



GOOD NEWS

East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith ~ Supporting Each Other ~ Serving Others ~ Guided by Christ



“The Ordination of Elders in a Scottish Kirk” by John Henry Lorimer (1856 – 1936)

“The Ordination of Elders in a Scottish Kirk” (1891) hangs in the National Gallery of Scotland.

An etching of this painting hangs to the left of the elevator at the back of our sanctuary.

The work was donated by Wes Megaw a dozen years ago.

Wes’s father (a Canadian Scots-Irish citizen of Covenanter heritage) had been a Presbyterian pastor in the Crown Heights section of New York City, serving the bulk of his career at the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church. The Lorimer etching hung on the wall of his parent's home in Fort Washington district, and embodied to Wes everything that ordination meant.

During World War II, Wes exercised his Canadian citizenship and joined the Royal Air Force. By his own account, during that time he changed from a very irreverent young man [though some might believe that never changed] to a person with a passion for the mission of Jesus; upon discharge he married his British sweetheart Joyce and entered Princeton seminary.

~Information contributed by Bruce Shields

Northeast Kingdom Chorus Presents Works of John Weaver

The Northeast Kingdom Chorus will perform works by John Weaver at its 2011 spring concert in East Craftsbury and Greensboro.

The Saturday, May 14 concert at ECPC begins at 7 PM. The Sunday, May 15 concert, at the United Church of Greensboro, begins at 4 PM.

The program will conclude with “Worship the Lord in Holy Splendor,” composed for the rededication of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

The concert will feature soprano soloist Sarah Pillow, conductor Marianne Weaver and organist John Weaver.

Son of ECPC Returns in May

Eunice Kinsey’s son **Erwin** married Angelika Wohlenberg Feb. 19, 2011, in New Vineyard Church east of Aruska, Tanzania.

They then went to Maasailand – where Angelika has ministered for 28 years as a missionary/ midwife/nurse – for another ceremony. Hundreds of Maasai attended.

Angelika’s 94-year-old father, who had flown from Germany, escorted his daughter up the aisle at both ceremonies.

The couple will visit Germany and Vermont next month. They plan to worship at ECPC Sunday, May 22, and will join us for a fellowship picnic that afternoon.

Erwin worked 30 years for Heifer International, and now works with Global Services, an international organization addressing HIV/AIDS.

Encounter the Trinity this Summer

Those who participated in the Lenten “Soup and Study” decided to continue meeting during the summer months.

You are invited to join them in a four-session study of “The Trinity: God’s Love Overflowing,” a study paper prepared by our denomination.

The session has engaged in this study – and this is a chance to go deeper.

When: Sunday evenings (May 22, June 12, July 10 and August 14).

Time: 6 – 7:30 PM (Potluck begins at 6; study begins at 7)

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

You may sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

Presbyterian Women

Blanket Sunday – May 8. This Church World Service-initiated project provides emergency supplies for disaster relief, especially blankets for warmth and shelter. Donations in honor of mothers are welcome.

Summer Study Series: Tuesdays June 21 – August 16 ~ 10 – 11 AM at home of Fielda Calderwood

We will study *What She Said - Quotable Women in Scripture*, readings about women in scripture.

The sign up sheet is on the back table. Materials are available now and may be had for \$8.

Summer Sale????? Is anyone interested in cooperating in, contributing to, or organizing a sale of antiques, notions and other expendables this summer, perhaps over Antiques and Uniques weekend? Let’s talk about it among ourselves to ascertain interest.

~ Kay Shields

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The Landscape of Worship

“Is that Eden Mountain we see on the horizon?”

“Could be ... that’s where it should be.”

Here in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, we enjoy beautiful vistas that both inspire us with the beauty of creation and give us a sense of place.

The worship of the Church inspires us and roots us, too. As we celebrate the new life in Christ, let’s look at the landscape of our worship:

The Presbyterian worship focuses its worship on an **encounter with the Word of God**.

We gather and begin with a call to worship and a prayer that set the mood of the service. We sing a hymn that praises God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and that explores the theme of the day.

We next examine ourselves in a prayer of confession that sensitizes us to our need for God’s love and help.

We next encounter the Word of God in several ways:

- ✘ The minister draws the children into the theme of the service during a short conversation with them.
- ✘ Three individuals read passages from the Bible. These readings set the theme of the service, and follow a schedule that brings us in contact with all parts of the Scriptures every three years.
- ✘ The choir sings an anthem related to the theme of the day.
- ✘ We also sing a Psalm (a poem taken from the Bible).
- ✘ The minister explains the Bible readings in a way that connects with our lives.

