

NEWS OF THE PEWS

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News of the Pews is a monthly publication intended to share events of the Plainfield Community Baptist Church and extended church community as well as thoughts by church family and friends. You are invited to share by submitting information to newsofthepews@gmail.com. Submissions received after the 20th of the month are not guaranteed to appear in the next edition.

Monday, April 1, 2019

“Beaver: Friend or Foe?” – A Church Family Event sponsored by the PCW

On Monday, April 1, 2019 following a Family Pot Luck Supper beginning at 6 PM in Pierce Hall (please bring a dish to share), Skip Lisle of Grafton, Vermont will speak about beavers, show slides, and explain his invention *Beaver Deceivers*. He will share thoughts about beaver and landscape history, the value of wetlands, nature of beaver/human conflict, and the use of *Beaver Deceivers* to solve problems.

All in the church and general public interested in learning more about these amazing aquatic engineers are invited to attend. If you have questions, please call Loretta Weitzel or Helen Davidson.

FREELANCE FAMILY SINGERS SPRING CONCERTS

With input from Ellen Satterthwaite

Mark your calendars for Saturday May 4 (7pm) or Sunday May 5. (3pm). Freelance Family Singers will be presenting their annual Spring Concert at the Woodstock (VT) Congregational Church. PCBC's Joy Hutchins, Val Langdon, Jan Noskey, and Rosie Pelletier will be joining other singers under the direction of Ellen Satterthwaite to present this family-friendly musical treat. In addition to music by the full chorus, there will be special presentations by soloists and small ensembles.

Freelance Family Singers was started in the Spring of 1978 as the Woodstock area community chorus. There have been over 600 past and present singers ranging in age from 7 to 90 years of age. Each of the bi-annual choruses usually involves 30 to 40 singers of various ages and musical abilities.

There is no admission charge for this concert. However, food items for the Community Food Shelf are gratefully accepted.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP & CONTACT DIRECTORY 2019

The *Church Leadership & Contact* Directory will no longer be printed each month beginning with this issue. These documents are available on the church website (pcbcnh.org) for anyone wishing to have that information.

APRIL FOOL – NO JOKE!!!

Though the exact origins of April Fool's Day are unknown, there may be stronger ties to Christian tradition than you might think! Perhaps we need to look no deeper than to Pope Gregory XIII, who in 1582 introduced a calendar with "leap years" to better approximate the Earth's revolution around the Sun. He also started the year on January 1 rather than the past practice of starting the new year during the last week of March.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day also dates back to 1582. It is speculated that when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar some people either were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1.

People continued to celebrate the new year during the last week of March through April 1 and became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. "These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as *poisson d'avril* (April fish), said to symbolize a young, "easily hooked" fish and a gullible person."

Source: <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/april-fools-tradition-popularized>

VERMONT SPRING RING

With input from Sandra Yeaton

Plainfield Chimers will be travelling to Hinesburg, Vermont on Saturday, April 27 to participate in the annual Vermont Spring Ring. Bell choirs from Vermont, New Hampshire, surrounding states, and Canada will be meeting at Champlain Valley Union High School for a day of massed ringing under nationally recognized director Stephanie Rhoades as well as participating in the many workshops made available to them. The day ends with a public concert at 4:00 pm at the high school. If you have never heard massed ringing, it is well worth the trip to Hinesburg.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

By Chris Jordan

I have always looked at the Bible in many ways as a blueprint for the history of humankind on a macroscopic level but as an allegory for our individual lives and maturity on a microscopic level. When humankind first appears in the Bible, we see innocence and goodness. As they learn more about the world, that innocence is lost. God gives them rules and guidelines to follow. They can be certain of things that are pleasing to God and things that are not. That stage of human history was very black and white, wrong and right. It was tribal, brutal, and warfare reigned. We can begin our lives this way on an individual level with rules from our parents that are black and white. We know what is wrong and what is right.

As we move along in life, we are given more freedom to explore things on our own. We begin to make decisions based on what we were taught. We make our own judgments on what is good and bad. What we come to realize if we are given enough freedom is that most things are good and bad, right and wrong. There are contradictions and things are often counterintuitive. We learn that loving our enemies is better than fighting them; giving is better than receiving. These can be scary

concepts. It requires more faith to love your enemies than to fight them. It requires more faith to give everything away than to acquire more stuff. Most of us, if we're honest, find it much easier to stay in the world of black and white certainty than move into the light of uncertainty that requires an ever deeper level of faith.

MUSIC NOTES

Input from Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator

Special Music Offerings:

April 7 – To Be Announced

April 14 – To Be Announced

April 21 – Plainfield Chimers Handbell Choir under the direction of Sandra Yeaton

April 28 – Vocal Choir under the direction of Helen Davidson

If you are willing to offer your gift of music as part of a Sunday service, please contact Helen Davidson, Music Coordinator.

