

# Church & Community Newsletter

MONROE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

October/November 2012

## The Pastor's Corner

Taking Life for Granted?

This week we celebrated the fourth Monroe Harvest Festival. Next month will bring our national Thanksgiving Day. Both are reminders of how much we take for granted.

We take the seasons for granted, and the abundance of the earth, the rain that makes a harvest possible, and machinery to harvest it, the energy for tractors and trucks to bring it to market, and electric power to refrigerate, oil and propane and wood to warm us in winter.

We take all this for granted, at least until we have a weather crisis, and we are pushed to find other resources to provide the essentials for survival!

If harvest festivals and Thanksgiving have any deeper meanings for us, it should be to remind us of how we are dependent on the natural world, and people of faith would say of God's providential care, as the Source of it all. Psalm 100 reminds us, "It is God who has made us ..." and we are receivers of all we see and use from the Source of it all.

Harvest and Thanksgiving, the wonder of fall colors, the abundance that surrounds us in providing for our needs, is a reminder to stop and offer a sincere "thank You"! And then see that our lives each day are a miracle of new possibilities, and turn our gratitude into compassion and caring for others, beginning with our spouses and families..

Enrich YOUR life by not taking it all for granted!  
Let your thanksgiving become thanks-living.



## Wednesday School!!

The beginning of Wednesday School was postponed this year due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade soccer schedule. The new starting date is Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Oct. 17 and 24. November dates are planned for Nov. 7, 14, and 28.

Our Wednesday schedule will be from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., with music from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., if we can secure a song leader or pianist. Any volunteers out there???

We need you to register your children if you wish them to participate. A registration is on-line at [www.monroetown.com](http://www.monroetown.com) or you may call Pastor Mary Elise at 638-4941.

We hope to see many of the children coming and participating.

## Firemen's Breakfast

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 2nd and show your support for the Monroe Fire Dept and all they do for our community.

# Monroe PTF

## 2nd Annual "Aim High Tournament"

Check out our new website: [MonroePTF.org](http://MonroePTF.org)

Last year PTF members volunteered their time and resources to raise money so PTF could carry out our mission of bringing outside experiences, learning experiences, fun and facilitating family activities. PTF spent \$10,268.58 on the Children of Monroe School, things like playground equipment & painting, Fun with Science program, Children's Stage Adventures, field trips, busing for field trips, movie nights, cheerleading uniforms, Christmas party and the Cinco De Mayo Party. We could really use your support this year, as we were made to buy insurance, just so we could keep doing things for the kids! We really appreciate all the support!



### Annual Yankee Candle Sale

The children will be selling Yankee Candles starting in mid-October. If you would like to purchase Yankee Candles and don't have someone come to your house, please let Deb Fiske know and she will get someone to you. You can reach her at 638-2120 or by email at [dsf101366@aol.com](mailto:dsf101366@aol.com)  
Yankee Candles make perfect Christmas Gifts!

### Craft Fair Silent Auction

We are very excited about the Silent Auction this year. We have donations coming in from all over. We are very excited that this year the Boston Red Sox are sending us an autographed ball. We also have a donation from Disney!! 4 Park Hopper passes good to all of their parks (good for the next 2 years!) The Fisher Cats have donated 4 box seat tickets to a game for next season. We also have tickets for many surrounding attractions such as Story Land, movie tickets, and so many more. We will have more information on everything as the auction gets closer!

### October 27th starting at 9pm

This tournament was a huge success last year. We had 6 schools competing with over 110 kids playing soccer that day! The PTF will have the grill going with lots of hot yummy food, such as cheese burgers, chili, pulled pork, chowders etc. Games will be going on all day. Come on out have some good food, see some of the action and support our Mustangs!



