

Worship Schedule for May

Unless otherwise noted, Sunday worship begins in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM

- May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Richard Crocker, preaching
Communion
Exodus 16:9-30; Mark 2:23-28
- May 8 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Richard Crocker, preaching
Genesis 25:19-34; John 19:25b-27
- May 15 Pentecost Sunday
Richard Crocker, preaching
Adult Education Forum
Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
- May 22 Trinity Sunday
Richard Crocker, preaching
Adult Education Forum
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
- May 29 Second Sunday after Pentecost
Donna Cavedon, preaching
Genesis 6:9-22, 7:24, 8:14-19; Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28; Matthew 7:21-29

**Call to the spring Congregational Meeting
June 5
immediately following worship.**

Meeting for the purpose of electing officers, deacons, and other representatives and receiving reports of the Boards of Deacons.

From the Board of Deacons for Outreach

**BLANKET SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY
TOOLS OF HOPE!**

Mother's Day is just around the corner! Mothers are the messengers of Hope! Just ask any small child. "I want my Mommie" is often their cry when faced with a crisis. The same might be said for Fathers, but as of this writing Father's Day follows Mothers Day by a whole month.

Each Mother's Day at The Church of Christ at Dartmouth College we have the opportunity to honor the mothers in our lives by purchasing and sending Church World Service greeting cards. These purchases benefit mothers and families all over the world who lack the reassurance of Hope by virtue of their status in life or the natural disasters that have plagued them.

Church World Service is the cooperative ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. This ministry meets human needs and nurtures self-reliance through programs of social and economic development, emergency responses, assistance to refugees, education and advocacy, and ecumenical relationships...

- Acting on God's love for all people
- Embracing the future in faith with partners worldwide
- Bringing new commitment and vitality to the churches' ministry in the 21st century.

Look for TOOLS OF HOPE & BLANKET Program Mother's Day cards that will be available following the church service on May 1st. For every \$5.00 donated you are entitled to one card. You can also complete the enclosed order form in the CWS flyer and send it along with your check payable to CCDC to the church office. Cards will be available during the week in the church office.

You will not only be honoring the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and Sisters who have nurtured you during your life, but the funds raised will nurture thousands of mothers and families all over the world. Church World Service ranks very favorably with those organizations whose funds benefit from our giving. Your dollars actually get to those projects that are being supported.

Remember CWS as you honor the Mothers In Your Life. Purchase TOOLS OF HOPE & BLANKET Program Cards prior to May 8th. Mother's Day!

For the Outreach Board - Bob Keene

From the Board of Deacons for Nurture

Adult Educational Forum - May 15

Join us for an after church forum on Sunday, May 15 in the Kate Sanborn Room. Richard Crocker will be our presenter. "Religion on Campus: A Closer Look." is his working title.

Adult Education Forum - May 22

The global crisis of AIDS continues to threaten an unimaginable number of human lives. One estimate projects that 45 million people will be infected by 2010 unless a drastically more effective prevention effort than we currently undertake is successful (More information can be found at globalhealth.org). However, national attention to the issue has been limited since the President announced his intention to provide aid to African nations. What has happened since then? Are our foreign aid dollars being spent in a way that reflects our Christian commitment to help those in need? Is there a solution to this problem? How can we help?

Dr. Nils Daulaire is president and CEO of the Global Health Council, the world's largest membership alliance dedicated to advancing policies and programs that improve health around the world. The Council, founded in 1972, has built a global coalition in more than 100 countries that promotes improvement and equity in health for all the world's citizens. Before assuming leadership of the Council, Dr. Daulaire served as Senior International Health Advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development, where he oversaw an integrated global strategy that encompassed programs totaling over \$1 billion annually.

Dr. Daulaire has kindly agreed to provide us with his unique knowledge of the AIDS pandemic, as well as provide us with a documentary which will be viewed in another session sometime after the talk. Please plan to attend and tell your friends and colleagues about the opportunity!

Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study

Come join us to explore questions about faith and Christianity, life and politics, in a time of food and fellowship! A Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study group is getting started and we'd love to have you, whether you're a Dartmouth undergrad, a graduate student, an alum, or a young adult in the working world. We will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the church apartment. Our first topic to explore will be "Environmentalism and Christianity: What does our faith tell us regarding our care for the Earth?"

Talk to John or Sarah McBride or Hilary Alvarez after church for more information, or check out the student center bulletin board outside the church apartment (second floor, across from the stairwell) for details on the group and to pick up any reading materials, or just show up on a Wednesday night...we'd love to have you!

Tidbits from the Treasurer

In the March News and Views I submitted an article regarding the off-budget accounts and special funds that our church has. As I mentioned before, there are several special funds on our books that are considered to be off-budget and do not appear in the annual budget. Many of these funds were created from monetary gifts received throughout the years from various donors.

A good example of these special funds our church has is the money we have invested with the United Church Foundation (formerly invested with the New Hampshire Conference). We referred to these special funds as endowment funds known as the Vernon Fund, the Consolidated Fund and the Staff Transition Fund. Many of you are aware of these funds because we include a mention of them in the annual report from the treasurer. These funds are highlighted because of their sizable balance, approximately \$800,000. We use a percentage of the capital gains from this investment to help fund our annual operating budget along with anticipated interest from these special funds.

