

# CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

October/November 2015



## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy Autumn everybody! Autumn is when we make our transition from summer into winter where the arrival of night becomes noticeably earlier, daylight saving's time kicks in, the temperature cools considerably, and the leaves turn into brilliant colors and shed from the trees. A major **change** indeed and serves as a reminder that God is in **control** despite the fact that we as fallen human beings want to be in **control** of everything. (Isaiah 14:13-14)

While attending to family visitation last week, I couldn't help but laugh as a friendly argument broke out as to who was going to hold and be in **charge** of the television remote **control**. My research concluded that the first TV remote was invented by Zenith Radio Corporation called appropriately enough "Lazy Bones" but had one major drawback: it was connected to the television by a cable that snaked across the living room floor. I imagine that the first time mom tripped over the cable while carrying a tray of snacks and drinks was probably the last time that it was used in many a household. Eventually though they got it right. Many of us of course, can remember when there were no remotes at all. To **change** the channel, adjust the sound, or to turn the TV off meant that we had to get up, take several steps, bend over, and push a button or turn a knob. I can hear our younger folk now saying, "No way dude!"

Fortunately, God is not remote, never breaks, gets lost or runs out of power, and He's always in **control**. And He is always good! Why anyone would want to fight with God over the issue of who's going to be in **control** of their life is beyond me. God invites humankind to learn that true strength comes from being submitted to God through the **control** of the Holy Spirit. But it's okay to confess our **controlling** nature and admit to the fact that at times we can be **control** freaks. We are programmed as human beings to have the Burger King mentality of "Have it your way," or as Frank Sinatra sang years ago, "I did it my way." But it is ultimately God who is in **control** and He's in **charge** of the universe.

We need to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives and allow it to take **control**. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit it means that we confess our sins and in doing so, create a clean vessel in which our Holy God can dwell. God will then fill our hearts and minds with His Spirit so we might be guided, directed, and **controlled** by Him. So at the crossroads of life before you click your own remote, stop and yield your choices to God the Holy Spirit. Finally, obey Ephesians 5:21, and "Submit to everyone that you can." Want to know a great place to start? The next time you're watching TV with your family and friends, hand them the remote and say, "What do you want to watch?" (Just be prepared to revive them when they faint!) Don't let a little plastic device rule your world. Give it up and the **control** it represents, and yield your world to God. Have a blessed fall!

Pastor Earl

### AT A GLANCE

#### OCTOBER

12	Columbus Day
23	Yankee Candle Sale Ends
24	Soccer Tournament
31	Halloween!

#### NOVEMBER

1	Clocks Go Back
7	4H Craft Jamboree
9	Men's Club Meeting
11	Veteran's Day - No School (MCS)
14	Craft Show Scout Food Drive
17	MCS Exhibition of Learning (Open House)
25	No School (MCS, SJA)
26	Happy Thanksgiving!
27	No School (MCS/SJA)

#### EARLY DECEMBER

5	FD Breakfast
6	Memory Tree

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## MEN'S CLUB KICKS OFF MEETING YEAR, HOSTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Monroe Men's club meets the second Monday of each month at Town Hall from October till March. They will be sponsoring the annual Halloween party at the Town Hall on Saturday, **October 31** at 6 PM. Children wanting to enter decorated pumpkins must have them at Town Hall by 6 PM. Rules are 1) name and age should be on the back of the pumpkin; 2) pumpkins cannot be carved; 3) no sharp objects left in the pumpkins; and 4) decorating by children, not parents, please. After the costume parade and judging the 8th grade will hold their annual Haunted House, entry from the lower floor of Town Hall.

If you are interested in joining the Men's club just come to the next meeting (**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**, 7 PM).

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS



As always, the Monroe Fire Department reminds you to change your smoke detector battery when you change your clock on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. That goes right along with this year's Fire Prevention theme, "Hear the Beep where you Sleep." You can visit the Monroe Fire Department at [monroetown.com/fire-safety.html](http://monroetown.com/fire-safety.html) for more tips and links to the National Fire Protection Association's site.

## TOWN CLERK HOURS

Marilyn would like to make sure everyone knows her office will be closed on these dates: Nov. 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, and December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## "AIM HIGH" FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT YEAR

The fifth annual "Aim High" soccer tournament will be held on Saturday, **October 24<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9 AM on the Monroe School field. Hosted by the PTF, there are six schools and 120 kids competing. Donations of food for the sale are needed, and you can also help by buying a program ad – see any member of the PTF for info or e-mail Deb Fiske at [dsf101366@aol.com](mailto:dsf101366@aol.com). Ad prices are:

- Full Page.....\$100
- ½ Page.....\$ 50
- ¼ page.....\$ 25
- Business Card..\$ 20
- Supporter (name or names in the list of supporters).....\$ 10

## YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER GOES UNTIL OCT. 23<sup>RD</sup>

The Monroe School PTF is also holding their annual Yankee Candle fundraiser. Orders can be placed until **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you haven't been visited by an MCS child and would like to shop on-line, you can go to [yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://yankeecandlefundraising.com), where you will need to enter the MCS code (990010904). You may leave the seller's ID/name blank – no individual student will get credit for your purchase, but the school will still benefit.