We respond to the encounter in these ways:

- ✘ By singing a hymn that echoes the day’s theme;
- ✘ By sharing our joys, concerns and prayers for the world and those around us;
- ✘ By offering our gifts.

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Pastor's Message (continued)

On special Sundays we confirm the Word by baptizing an individual or by celebrating The Lord's Supper (communion/the Eucharist).

We prepare to be God's people in the world by singing a final hymn, and hearing a charge and blessing.

I invite you to renew your own worship by deepening your awareness of the landscape of worship!

~ Pastor Dennis Hett

Birthdays!

May

2	-	Victoria von Hessert
12	-	Dennis Hett
14	-	Audrey Schneider
15	-	Howard Crawford
19	-	Thomas Kehler
20	-	Genie MacKellar
20	-	Jenny Stoner
22	-	Bob Kozub

June

1	-	Katie Rowell
23	-	Jim MacKellar
24	-	Bob Schlitt
26	-	Betty Urie
30	-	Doug Calderwood

July

9	-	Judy Crawford
13	-	Bruce Shields
17	-	Brian Young
26	-	Linden James Urie
26	-	Maeda Rose Urie
26	-	Nell McClure Urie

August

11	-	Anita Fletcher
26	-	Marvin Rowell
30	-	Kristin Urie
31	-	Brett Urie
31	-	Joannie Schlitt

Please send additions and corrections to Malda Horn.

Women's Leadership Opportunity

Women in our presbytery have an extraordinary opportunity to learn how to lead a group with sharply divided opinions to a shared decision.

"Women's Leadership in a Multicultural World," a seminar sponsored by the PNNE Ubunye Committee, will equip women to provide such leadership.

The seminar to be held July 31-August 4 at the Rolling Ridge Center, North Andover, Massachusetts.

A delegation on women from the Amatola Presbytery in South Africa will attend the seminar.

The Rev. Vicky Curtiss will lead seminar. She currently serves as Associate Pastor for Mission at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, Illinois, and Executive Director of Chicago Lights, a non-profit urban outreach organization related to Fourth Church.

Vicky served with Jenny Stoner as a member of the PCUSA Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity where her gifts helped the group arrive at a unanimous report on some very difficult topics.

Women are invited to apply to this outstanding opportunity. For questions, contact Jenny Stoner.

Card of Thanks

Dear Church Friends,

Nelson and I both want to thank you for the many phone calls, delicious meals, thoughtful visits, and especially all the prayers offered on our behalf. God is gracious and has been with us throughout this ordeal. I am continuing to heal, although it is a long, slow process. My continuing recovery involves extensive physical therapy. At my last visit to the hospital, my surgeon was pleased with my progress, but he cautioned against pushing ahead too fast. Thank you again for the many expressions of Christian love.

In Christ,
Jan Maynard

Spring-into-Summer Calendar

Visit the calendar on the church website for details and updates!

- ✘ May 7 (Saturday) – Church Cleanup (9 AM – Noon)
 - ✘ May 8 – Blanket Sunday
 - ✘ May 9 (Monday) – Session meeting at the manse – 7 PM
 - ✘ May 14 (Saturday) – Northeast Kingdom Chorus sings The Music of John Weaver – 7 PM
 - ✘ May 15 (Sunday) – Northeast Kingdom Chorus at United Church of Greensboro – 4 PM
 - ✘ May 16 (Monday) – Mission and Care Committee meeting at the manse – 7 PM
 - ✘ May 22 (Sunday) – Picnic after worship honoring Erwin Kinsey and Angelika Wohlenberg
– Trinity Study – 6 PM

 - ✘ June 4 (Saturday) – Presbytery Assembly, Hartford, ME
 - ✘ June 6 (Monday) – Session meeting at the manse – 7 PM
 - ✘ June 12 (Sunday) – Pentecost, Fellowship Potluck honoring High School Graduates
– Trinity Study – 6 PM
 - ✘ June 19 (Sunday) – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation, After-Worship Refreshments Resume
 - ✘ June 21 (Tuesday) – Summer Study Series begins at home of Fielda Calderwood – 10 AM

 - ✘ July 5 (Tuesday) – Session meeting at the manse – 7 PM
 - ✘ July 9 (Saturday) – Antiques and Uniques – 10 AM-4 PM
 - ✘ July 10 (Sunday) – Trinity Study – 6 PM
 - ✘ July 29-August 17 – South African Partnership Women’s visit

 - ✘ August 13 (Saturday) – Old Home Day
 - ✘ August 14 (Sunday) – Trinity Study – 6 PM
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