/12/The-Jordan-Trio.pdf **7 March** – Green Heron Old-time, folk, bluegrass, country, and blues featuring Betsy Heron (formerly Green) on fiddle, banjo and vocals, and Scott Heron on guitar, banjo and vocals, the duo has been together since 2016.



Tickets \$15/\$5 Students Doors open at 6:30 pm

Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 20 Madbury Rd., Durham

MEDITATION WITH DONNA MELILLO, PHD.

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00-8:30 am

Meditation is one way to give yourself the gift of quiet mind, relaxed body and peaceful spirit. You will receive instruction and practice in various meditation techniques, breathing exercise, stress management, visualization and self-hypnosis.

The group is appropriate for anyone whose intention is to reduce stress, increase awareness, live with physical or emotional pain, and make peace with themselves. The group is designed both for those who have never meditated before and for those wo want to deepen their meditation practice by benefitting from group energy.

Community Church of Durham

17 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

Fee: \$5 per week

Beginner Rate: \$25.00 for 6 weeks

For additional information and to register, please call Donna Melillo, 603-868-1241

ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 26

One of the defining characteristics of governance in the United Church of Christ is that power rests with the local congregation and its members. Consequently, each congregation's Annual Meeting is important. At Community Church, our 2020 Annual Meeting, to be held after church on Sunday, January 26, will include the election of officers and the adoption of a budget for the coming year. Church members, please exercise your right to vote on matters that will shape the church's programs in the coming year! Friends of the congregation are welcome to come and learn about how our congregation organizes to carry out its mission.

ART GALLERY

That Which Nourishes Us: Poetry and Prose Reading, Sunday, February 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

This is a chance to celebrate what nourishes us in words and thought, to complement a show rich in images of everything from food, to friendship, to animals and pets, to music and meditation, to teachers, family and landscape. But what nourishes us in words may well take us on a parallel path, from prayers of gratitude, to personal celebration, to compelling descriptions of the



natural world, to a figure, a personality, or character who comes to life and makes us smile. Poetry, prose, and songs are all welcome.

The reading will be held in the gallery at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 2nd. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Drogseth: drogseth@dennisnils.com.

New Gallery Show: Through a Child's Eyes: Saturday, February 22nd

This new gallery show will invite both our regular contributors, as well as the work of children, for images of discovery and surprise, in seeing freshly what's around us. We welcome children's art, both old and new, as well as the keen eye creators of any age capturing images of new awareness. The show will go up on Saturday morning, February 22nd but we request that you leave your artwork with Heather in the church office by or before Thursday, February 20th. Also, please send your label information to Carolyn Puffer, at carolynpuffer@comcast.net. Labels should include your name, the artwork title, the medium, and any additional optional comments you'd like to share. For other questions, please contact Dennis Drogseth: drogseth@dennisnils.com

SECOND HOUR SERIES: JANUARY 19TH

Seeking Shelter: A Story of Place, Faith, and Resistance

"Whither America?" is the question many Americans—assaulted by the turmoil, antagonism, and toxic rhetoric they encounter— are asking. Where are we headed? Will we ever be able to believe in our country and each other again? What has caused these divisions, this anger? How should we respond?

These concerns define Seeking Shelter: A Story of Place, Faith, and Resistance, a traveling exhibition and 30-minute documentary film about the lives, friendships, and faith-based activism of Daniel Berrigan, William Stringfellow, and Anthony Towne in the turbulent 1960s and the decades that followed. They wrestled with these questions in their writings, in their organizing, and in their acts of resistance. Much of the story takes place on Block Island, where they sought refuge, studied and wrote, and found community and renewal.