## UNH & MCS IN PARTNERSHIP

Monroe School is excited to partner with the UNH Cooperative Extension for the SPIRALS (Supporting and Promoting Indigenous and Rural Adolescents' Learning of Science) project. SPIRALS focuses on local sustainability with the following conditions:

- Reduces or minimizes energy use
- Lessens waste production
- Reduces the impact on environment
- Shows fairness to all living things

SPIRALS expeditions in grades PreK-8 started at the beginning of October and will culminate on **November 17th with a whole-school exhibition of learning at 6pm**. All are welcome. Topic include Farm to Table (apples, eggs and milk); Honeybees; Energy Sources and The Milk Path (dairy farming.)

## HUNT MT 4-H NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Hunt Mtn 4-H Club hosts their annual county-wide craft jamboree on **November 7th** starting at 9 AM. This is always a fun day for ALL children, whether or not they are 4-H members. We could use your help making it a success! We'd love if you volunteered to teach a craft. Some past projects have included woodworking, scrapbooking, holiday ornaments, wreath making and painted signs. If you do not have a project idea we have some all planned that just need a person to run them. If you have craft supplies that you no longer need, we could also put those to good use. Please contact Jessica Sherman at 638-4096 if you can help.



## CRAFT SHOW IN 29<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!

The "Christmas Crafts in the Country" Show will be held on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 AM-3 PM at Town Hall. This show benefits the Monroe Fast Squad, and donations for the bake sale are greatly appreciated. The Monroe School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will prepare the Harvest Luncheon, and the PTF will hold their silent auction with many fun items and great gift certificates. Among our 40 crafters, we have several newcomers, including at least one juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen.

## OUR TOWN CLERK HITS 25! 😊

Years of service, that is. Please join us in congratulating Marilyn Bedell on 25 years of service as a Town Clerk. She was recently presented with a certificate and clock from the NH City & Town Clerk's Association. Here's to another 25, Marilyn.



## BOY SCOUT FOOD DRIVE

The Scouts of Troop 209 will hold their annual food drive on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. All donations from Monroe are taken to Tri-Cap Food Bank in Woodsville, which serves our town. Please place any non-perishable items (which can include household goods such as cleaners, laundry detergent, toilet paper, or even pet food is welcome) **by your mailbox or the end of your driveway** by 8 AM. If we miss collecting your donation by 3 PM, please call 638-3002 or 638-3019, and we'll get a Boy Scout to come right over!

## THIS IS THE CUTEST IDEA FOR A NEW BABY GIFT!

Grandparents, listen up! New Hampshire Fish and Game now offers a Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License, especially for newborns (up to one year old). The licenses can be activated when the boy or girl turn 16 (for fishing) and when they complete safety training (for hunting), and cost \$300. (This compares to a lifetime combined hunting & fishing license for a 16 year old, currently priced at over \$1,000!) You can also get a cute camo "onesie" to go with the certificate. For more details, call Fish & Game at 271-3422, or go to [wildnh.com/licensing/newborn.html](http://wildnh.com/licensing/newborn.html).

## PAUL KEENAN TO SPEAK ABOUT RYEGATE MILL

Paul Keenan will speak about the history and significance of the Ryegate Paper Mill on Wednesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>**, 7 PM, at Whitelaw Hall in East Ryegate village. Paul worked at the East Ryegate Paper Mill for 37 years, as did his father for 39 years and his grandfather for 55 years. The mill was built in 1905-1906 and at one point had 125 employees.

# DECEMBER PREVIEW



Here are a handful of events happening in December:

- 🌲 North Country Chorus is holding their Christmas concerts over 3 nights in our area. NCC will put up ticket info on their website shortly ([northcountrychorus.org](http://northcountrychorus.org)). You will be able to buy tickets in advance from Catamount Arts, or at the door.
  - Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at First Congregational Church, Littleton
  - Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at Wells River Congregational Church
  - Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM, at Peacham Congregational Church
- 🌲 The Monroe Fire Department will host a “Fill the Boot” breakfast on **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** at Town Hall (7-10 am). This breakfast collects money for needy families in Monroe.
- 🌲 The Monroe Community Church will celebrate their “Memory Tree” on **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 4 PM at the Village Church. You can get hold of Winston or Marguerite for more information on buying a light for a loved one (638-2331).
- 🌲 The Monroe FAST Squad is holding a Christmas Dance on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 8 pm – midnight at the Town Hall. The dance features the band SideShow. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be ordered from Maynard Farr (638-2612 or [mfarr30@roadrunner.com](mailto:mfarr30@roadrunner.com)). Please note, this dance is for 21+ (BYOB), snacks (wings, pizza) will be available, and all tickets must be paid for in advance.

Did we miss something? Call Eileen at 638-3002 to get it in the next ‘e-newsletter.’ If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please send a note to [leen\\_brown@hotmail.com](mailto:leen_brown@hotmail.com). “Beep Where You Sleep” artwork reproduced with permission from NFPA’s Fire Prevention Week website, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org). ©2015 NFPA.

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