PEOPLE IN THE PEWS

Happy Birthday to:

April 3 – Nilo Overman

April 6 – Carlton Cassedy; David Cassedy; Chris Jordan

April 7 – Maggie Monroe–Cassel

April 15 – Ella Longacre

April 23 – John Hendrick

April 24 – Ralph Patalano

April 28 – Annamay Chapman; Ashlyn Taber



Apologies are given to any PCBC family/friends who have April birthdays that are not listed. Please consider sending unlisted birthdays to newsofthepews@gmail.com so our database will be more complete.

David Cassedy was guest speaker at the Special Needs Support Center fund raiser.

Barb Hendrick has assumed point-person responsibilities for PCBC missions.

Rosie Pelletier and **Caitlin Pelletier Yates** had a great time with grandson/son Ryan (4 years old) skiing at Whaleback.

Congratulations to **Dan Hussey** (husband of **Julia Moore Hussey**). Dan will be doing his medical residency through Harvard Medical School.

Doris Mercier and her helping–hands crew hosted the Plainfield Senior Luncheon in Pierce Hall. Nice job team!

PRAYER CONCERNS

While we keep all of our PCBC family in prayer, we especially lift up prayers for: Joyce and children (friend of Jim & Joanne Longacre); Jeff McNamara; Jack & Carolyn McNellis; Grace Tisdale; Sharron Murray; Saunders Family; Nora Cheney; Jo Clarke; Vicki Kuskowski; Frank Orłowski (Elise's friend); Meghan Saben; Sarah Saben; Henry Ingham Jr.; Ann Grobe; Jane

DeLue; Don Unhjem; Jan Allen; Gerry Greenan; Timmie Lapan; Annamay Chapman; Rebecca Loomis; Judy Rook; Bob Duval (Barb Freeland's and Sue Kelley's brother-in-law); Lois Kenyon & family.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Submitted by Deb Johnson, PCBC Treasurer

YTD Finances:

Income: \$10,716

Expenses: \$16,993

As you can see, our expenses are over \$6000 above our income to date. We surely expected increases in water, propane, and electricity with our pastoral family now living in the parsonage and winter's cold temperatures. But also, pledge and loose offering donations are down by about \$3000 YTD. Hopefully with the arrival of spring, our expenses will decrease, and folks who generously pledged in December will catch up and loose offerings will increase.

BIRTHDAY BANK

With input from Barb Hendrick, PCBC Missions Point Person

The April Birthday Bank will support work done on Cory Taber Field.

PLAINFIELD CHURCH WOMEN

By Loretta Weitzel, PCW President

PCW is sponsoring an evening program on April 1st. Please see the article at the beginning of this edition of *News of the Pews*. We hope many will join us for this wonderful evening.

PCW Calendar

Meetings are held on the first or second Monday of the Month

- Monday, April 1 (first Monday) – 9:30 a.m. - 11 am – Pierce Hall –Program
- Monday, May 6 (first Monday) – 9:30 a.m. - 11 am – Pierce Hall – Plant Sale
- June – Plant Sale and Luncheon
- July and August (meeting if needed)
- Monday, September 9, 2019 – PCW Meeting – Pierce Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, October 7, 2019 – PCW Meeting – Pierce Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, November 4, 2019 – PCW Meeting – Pierce Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, December 2, 2019 – PCW Meeting – Pierce Hall at 9:30 a.m.

MASTER BOARD MINUTES

By Sandra Yeaton, PCBC Clerk

Feb. 3, 2019 Present: Jeff Moore, Annette Moore, Rosie Pelletier, Doris Mercier, Deb Johnson, Pastor Chris, Jim Longacre, Russ Kelley, Loretta Weitzel, Sandra Yeaton, Joy Hutchins, Beverly Jordan.

Chris led us in prayer.

Sandra read the Minutes of January 6, 2019. Rosie made a motion to accept, Jeff seconded, accepted. Sandra read the Minutes of Annual Meeting of January 27, 2019. Rosie made a motion to accept. Annette seconded, accepted.

Treasurers Report - Water bill and electric bill are up in the parsonage. Annette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jeff seconded, accepted.

Bannister in the parsonage, Needs time when everyone is out of the house.

Zumba – profit using non–profit. We need to talk to a tax person.

Quilt. Doris reported that she had gotten an appraisal of the quilt given to the church by Mrs. Gallagher She has gotten a second appraisal. Suggested way of selling it: raffle or eBay.

Annette - We need to look at the Board assignments and made sure they are what we want.

Deb - We need to have a system to look at requests for funds - any expense not in the budget should come to the Master Board

PCW – program on beavers April 1 - musical Charlie Brown Christmas on December 6

Rosie made motion to adjourn, Jeff seconded. Adjourned

AMAZON SHOPPERS CAN SUPPORT PCBC

Consider doing on-line shopping through Amazon. Do you know that your Amazon purchases can support our work at PCBC?

First time from your browser:

- Go to: smile.amazon.com
- Find the “charity name or location” box on the right-hand side of the page
- Type: Community Baptist Church Plainfield NH
- Click “search”
- Choose our church using the “select” button
- Click the “Yes, I understand...” box
- Start Shopping!!!

Subsequent shopping trips can be started by either going to the PCBCNH.org website and selecting the link to Amazon, or by using your browser to go to smile.amazon.com directly.