Showing on **January 19th at 11:30 in Chapel**. This is an unusually beautiful film, only 1/2 hour yet it offers hope in this time of confusion and disruption. - Justice and Wit



Justice and Witness Ministry

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study ses- are stand-alone, so don't worry about sion will be held at 10AM, Wednes- continuity if you have missed sesday, February 12, 2020 in the Par- sions. You can read chapters in the lor. We're doubling up so that we can book available in the Church Library if finish the book this year, so we'll be you don't have your own copy. discussing Chapters 9 -The Syrophoenician Woman and 10 - Mar- A brown bag lunch is held on the tha and Mary. As for the past couple Mezzanine immediately following the of months, individual women will por- meeting. Beverages and dessert will tray each of these women to help us be provided. We welcome all to share explore their stories. These chapters fellowship and break bread with us.

BARBARA J. ESSEX

More Bad Girls of the Bible

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Informal Grief Support Group for Adults Who Have Lost Spouses/Partners or Siblings—

meets monthly, September-May, on the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30-8pm, in the parlor. This will be an informal gathering, to share joys and concerns, tools for coping, and each other's company. There is no cost and no need to sign up. Just drop in when you like. For information, please

email Steve Hardy at: stephen.hardy@unh.edu

Informal Grief Support Group for Parents Who Have Lost Children—

meets monthly September-May, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8pm, in the parlor. This is an informal gathering, to share joys and concerns, tools for coping, and each other's company. There is no cost and no need to sign up. Just drop in when you like. For information, please email Steve Hardy at: stephen.hardy@unh.edu

DRUM CIRCLES AT WAYSMEET



Our Dinner/Drum Circles happen the first Fridays of each month during the UNH school year, 5-7pm. Come join us February 7th for a delicious, homemade supper and drum circle experience! Come and listen, come and play! West African-style drums and music

makers are provided. Food and volunteers are always welcome the day of from 3:00pm on to help with preparation, cooking and set up, and we always appreciate those willing to help clean-up after the event too! Or simply come to enjoy and share in the fun!

IMMIGRATION "DETENTION 101" PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Did you know that about 100 people are currently being detained at the Strafford County Jail right here in the Seacoast for issues related to their immigration status? Why are people being detained here and across the country? Where are they from? How long are they being detained? What is it like to be in detention What can we do to help?

Please join us on Sunday, January 12th at 11:30 in the Chapel when the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition will share information and answer questions.

Peggy Kieschnick, Cheryl and Dale Hempen, Coordinators of Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition for CCD

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We are delighted to announce that registration is now open for Prepared to Serve 2020. This training event for all of God's people (local church members, lay leaders, visitors, and clergy) will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at Pembroke Academy, 209 Academy Road, Pembroke, NH.

We are planning a full schedule for the day with time for worship, attending workshops, viewing exhibits, and enjoying food and fellowship with folks from all over New Hampshire. There will be over 50 different workshops on topics including Stewardship, Church Finances, Music, Outreach, Christian Education, Social Justice, Worship Resources and Personal Enrichment. We are hopeful that this day will be meaningful and productive for all who attend.

ECHO THRIFT SHOP HAS BANNER YEAR!

2019 was another successful year for Echo. As a matter of fact, our annual income broke \$70,000 for the first time! We ended the year with \$70,648, an increase of more than \$1100 over 2018! We shared half of that with our partner, Friends in Action. And almost \$4000 was shared with the following: Church World Service for both disaster relief and help with our church's Health Kits, CrossRoads House, Cornucopia, Hope on Haven Hill, Hyder House, Southeast NH Services, NAMI, Seacoast Sanctuary Coalition, and a donation to help our church youth and their chaperones on their service trips. Of course,

Echo has always been about much more than money. We continue to donate clothes when we serve dinner at the Dover Friendly Kitchen. We also do-

nate to needy foreign students needing their first winter clothing, fire victims, or anyone we hear is in need of a kindness. We continue to build community and appreciative customers. More than half of our volunteers are not members of our church.



If you find time and have a need to do something in 2020 that makes you feel really good, please be in touch with a member of the Steering Committee. We always need more caring hands!