Another example of the special funds we have is the Bicentennial Fund. The Bicentennial Fund is a smaller endowment fund that was established in December 1979 in recognition of the growing needs of the Church of Christ both in Hanover and elsewhere in the nation and the world. Over the years, the fund has accumulated to be an endowment fund through capital gifts, memorial gifts, bequests by wills, special projects, and other unrestricted contributions. Annual income from these funds is used for special purposes and ministries that would not be ordinarily included in the annual church budget. Spending proposals are usually submitted to the Board of Elders. Once approved by the Elders the request is submitted to the congregation for final approval. If you recall, in 2004 money from the Bicentennial Fund was used for outreach programs and discretionary funding with Hannah House and Outreach House receiving \$400 each. We currently have approximately \$30,000 on deposit in various Certificates of Deposit and Money Market Accounts noted as Bicentennial Funds.

Please look for more articles in upcoming News & Views regarding our off-budget accounts and special funds. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like a further explanation or more information.

Respectfully,
Nancy Emslie

In Memoriam

Our congregation has been affected by two deaths in recent weeks. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary on April 11 for Robert Sparks who passed away on April 7. Margaret Allen passed away on February 24 and a service was held on April 9 for her at St Thomas Episcopal Church. Please keep the family and friends of Robert and Margaret in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

AP News

On April 9 our organ was grandly installed and we are still savoring a wonderful weekend of activities. Our Senior Pastor is officially on sabbatical with many events and trips to look forward to, people to see, and time for rest and renewal. During this sabbatical period we are fortunate to have the Rev. Richard Crocker present with us on Sunday mornings, a wonderful addition.

Winter has (ahhh) turned to spring and even though we are struck with spring fever, it is not too early for us to be planning ahead for our summer church school program. We are looking for pairs of teachers to teach one or two Sundays during the summer months in Church School. The summer church school dates run from June 19 through September 4.

This is a great opportunity to try out teaching for the first time, to help out on a short-term basis, to pair up with a friend for a fun project, and/or to get to know the wonderful children of our congregation and the children from the Korean congregation. Our church school curriculum is teacher-friendly and our programs provide a lot of flexibility.

This year our junior high school aged children will be invited to stay for worship or they can help out as aides in the classrooms. There will be two classes: 3 – 7 years old and 8 – 12 years old.

Please contact me to sign up for some summer Sundays. We need you to help make this a successful program and fun experience for our church school children.

Dine with Nine Follow-up

Due to the success of the recent dinners, the Parish Life Board would like to continue to offer dinner/lunch options throughout the year. Many people, new to our church, took advantage of the opportunity to get together over a planned potluck dinner with other church members. By all accounts, a good time was had by all. The PL board would like to thank everyone who took part, especially hosts and those who drove the non-drivers.

If you are willing to consider hosting a future lunch or dinner, please contact the Church. Dates and times will be set to suit you and advertised through News and Views and the Parish Life Bulletin Board. Thank you all

Susan Edwards (co-ordinator of Dine with Nine, 2005)

From the President of the Board of Elders

Dear members and friends,

WOW!!! What an outstanding weekend! I am beginning to write this letter on Monday after our celebrative weekend of music, dedication, and rededication; I am not quite in touch with reality yet. What an extravagantly beautiful and inspiring weekend it was! - a mountain-top experience that happens infrequently in one's life. I shall treasure my memories of it for all the years I have left. SOLI DEO GLORIA!

As wonderful as our weekend of dedication and celebration was, we now need to move on. We can build on the excitement and the commitment that we saw emerge during the conducting of the capital campaign; we can move to a new level of witness and ministry. I have mentioned previously the Elders' intentional planning for the future of our church life. During the past several months the Elders have spent considerable time discussing the questions, "What are our inner yearnings for our life together, our life in the Spirit?" and "What is God's call for us as a church?" Several topics kept surfacing during the course of our discussions; these frequently mentioned topics included the centrality of worship, the importance of our Covenant, the yearning for additional study and prayer life, and the desire to share our stories and our faith more articulately. All of these concerns are aspects of spiritual growth and the further development of a community of faith. We can provide tools and encouragement for members to go forward to live out their faith more actively.

At the April Elders' meeting the discussion moved to the implementation of these ideas. The Elders are giving thought to ways in which the Boards of Deacons and the Board of Elders might modify their meetings to handle more efficiently the routine tasks in order to devote more time to study, worship, and prayer, as well as to more intentional development of a community of faith. As a framework for this process, the Elders are considering asking all Boards of Deacons, as well as the Board of Elders itself, to read and discuss the same book over the course of several months. There would be opportunities for members who are not currently serving as Board members to join the study as well. It would be a rich experience to have 60 or more members reading and discussing the same book simultaneously. It would offer an opportunity for Board and non-Board members to come to the well for renewal and support; the experience could inspire individuals to become involved in projects in the wider community and/or to design new directions for church activities. It would provide a process for many members to think together about future directions - a transition period between the years focused on the needs of our church building and a time focused on the many needs in the wider world - needs that the church is uniquely suited to address. The emphasis on spiritual growth would offer a basis from which to look at the needs in the world as we try to understand and prepare for life in these difficult times.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the process, which has tentatively been entitled "Visioning Our Future."

Yours in faith,
Lee Arend

One Great Hour of Sharing

Only a few months ago, members of this congregation gave generously to help those affected by the tsunami. Last month, we opened our hearts and pocketbooks again to give to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. You responded very generously by contributing \$5,596.

One Great Hour of Sharing funds will help the United Church of Christ work with Church World Service and other ecumenical partners to provide Bosnian farmers with seed potatoes. Afghan women make quilts in refugee camps with fabric provided by One Great Hour of Sharing. Emergency assistance will be given to people in the United States affected by hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

The Outreach Board thanks you for all that you share with people who are trying to survive and get back on their feet.

Please help! BONNIE CLAC is in desperate need of donated vehicles to help people in need of transportation to get to work. You can still get a fair market tax deduction for your vehicle if it is usable in BONNIE CLAC's program. Please call BONNIE CLAC at 603-443-9701 to donate your vehicle!

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