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## GOSPEL SEEDS

*"Not only do the oppressed lose nothing when people of conscience boycott institutions that are persistently complicit in the system of oppression; in fact, they gain enormously from the ultimate weakening of this complicity that an effective and sustained boycott leads to."*

Omar Barghouti, *The Global Struggle for Palestinian Rights*

In 2016 I was first introduced to the work and witness of Omar Barghouti, a powerful and polarizing figure in the global movement for justice in Palestine. Omar's commitment to a well-coordinated boycott movement—targeting companies profiting from Israel's occupation of the West Bank and its war on Gaza—has galvanized activists around the world. In 2015, our own United Church of Christ joined the movement, committing to divestment from four companies (including HP and Motorola) most brazenly complicit in the occupation itself.

Three years later, the New England Network for Justice in Palestine (NENJP) is inviting UCC allies and others to a protest at Elbit Systems of America, in Merrimack, on Friday, December 6. This N.H.-based company is a U.S. subsidiary of Elbit International, located in Haifa, Israel, and Israeli's largest weapons manufacturer and security provider. The message of such a protest is simple: Companies making huge profits on the misery of oppressed minorities are unethical, immoral and not worthy of our investment or business.

It turns out that Elbit is involved not only in border control and repression in Palestine but in surveillance and militarization along the Rio Grande River on our own continent. These technologies effective "seal" migrant crossing routes—through a grim policy called "Prevention Through Deterrence"—forcing migrants into the deadly desert as their only path to safety. You might remember the terrible story (and photograph) of Oscar Alberto Martinez and his 23-month-old daughter (Angie Valeria) who lost their lives in the Rio Grande while on that dangerous journey from El Salvador to the U.S.

Similarly, at Israeli checkpoints, Elbit's technologies serve to intimidate Palestinian fathers seeking medical care for their children, women experiencing labor, and elders simply looking for a good job. Such is the intimidation that stokes the fire of conflict, sows seeds of anger and resentment, and stands in the way of meaningful justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

I cherish the commitments of our United Church of Christ: to speak out on injustice; but, more urgently, to act up and insist on new patterns of moral conviction and peacemaking. In this particular case, our action makes a critical connection between the oppression of Palestinians in the Holy Land and the vicious targeting of migrants on our own continent. It's all of a piece. And we call on international companies like Elbit to cease in their profiting off the misery and violence at our borders.

I'm eager to represent these values—and my own radical discipleship—at the protest on December 6 in Merrimack. I do so as a Christian, and as a disciple dedicated to nonviolence and lovingkindness in all things. If you'd like to join me that morning, we'll leave the Community Church parking lot at 10 am, returning to Durham by 3 or so. Just drop me an email (or give me a call) to let me know you'd like to stand with me.

To read up on the UCC's prophetic stance, follow this link: <https://www.wrmea.org/015-september/>

As always, I give thanks for your faith, and for your courage!

Yours in Christ,

Dave Grishaw-Jones  
DavidGJ@CCDurham.org

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## FAMILIES FIRST PORTSMOUTH

### "Parenting Journey"

Designed for parents who want to learn 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. Din-

ner is served in class. Led by Patrice Baker and Jo Ann 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 Dinner of "Mac & Cheese" will be **November 12th**. Recipe and sign up sheet are in Fellowship Hall. Please deliver your donation to CCD by 3PM

For additional information please contact CCD Coordinator Fran Houlihan.

## THE GIVING TREE

Imagine Christmas without gifts or enough food to provide a holiday dinner. This is a reality for many in our community,. For families who find life a struggle it is difficult to afford even the basic necessities, things most of us take for granted. The need for help is great.

The Community Church of Durham has the cherished Advent tradition of The Giving Tree. The Giving Tree provides us with an opportunity to help in a tangible way by purchasing a gift that will be given directly to an individual or a family. Gift requests range from basics such as a pair of socks or gloves, to household items like sheets and towels or a gift certificate to a grocery

store, gas station or pharmacy.