### Ads for the Tournament Program

PTF will once again be selling ads for the tournament program. These ads help pay for the expenses related to the tournament. Ads can be business ads or personal, such as to a certain player or just an ad wishing the kids luck. Ad rates are \$100 full page, \$50 half page, \$25 for 1/4 page or \$20 for business card size. If you would like to place an ad the deadline is October 22nd. Please see one of the PTF members or you can drop it off at the school or mail it: Monroe PTF, 77 Woodsville Rd, Monroe NH 03771. Please make checks payable to the Monroe PTF. They can also be emailed to [dsf101366@aol.com](mailto:dsf101366@aol.com)

### FAST Squad Dance

Saturday Nov 24th

For tickets contact Monica Jaynes  
at 638-4764

### Annual Scouting For Food

On Saturday, November 10th the Boy Scouts will collect donations for Tri-Cap in Woodsville, which serves our town. Please place your food donations by your mailbox so the boys do not miss them! There will also be a collection box in the Library vestibule if you prefer to donate that way. Any non-perishable food items as well as household items such as laundry detergent, toilet paper, or paper towels, are much appreciated. If you have questions, please call Eileen at 638-3002 or Sonia at 638-4191. Thank you for your support and for helping the boys to do a good deed.



Thanks to everyone for supporting this community event. We are already thinking of next year so feel free to let us know if you have any suggestions. We'd really appreciate ideas for different activities (for all ages and interests) to take place during the day on Saturday. Cindy Frazer, Barb Frost, Eileen Brown, Jessica & Steve Sherman.

## **Garden Club**

The Monroe Garden Club will meet at the park on Saturday October 13th at 9 am to do clean-up of the town gardens. It is hoped that all members can be there to help. Bring rakes, clippers/shears, etc. and energy!!

The Club will meet on Nov. 28 at 7 pm at the town hall to make the town wreaths. Bring any decorations you have for the wreaths and clippers to cut the boughs.

Thank you to those who put together decorations and a wonderful float for the Harvest Festival and cleaned up after. Good Job!!

## **Hunt Mtn 4-H Club**

We'd like to thank Sonia Zuk for her years of service as our organizational leader. She recently passed the torch to Jessica Sherman but she will continue to be involved in the club as a 4-H parent and as the sewing project leader.

We will meet the first Monday of the month @6:30 at the Town Hall. We are still in the midst of reorganizing ourselves but if you are interested in learning more about 4-H or joining our club please contact Jessica at 638-4096.

## **Public Library**

Please excuse the mess at the library while shelves are "weeded" to make room for new books and things are rearranged.

### **Our American Girls and Their Dolls**

Fashion Show: Sunday October 21st at 2PM  
**Preschool Story Time** being planned now.  
Please call or email Jessica at the library for more information.

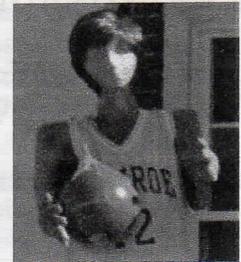
We will be closed on Monday Nov 12th and Thursday Nov 22nd.

## **8th Grade Fundraising**

The 8th graders are raising money for their class trip. You will find them selling lunch at the Craft Fair on Nov 10th. They are also raffling off a handmade quilt to be drawn at the Men's Club Basketball tournament. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and will be sold at soccer & basketball games as well as at the Craft Fair luncheon.

## **Men's Club**

The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, October 8th at the Town Hall. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month, from October to March. New members are always welcome.



## **Missing**

Last seen on Friday 9/28 @ the Town Hall

Seeking the return, or info leading to the return, of the Garden Club's basketball player (or at least the uniform because it was on loan!) It can be left at the Town Hall, Post Office, School, Library or even in the Park anytime. No questions asked.

# TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

## Effective Immediately (NH State Law)

- when registering a motor vehicle or renewing a registration, you **MUST** bring in a copy of the registration (original or photocopy)
- a photo ID is required every time you come in to renew or register a vehicle

### Office Closed:

Monday Oct 15th from 4-6PM

Thursday Oct 18th and Friday Oct 19th

Monday November 12th for Veterans Day

Thursday Nov 22nd and Friday Nov 23rd for Thanksgiving



## MEN'S CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Date and time to be announced**

VOTE  NOVEMBER 6TH  
FROM 8am-7pm



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS IN THE COUNTRY

**Saturday November 10th  
at the Town Hall from 10am-3pm**

**Quality Crafts by over 30 crafters  
Tea Table  
8th Grade Harvest Luncheon  
PTF Silent Auction**

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