NOTE: The top of your screen under the search box should say: **Supporting Community Baptist Church**

APRIL EVENT CALENDAR

Monday April 1 –

- **9:30am – PCW Meeting** in Pierce Fellowship Hall
- **Noon – 5pm – Basic Footcare Clinic** at Meriden Congregational Church Parish House. For more information contact Stephanie (603) 469–3201 or Laraine (603) 526–4077
- **6:00 pm “Beaver: Friend or Foe?”**– A Family Pot Luck Supper in Pierce Hall (please bring a dish to share), followed by a presentation. All in the church and general public interested in learning more about these amazing aquatic engineers are invited to attend. If you have questions, please call Loretta Weitzel or Helen Davidson.

Tuesday April 2 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Wednesday April 3

- **11:45am–12:30pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **4:30 pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in PCBC Sanctuary
- **6 pm – Lenten Meal** in Pierce Hall
- **7 pm – Lenten Service** in Sanctuary.

Thursday April 4 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 AM – Bible Study** in the Sanctuary
- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday April 5 –

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 6 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to CARLTON CASSEDY; DAVID CASSEDY; CHRIS JORDAN**

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

Sunday April 7 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to MAGGIE MONROE–CASSEL**

- **10 am - Worship Service** – Communion Sunday – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.

Organist/Pianist: Helen Davidson

Special Music Offering:

- **11 am – Eat ‘n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall
- **11:15 – Master Board Meeting** in PCBC sanctuary. Open meeting; interested members and friends are welcome to attend

Monday April 8 –

Tuesday April 9 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship

Wednesday April 10 –

- **11:45am–12:30pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **4:30 pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in PCBC Sanctuary
- **6 pm – Ash Lenten Meal** in Pierce Hall
- **7 pm – Lenten Service** in Sanctuary

Thursday April 11 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** in Pierce Hall
- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday April 12–

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 13 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

Sunday April 14 – 10 am – Palm Sunday Worship Service – “Fill the Food Box” – Birthday Bank to support Cory’s Field

- All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise.
Birthday Bank Speaker: Charlie Taber
Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Emmons
Special Music Offering: To Be Announced
- Consider bringing a non-perishable item to help fill the food box

Monday April 15 – **HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ELLA LONGACRE**

Tuesday April 16 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship

Wednesday April 17 –

- **11:45am–12:30pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce - *Free*** fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **4:30 pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in PCBC Sanctuary

Thursday April 18 – **Maundy Thursday**

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** in Pierce Hall
- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday April 19 –

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **6pm – Good Friday Service** – in PCBC Sanctuary
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 20 –

- **9 am–12 Noon – Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **9 am–12 Noon – Upper Valley Humane Society Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station

Sunday April 21 – EASTER

- **5:45 am – Sunrise Service** on Freeman Hill followed by fellowship time at the Davidson's home.
- **10 am – Easter Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise

Organist/Pianist: Annette Moore

Special Music Offering: Plainfield Chimers under the direction of Sandra Yeaton

- **11:15 am – Easter Egg Hunt** in Cory's Field

Monday April 22 –

Tuesday April 23 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to JOHN HENDRICK

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Wednesday April 24 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to RALPH PATALANO

- **11:45am–12:30pm - Willing Hands Fresh Produce** - Free fresh produce at the Cornish Town Hall.
- **4:30 pm – Chimers Rehearsal** in PCBC Sanctuary.

Thursday April 25 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **10 am – Bible Study** in Pierce Hall
- **Noon – 1:30 Senior Luncheon** at The Estabrook School (Rte 12A) hosted by Estabrook School
- **7pm – Choir Rehearsal** in the PCBC Sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Friday April 26 –

- **9 am – PC Quilters** at the Plainfield Fire Station. For more information, contact Sandra Yeaton.
- **8 pm - AA** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 27 –

- **9 am-12 Noon - Community Resource Room & Food Pantry.** Located in the handicap accessible Christ Community Church on Rte. 12A. Warmly welcoming residents of Plainfield, Meriden & Cornish
- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **4pm – Vermont Spring Ring Handbell Concert** at Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, VT.

Sunday April 28 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ANNAMAY CHAPMAN; ASHLYN TABER

- **10 am - Worship Service** – All are invited to share in this service of worship and praise

Organist/Pianist: Jennifer Emmons

Special Music Offering: Vocal Choir under the direction of Helen Davidson

- **11 am - Eat 'n Greet Fellowship** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

Monday April 29 –

Tuesday April 30 –

- **9 am – Bone Builders** at Plainfield Fire Station
- **6:30 - Zumba** in Pierce Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 4 –

- **7pm – Freelance Family Singers' Spring Concert** at the Woodstock (VT) Congregational Church

Sunday May 5 –

- **3pm – Freelance Family Singers' Spring Concert** at the Woodstock (VT) Congregational Church

Thursday May 23 –

- **Noon – 1:30 Senior Luncheon** at The Red Barn Church (Rte 12A) hosted by Christ Community Church

Saturday May 25 –

- **PCW Plant Sale**