Gift requests come from four local organizations our church supports: **Haven**, providing support and services to those struggling with domestic and/or sexual violence. **Cross Roads House**, providing shelter to the homeless, **My Friends Place**, providing shelter and transitional housing to families, and **City Reach Boston** an urban outreach program and street ministry to the homeless.

In addition, there are stars to support the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. This fund allows Pastor Dave the opportunity to help community and church members who are in need.

Located at the front of the church, The Giving Tree will brighten the Sanctuary with its lights and colorful stars. Each star is color coded by organization and has a gift request on it. You are invited to take a star (or stars) and purchase the requested item(s). Please return the unwrapped gift to the church office, with the star attached, no later than Tuesday, **December 17th**. For gift cards, it is important to note the dollar amount on the card.

Thank you for your generosity, caring and willingness to shine a light into the dark places in our community.

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

## CORNUCOPIA FOOD BASKETS, FALL 2019

Help us help people: donate food items to Cornucopia to brighten someone's Thanksgiving and Winter Holidays

Food insecurity and hunger are challenging issues, including in our own community. Many people in our communities need a helping hand. You can help by donating food items for baskets, money, or your time to show the community that you are there for them. Complete baskets are great, or have your office or group pick selected core food items to donate, or raise funds to help us purchase food that we need. We really need donations of multiple food items!!!

The Cornucopia Food Pantry is committed to providing food to whomever needs it, and to do so with compassion, kindness, respect, dignity and love. We believe in a world of abundance, and where neighbor helping neighbor is the rule, not the exception.

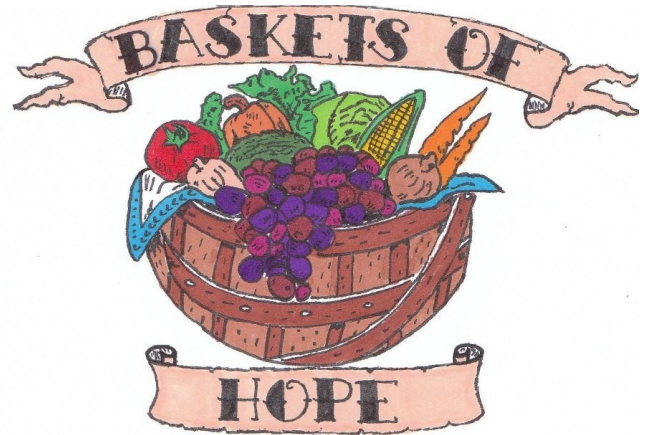
The Cornucopia Food Pantry @ the Waysmeet Center, 15 Mill Road, Durham, NH 03824  
[waysmeet@comcast.net](mailto:waysmeet@comcast.net)

**Suggested Food List:** Gift certificate to Market Basket or Hannafords (suggested amount: \$20.00), Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes(5 lb. bag), Carrots (3 lb. bag), Onions (5 lb. bag), Fresh fruit, Fresh

If you choose to deliver fresh items, please do so on **Monday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving season. All other donations are recommended to be brought by Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please deliver to the Cornucopia Food Pantry, located at the Waysmeet Center, 15 Mill Road, across from the Campus Crossings parking lot. We can also make arrangements to pick up your donations. Contact our Food Basket team at [waysmeetfoodbaskets@gmail.com](mailto:waysmeetfoodbaskets@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

~the Cornucopia Food Pantry~



vegetables, Eggs, milk, cheeses, Herbs & spices, Flour, sugar, other baking items, Pancake mix & syrup, Muffin and/or corn bread mixes, Cookie, brownie or cake mixes, Basmati or other rice, Hot or cold cereal, Pasta & sauce mixes; macaroni and cheese, Stuffing (2 boxes), Cranberry Sauce, Soups, Coffee/tea, Bread, and Pies

**Other Suggested Items:** Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, tissue, etc. Household products such as soap, detergents, paper goods, etc. A favorite family recipe & ingredients, Roasting pan, and anything hand-made or homemade for a personal touch.