Sooty Tanguay (Treasurer), Heidi Chase, Mary Jane Tyler, Kristine Bergquist, Leslie Martin, Car-

For Immediate Release: Active Retirement Association Hosts Musician "Ramblin' Richard"

Troubadour "Ramblin' Richard" Kruppa headlines an upcoming Active Retirement Association meeting performing Songs and Stories of World War II in a musical tribute to the 75th-year anniversary of the end of the war. This event is free and open to the public.

Listen and, if you dare, sing along to popular war-time tunes. Immerse yourself in bits of history as Kruppa recounts little-known stories behind the music. There will be time to socialize and, if you wish, learn more about the Active Retirement Association, an organization for people over 50, retired or not. The event kicks off at 1:30 p.m. February 10 at the Durham Evangelical Church (lower level), 114 Dover Road, Durham, NH. Refreshments will be served.



Enjoy songs like "Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover," "Sentimental Journey," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo" while Kruppa accompanies himself on guitar, 5string banjo and baritone ukulele. He'll answer questions like, "What popular song was written in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor?" or, "What song was forbidden to be played on the radio during working hours?"

Kruppa, a seasoned Seacoast musician from Exeter, is a student of folk and gospel. Besides sporting extensive music credentials, he is a member of the New England Foundation for the Arts and a professor emeritus from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

The Active Retirement Association, originally sparked by and affiliated with the University of New Hampshire, lists about 380 members from Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Based in Durham, the ARA is committed to "Expanding Your World" by offering lectures, workshops, discussion groups, films, cultural tours, walks/hikes, special-interest groups, and much more. For more information, visit www.unh.edu/ara or email info@ara-nh.org.

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KOINONIA: A SMALL GROUP INITIATIVE

We're inviting Community Church members and friends to participate in a 'small group initiative' this coming Lent (beginning March 1) and continuing in the 6 weeks through Easter. The idea is to convene groups of 8-10, once a week for six weeks, to build community around questions of faith and conversation around spiritual practice and evolution. Does prayer make sense to you? Can we support one another around discernment: big changes in our lives, new directions, pursuing our passions and reams? We'll kick this off with a retreat ("Koinonia: Community and Communion") on **Saturday**, **February 1, from 9 am to 1 pm**, right here at Community Church. Plan to join us!

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND CELEBRATION

Make plans now to join us for a Service of Installation on **Sunday, February 9, at 3 pm** at Community Church. With sisters and brothers from the Carroll Strafford Association of the UCC, we'll gather to celebrate the installation of the Rev. Dave Grishaw-Jones as Pastor at the Community Church of Durham! Plan on a festive time of worship, celebration and community!

The Men's Fellowship Group

typically meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8:00am in the Church Library.

All men of the community are welcome to come and discuss spiritual and other topics of interest.

Next meetings are 1/16, 2/6, and 2/20.

Helping with Coffee Hour

Just as it takes a Village to raise a child, so too it takes an entire Congregation to share in the joy of providing delicious and welcoming Coffee Hours each Sunday. But to many, hosting an entire Coffee Hour is daunting. So, we are offering two simple ways to help:

1) Be a Coffee Hour Mentor – show Coffee Hour hosts how it's done!

2) Be a Coffee Hour Food Donor – bring a plate of food (of your choosing) to Coffee Hour when asked (if you are able and willing to do so). Please click on the following link to signup for one or both of the above options: <u>Easy Ways to Help with Coffee Hour</u>

Note: If you don't want to sign up online with the above link, please email Ruth Davis at <u>ruth.davisnh@gmail.com</u> and she will sign you up. **THANK YOU!**

"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Community Church of Durham

Mindful Mondays at Noon

This class includes 60 minutes of sitting meditation practice and 30 minutes of discussion.

Mondays 12:00-1:30 P.M., Durham Community Church Parlor. Suggested fee \$20 or whatever -- Just come! All welcome.

LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020

January 5: Another Road

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 12: Possibilities Unfolding Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

January 19: All That We Are

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

January 26: Called Together

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

February 2: The Vision Beautiful

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

February 9: Restoring Beauty

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20

February 16: From the Heart

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

February 23: Dazzling Reign

Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Join The **Sunday Morning Bible Discussion Group at 9:00 am** in the church parlor. The discussions are based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings, which are used by several denominations. These passages are usually used in the worship service which follows, and are often the basis of the sermons. There are no Bible scholars in the group, but all benefit from the perspectives brought to the discussion. Experience the surprise in finding the ways in which these passages bring helpful perspectives to our lives today – our personal lives, as well as our families, communities and beyond.

Knitting Every Tuesday Afternoon 1:00-2:30 in the Parlor

If you enjoy knitting, the cold winter is a good time of year to make a baby blanket for My Friend's Place or Goodwin Community Health for Blanket Sunday in May. Any pattern can be used. Here's an easy one:

Cast on two stitches.

Row 1: knit first stitch, increase in second stitch.

Row 2: K1, Inc. 1, K1.

Row 3: K1, Inc. 1, K1, K1.

Continue always knitting the first stitch and increasing the second, then knitting to the end of the row. When the <u>finished outside edge</u> measures 32 inches (this will be half the blanket), start to decrease: K1, K2 together, continue knitting to the end of row; continue decreasing in this manner until you are down to the end. Please use acrylic yarn in pretty colors, with a size 10 straight needle or any size circular needle.

January 2020

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LECTIONARY BIBLE READ-

From the Library We have no new book titles to report at this time, but we have information to share with you from our January Library Committee meeting attended also by Kristin, our Education Director.

Our church is excited to again be library has a copy a collaborative partner in the Oyster River Community Reads program, taking place from the end of January through May. UNH American History Professor, Lige Gould, who is also our Church Historian, will be leading several of the discussions on our nation's founding documents, including the Articles of Federation, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Documentary films will be shown here at the church. Kristin will provide notices of the dates of these

activities.

Make sure you read the powerful, personal reflection written by our own Rev. Mary James and published in the January 1, 2020 edition of the Christian Century! You will find it in "Essays by readers". Our of that January Christian Century, or you can access it online.

Our Little Free Library is currently inaccessible due to the frozen snow piled around it. Please continue to set aside books you might add to it as soon as it is "free"!

We continue to welcome donations of books to our library, relevant to our church themes. As always, thank you for your support!

> The Library Committee

Barbara Baldwin, Trish Belcher and Hannah Earle

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ADULT ARTS TRIP WITH DURHAM PARKS&REC AND **DURHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH** Durham $P \mid E \mid M^{\text{Peabody}}_{\text{Essex}}$ DP **N**K \$10 transportation fee. Participants purchase admission ticket at the museum. January 15, 2020 Depart from the Durham Community Church at 8:45am and return back to Durham by 4pm. With Lunch at the Atruim Cafe onsite at the museum. Some of the exciting Exhibitions include: Where the Questions Live: an Exploration of Humans

- in Nature multi sensory installation. Kimsooja:Archive of the Mind - participatory installation that with visitor collaboration builds over the course of the exhibition.
- Maritime Art Gallery this installation offers a global perspective on our creative response to the sea.
- Fashion and Design Gallery this exhibit helps us better understand what underlies our motivations and capacity for designing ourselves and the world around us. visit https://www.pem.org to see a full list of exhibitions

Pre-registration required at: durahmrec.recdesk.com (603) 254-6178 recreation@ci.durham.nh.us

Church Directory: There are a limited number of paper copies of the new church directory available in the office. More can be ordered if needed. In order to keep costs down, please consider having a PDF file of the directory emailed to you. There has been a new page added to include information about the wonderful work done by the volunteers at ECHO Thrift Shop and its importance to this church and the greater community. If you have already received the directory, this additional page will be available in the office. All other copies have been updated. Contact Heather at 868-1230 or office@ccdurham.org.