### Community Potluck & Indigenous Music

Friday, November 15 at 6pm Community Church of Durham 17 Main St. Music presentation and demonstration by Paul and Denise Pouliot of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People. Bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors.

## LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

### November 3: Transforming Love

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 & Psalm 119:137-144  
 Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalms 32:1-7  
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
 Luke 19:1-10

### November 10: Hold on to Faith

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21  
 Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9  
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
 Luke 20:27-38

### November 17: Infinite Possibilities

Isaiah 65:17-25 and Isaiah 12  
 Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98  
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
 Luke 21:5-19

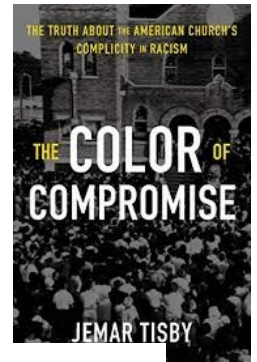
### November 24: Together in Christ

Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79  
 Psalm 46  
 Colossians 1:11-20  
 Luke 23:33-43

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.

## TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

This semester the Tuesday Morning Study Group (TMSG) will discuss the book *The Color of Compromise: the Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*, by Jemar Tisby. The reading is easy but the ideas challenge our assumptions and what we have been taught in the past. All are invited to contribute your point of view. We will meet on Tuesdays in the church parlor, 10 - 11:30 AM, October 15 - November 19. Books can be ordered by the church office. If you have questions, please call Marion Ellis, 659-1123.



## THIS BUILDING IS SHOWING ITS AGE!

Those were the words of a recent contractor who was working on a plumbing crisis here at the church. The words gave me pause. As many of you know, I wear two hats here at the church. For the last five years I have been the business administrator, but for 45 years I have also been a member. As a member, one of the things that has always impressed me was that this is truly The Community Church. Its history is intertwined with the town and its iconic steeple is the focal point of the Historic District. This church has hosted concerts; we have held many memorial services for non-church members; the Scouts have met here for almost 100 years; blood drives are held here; and at one point the town of Durham even used this facility as the voting site while the high school was under renovation. Our sanctuary is the second largest gathering place in the town AND we have parking! We are proud that the community feels that we welcome them.

Now I will put on my business administrator hat. We spend over \$1200 a day to support our mission

and programs. This pays for worship services, our church school and youth programs, the music program, the mission work of the church, as well as staff salaries and institutional support such as utilities, insurance, business equipment, and building maintenance. Just like most of your homes, our costs go up each year. As you think about making a pledge for this year or setting up a giving plan, I urge you, if you have never done this before, to consider setting up an online giving plan. You can visit our website <http://ccdurham.org> and click on the Donate Online button and you will be directed to the "Breeze" page where you can donate by credit/debit card or select an ACH transfer. You can also set the plan to donate once or on a recurring basis. Your gifts make a huge difference in our ability to ensure that the Community Church will continue to be THE Community Church! Thank you and let me know if you need any assistance.

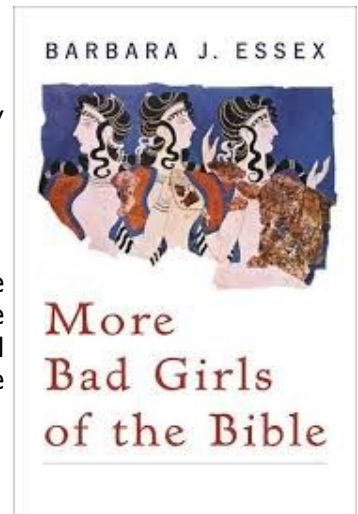
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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study session will be held at **10AM, Wednesday, November 13, 2019** in the Parlor. Our "Bad Girl" for this meeting will be Miriam and we are more likely to consider her a savior than a sinner! Please come and join in this interesting discussion about how yet another woman works behind the scenes to counter the edicts of men. Each of these chapters is stand-

alone, so don't worry about continuity if you have missed a session or two. You can read chapter 3 in the book available in the Church Library.

A brown bag lunch is held on the Mezzanine immediately following the meeting. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We welcome all to share fellowship and break bread with us.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

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

meets monthly, September-May, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stephen.hardy@unh.edu)

### **Informal Grief Support Group for Parents Who Have Lost Children—**

meets monthly September-May, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 **November 1st** 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!

## OYSTER RIVER FOLK CONCERTS SERIES

### **Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

#### **November 2nd 7:00 pm – Hungry Town**

Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson—otherwise known as the folk duo Hungrytown—have earned a reputation for the quality and authenticity of their songwriting. Tickets sold at the door, Price: \$15 adults; \$5 students; Doors open at 6:30

#### **7 December 7:00 pm– Susie Burke and David Surette with Kent Allyn**

Three of the Seacoast's finest singers/songwriters, and instrumentalists will perform their annual Holiday concert. Tickets sold at the door, Price: \$20 adults; \$5 students

## VETERANS DAY 2019 WILL BE OBSERVED DURING WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 10TH – OVER 81,000 STILL MISSING

Monday, November 11th is the 101th anniversary of the 11 AM signing of the 1918 Armistice at Compiègne, France, halting the horrific World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany.

**World War I.** While other nations also had huge war losses, over 4 million Americans served in the US Army 1916-1918, half overseas; 100,000 Americans died. None survive today (National Archives).

**World War II.** Between 1941-1945 the US mobilized 16,112,566 military men and women; 405,399 perished and 670,846 were wounded (Wikipedia), 70% served overseas. Today, 496,777 are alive, most in their late 80s and 90s. In October 2019, the Department of Defense (DOD) reported that 72,687 are still missing. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reported in September that 348 veterans pass daily.

**North Korea invaded South Korea June 25, 1950.** By war's cessation in July 1953, over 6 million American service men and women had been engaged; 54,246 died and 103,284 were wounded. In December 2018, 7,675 US service members remained unaccounted for. Last year, the remains of 55 were returned, 27 have been identified (ABC 10/04/2019). DOD notes 2,275,000 veterans are still living.

Wars in **Vietnam** (1964-1975), the **Persian Gulf** (90-91), **Afghanistan** (2001-present), **Iraq** (2003-present) and **other declared/undeclared engagements** involved over 11 million more Americans, many with multiple tours; 64,675 were killed, 262,651 wounded and 1,739 are missing (DOD 10/04/2019).

Just over 23.25 million US veterans are alive today, yet twenty (20) are committing suicide every day (VA). As of February 2019, 2.90 million US men and women were serving in today's active, reserve and civilian military services with 1,219,510 men and 210,4853 women around the globe (DOD and VA). In 2019 the US is spending \$693 billion on its military services, 36 % of the world's military expenditures.

**More than 81,000 are still missing.** In October 2019 the US DOD POW/MIA Accounting Agency reported "more than" 81,000 Americans remain missing from WWII and subsequent wars, with 41,000 presumed lost at sea, most in the Indo Pacific. On November 10th the Memorial Garden Trustees

will set a "Missing Veteran Table" on the landing in Fellowship Hall with the following elements: A small round table set for one to symbolize the isolation of the absent service member and represent the abiding concern survivors have for the missing. It will have a white tablecloth, a single rose, a red ribbon, and a slice of lemon on the bread plate to represent the bitter fate of the missing. Salt will be sprinkled on the bread plate to symbolize the tears shed by waiting families. An inverted glass will represent the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake. A Bible and a lit candle will represent spiritual strengthen and hope. An empty chair will represent the absence of the missing and fallen.

During Worship on November 10th, Community Church will thank those who serve and have served in the military whenever and wherever they serve(d), thank their families and remember those who are missing. The Trustees also invite the congregation for Fellowship immediately following worship to write the name of veterans known to be missing in the logbook and talk about the Memorial Garden.

If you would like more information about the church's 26-year old Memorial Garden, please contact Dianne Thompson at [DianneT@CCDurham.org](mailto:DianneT@CCDurham.org) or (603) 868-1230.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

We have a number of new titles from October, ready to check out. Thank you to Gretchen Smith for her thoughtful contributions, and to the anonymous folks who left their books.

### Church

Steinke, Peter L. *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times, Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What.*

### Religions

Hooper, Richard. *Jesus, Buddha, Krishna Lao Tzu, the Parallel Sayings.*

### Meditation

Alnoba. *Alnoba*

Hanh, Thich Nhat. *Peace is Every Step, The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life.*

Levine, Stephen. *Healing into Life and Death.*

Paynter, Neil. *Hope, Friends, Love, Trust, Freedom. Growing Hope.*

### Inspiration

Rohr, Richard. *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life.*

### Psychology

Tuama, Padraig O. *In the Shelter, Finding a Home In the World.*

**Family Issues** Tirabassi, Maren C., Tirabassi, Maria I., Tigert, Leanne McCall. *Caring for Ourselves*

*While Caring for Our Elders.*

### Death and Loss

Bonanno, George A. *The Other Side of Sadness. What the New Science of Bereavement Tells Us About Life after Loss.*

### Race, Class, Privilege

Tisby, Jemal. *The Color of Compromise, the Truth About the Church's Complicity in Racism.*

### Non Fiction

Hall, Ron and Denver Moore. *Same Kind of Different as Me.*

### Biography

Bourgeault, Cynthia. *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene, Discovering the Women at the Heart of Christianity.*

You may have noticed, and hopefully used, the Little Free Library outside at the front of the church. Kristin, our Education Director, arranged our participation in the Little Free Library program through the Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay. Our thanks go to the Rotary members who built our little library, and to Rotarians Phil Albright, who facilitated its installment, and John Belcher, who modified the design just for us! Take a book, keep it if you wish, or donate a book.

The Library Committee

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

## MINDFULNESS MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES – Fall 2019

### Community Church of Durham

**No classes with Judith through December. She will continue her sabbatical for renewal, with gratitude.**

**Dear Mindful Meditators,**

**With great gratitude for your presence and participation in all our years of meditation opportunities and sitting together, I will be taking some planned time to retreat, study, write, and rejuvenate.**

**May your own loving and renewing practices thrive during this interim as you offer your mindful, kind presence in the world.**

**In peace, Judith**

If you are going through a transition of any kind, pause and take a deep breath...venture inward and become aware of the gifts that accompany each one. Servet Hasan, "Mourning Mindfully: Working Through Times of Transition," in R. Butera & E. Byron, *Complete Book of Mindful Living*.

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

### COMMUNITY & CAMPUS EVENTS

**11/2: SPECIAL EVENTS** NACA UNH 10th Annual Powwow Saturday, 10 am-5 pm Granite State Room UNH's Memorial Union Bldg. Join UNH's Native American Cultural Association in honoring Indigenous culture through crafts, dance, and drumming. The Grand Entry of dancers will be at 12pm. Enjoy food and a raffle at this event that is open to all.

**11/4: PODCHATS** Episode 7: *Native Appropriations*. Drop in for a discussion on Monday at 4:30pm at the Freedom Café. The *All My Relations* podcast hosted by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip) and Adrienne Keene (Cherokee Nation) addresses topics facing Native peoples today. Please listen to the podcast episode in advance of the discussion.

**11/6: BOOK DISCUSSION** Wednesday 6pm at the Durham Public Library. As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these lenses of knowledge together to show that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgment and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world. Books are available from the Durham Public Library. Kathleen Blake will represent the NH Commission on Native American Affairs, and Jennifer Lee will lead the discussion.

**11/7: FILMS** *Dawnland*. Documentary. Thursday, 6pm at the Durham Public Library. For most of the 20th century, government agents systematically forced Native American children from their homes and placed them with white families. Many children experienced devastating emotional and physical harm by adults who mistreated them and tried to erase their cultural identity. The State of Maine initiated the first government-sanctioned truth and reconciliation commission (TRC) in the United States. For over two years, Native and non-Native commissioners traveled across Maine gathering testimony and bearing witness to the devastating impact of the state's child welfare practices on Wabanaki families. This feature-length documentary *DAWNLAND* follows the TRC to contemporary Wabanaki communities to witness intimate, sacred moments of truth-telling and healing. With exclusive access to this groundbreaking process

and never-before-seen footage, the film reveals the untold narrative of Indigenous child removal in the United States.



#### 11/11: PODCHATS

Episode 8: *Native Fashion and Bonus Episode – Sacred is Sacred*. Drop in for a discussion on Monday at 4:30pm at the Freedom Café.

**11/10: SPECIAL EVENTS** *Columbus in His Own Words* Sunday, November 10 at 4 pm The Waysmeet Center 15 Mill Rd., Durham The journal of Christopher Columbus in his voyage of 1492 was described by Sir Clements R. Markham as "the most important document in the whole range of the history of geographical discovery, because it is a record of the enterprise which changed the whole face, not only of that history, but of the history of mankind." What do we celebrate when we celebrate Columbus Day? What does it mean when we transform Columbus Day into a celebration of Indigenous Peoples? The journals of Columbus give us a complex view of the first encounter between European civilization and the indigenous cultures across the Atlantic.

**11/15: SPECIAL EVENTS** Community Potluck & Indigenous Music Friday, November 15 at 6pm Community Church of Durham 17 Main St. Music presentation and demonstration by Paul and Denise Pouliot of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People. Bring a dish to share with your friends and neighbors.

**11/18: PODCHATS** Episode 9: *Can Our Ancestors Hear Us?* Drop in for a discussion on Monday at 4:30pm at the Freedom Café.

**11/19 & 11/20: SPECIAL EVENTS** *Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Indigenous Women* Tues., Nov 19, 2:10-3:30 pm Thurs., Nov 21, 2:10-3:30 pm UNH Hamilton Smith, Room 130 Indigenous women are underrepresented on Wikipedia, and you can help. Participants will work with librarians and UNH faculty/staff to increase content about Indigenous women. Please bring your own laptop. Please register at: <https://librarycalendars.unh.edu/calendar/events/editwiki>



### NEWS FROM MARY AND JILL

Former Pastor Mary Westfall has taken a new position as Transitional Presbyter with the Sacramento, CA Presbytery.

Beginning November 1st, Jill Small will serve as the interim senior pastor of the Bath Church UCC, but it's not the Bath in Maine: it's Bath, Ohio!

The 900-member congregation in suburban Akron has a wonderful staff and a building that's reminiscent of CCD. She and Charles will relocate for the two-year interim season while Becca tends the home front in Maine.

Let's keep Mary and Jill in our thoughts and prayers as they enter new chapters of their lives.

### 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 11/7, 11/21 and 12/5.

### 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](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org) or Lorna Ellis: [Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net](mailto: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 4:50-5:20.

### 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: [Easy Ways to Help with Coffee Hour](#)

Note: If you don't want to sign up online with the above link, please email Ruth Davis at [ruth.davisnh@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.davisnh@gmail.com) and she will sign you up.

**THANK YOU!**

### Meditation Group

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.

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Instructor: Donna Melillo, Ph.D.

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17 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

Fee: \$5 per week

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**125<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair**  
**Community Church of Durham, UCC**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2019**  
**9:00AM - 2:00PM**

*Please keep this page to remind you of the many wonderful Fair opportunities!  
You can contribute by donating items and/or your time.*

- Please bring non-perishable donations to the church office.
- Sign up online [HERE](#) or in Fellowship Hall to volunteer, or simply call/email individual chairpersons.
- For general questions contact Lorna Ellis at 292-603, [lorna.ellis@comcast.net](mailto:lorna.ellis@comcast.net) or Audrey Drogseth at 969-7971, [adrogseth@comcast.net](mailto:adrogseth@comcast.net).

**GREENS**

1. Contact Mandy Armstrong at 431-2406, [mandybarmstrong@comcast.net](mailto:mandybarmstrong@comcast.net).
2. Table arrangements and centerpieces will be made beginning November 21<sup>st</sup> at the church.
3. There will be some berry bowls for sale on a first come, first served basis on Fair day. They will be made early in November at Joanne Sasner's home. Contact Nancy Robar (659-2407) to help (or learn how to) make them.
4. We are in need of fresh greens! To donate balsam, fir, boxwoods, arbor vitae, cedar, pine of any variety, or juniper, please bring clippings/branches to the patio outside the church office entrance by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Christmas-y containers may be donated to Mandy Armstrong at any time before December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
5. New volunteers are always welcome!

**SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLE**

1. Contact Maggie Morrison at 659-6355, [mgemorrison@comcast.net](mailto:mgemorrison@comcast.net) or Gloria Mason at 868-5020, [shonamason@comcast.net](mailto:shonamason@comcast.net). Please see a separate letter from Maggie and Gloria in the Chronicle for instructions. (A Silent Auction Donation/Raffle form is also included in the Chronicle, and copies are available on the table outside the church office.)
2. Maggie and Gloria especially need assistance between 2 and 4PM on Fair Day, managing distribution of "won" items.
3. A suggestion to consider: make a theme basket to donate to the silent auction. A basket highlighting food from a favorite country, a favorite event like a football tailgate party, a spa basket with beauty items, etc. Contact a local business or restaurant and ask for a donation of some kind that could be auctioned. Make sure you fill out a form for Gloria and Maggie if you do this.

**JEWELRY**

1. Contact Cynthia Watkins at 868-2185, [cynthia.j.watkins@comcast.net](mailto:cynthia.j.watkins@comcast.net).
2. Contributions of both "fine" and "costume" jewelry are welcome. Donations can be brought to the church office.
3. Please contact Cynthia if you are interested in organizing and pricing jewelry the week before the Fair.

**CHRISTMAS CAFÉ**

1. Contact Saskia Hricz at 389-9295 or [schricz@yahoo.com](mailto:schricz@yahoo.com) to donate a crock pot of chili or pan of corn bread for a hot lunch served by our youth.

**CHRISTMAS SHOP**

1. Contact Beth and Gary Cilley at 749-2981, [cilley@comcast.net](mailto:cilley@comcast.net).
2. Donations of gently used or new Christmas decorations and accessories are gratefully accepted!

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP

1. Contact John and Trudi Puffer at 659-5469, [tlpuffer@comcast.net](mailto:tlpuffer@comcast.net).
2. Make a craft to give as a gift, decorate your tree with, or enjoy for yourself. Also decorate a Gingerbread cookie – donations gratefully accepted. All ages welcome!

## BAKED GOODIES

1. Contact Mary Merrick at 868-1564, [memerrick@comcast.net](mailto:memerrick@comcast.net).
2. Best sellers include Christmas cookies, yeast breads, coffee cakes, foods that would make good hostess gifts. Individual portions are popular. Non-sweets such as cereal, trail mix, and snack mix sell well. Gluten and nut-free options are very welcome!
3. Bring items to Fellowship Hall by 3PM on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please list ingredients if they contain common allergens. Suggesting prices for your contributions is VERY helpful.
4. Help will be needed with pricing, arranging contributions, and with reminder phone calls.

## CRAFTS AND SEWING

1. Contact Ruth Moore at 868-1086, [remooore10@comcast.net](mailto:remooore10@comcast.net), or Nancy Smath at 659-6604, [ncsmath@comcast.net](mailto:ncsmath@comcast.net).
2. Contribute handmade, "craft-y" items such as pillows, aprons, potholders, stuffed animals, Christmas tree ornaments, knitted items, artwork, and pottery. We hope for many crafters for as much diversity as possible!
3. Bring items to Fellowship Hall by 3PM on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please suggest a selling price.

At the end of Fair day, if your donation(s) remain(s) unsold, options are:

- a. *Your unsold items can be stored for you to pick them up for personal gift giving.*
- b. *Knitted items like mittens and scarves are usually given to school nurses for children in need.*
- c. *Some items are passed along to ECHO.*
- d. *If you would prefer that items be marked down to sell at noon, we can do that too.*
- e. *And finally, some items are stored for next year's fair.*

Let us know your preference with a note attached to or enclosed with your donation(s). Thank you!

## HOMEMADE, FROZEN SOUPS & STEWS

1. Contact Lorna or Audrey if you'd like to chair this successful portion of the fair!
2. Prepare and donate your favorite comfort food. Please pick up containers and labels at church in which to freeze your contribution, listing name of dish and main ingredients on the label. We recommend freezing containers prior to stacking them!
3. Drop off frozen dishes between Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3PM on Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. A large box freezer will be in the church kitchen.

## *Ways of helping include:*

- **Assisting with a department.**
- **Being part of the clean-up crew on Fair Day, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Please call John Mince at 389-7831, [johnmince23@comcast.net](mailto:johnmince23@comcast.net).**
- **Managing parking a traffic flow Please call Joe Smath at 659-6604, [jasmath@comcast.net](mailto:jasmath@comcast.net).**
- **Helping set up and take down tables in classrooms and fellowship hall and hanging signs.**
- **Please check the Chronicle Plus and E-news for further updates!**



## **Christmas Fair Silent Auction and Raffle!!**

The Christmas Fair silent auction and raffle are a vibrant and fun part of day's festivities. Your help is needed to continue this tradition!! By donating an item or service of value, you will be helping to raise important income that supports the programs and activities of OUR church.

Creativity and fun underscores our efforts! Consider the fellowship of pooling money together with your pew mates and neighbors or choir friends to contribute a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Wouldn't it be fun to bid on a spa package, movie or theater tickets? Wouldn't it be fun to bid on cooking lessons, or a bake good every month? A weekend away at a summer cottage would be a treat for anyone!

Here are some other ideas and suggestions ~

### **Items**

Prepared Foods (spaghetti sauce, tortes, etc.)

Gift Certificates and Tickets (for restaurants, local merchants, and events)

Knitted Goods (sweaters, scarves, etc.)

Craft Items and Antiques (quilts, pottery, jewelry, etc.)

Children's Items (including inexpensive items that children can buy or bid on)

Themed Baskets of items such as books, tickets, food items, gift certificates, etc.

### **Services**

Lessons (computer, piano, guitar lessons, etc.) Sharing a special talent (music, etc.)

Child Care (baby-sit, mother's helper) Lawn and Garden Care (mowing, weeding, clean up)

Snow Removal (shovel walk, plow driveway)

Time at a summer camp or timeshare

Prepared Meals (a small dinner/lunch or dessert, delivered, etc.)

### **HOW TO MAKE A DONATION**

Please complete the attached form and return it no later than Wednesday, December 4. Bring you item(s) to Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 5th before 4:00 pm or Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> by 7 pm , If you donate a service or an item you cannot bring to the auction (size, nature), please describe it as completely as you can on the form and return the form to us as soon as possible. Photographs or images are helpful.

### **HOW THE AUCTION WORKS**

Come on Fair Day, bring your friends and family and bid (often!) on auction and raffle items and services! Bidding closes at 2:00 p.m. Successful bidders can pick up most items at the auction tables at the same time, unless other arrangements are made. Successful bidders for services and any donated items which cannot be brought to the Fair will receive certificates. The certificate for the service or item will contain the donor's name and telephone number, so that the donor and the successful bidder can plan for delivery.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas! Volunteers to help are also needed. Feel free to contact Maggie Morrison [mgemorrison@comcast.net](mailto:mgemorrison@comcast.net) or phone 659-6355.

See you on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>!

Maggie Morrison & Gloria Mason

**SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE DONATION FORM ~  
125<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**

To: Maggie Morrison & Gloria Mason  
20 Wiswall Road  
Durham, NH 03824

Telephone number: 659-6355  
Email address: mgemorrison@comcast.net

I wish to donate the following items/services to the Silent Auction of the Christmas Fair. Don't want to use the form? Email and phone calls are also welcomed.

Description of item or service: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Donor Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Any conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Back of form may also be used. Please return completed form by December 5, 2019

**Thank You!**

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