

January 2013



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATION CHURCH

The Good News

The Pastor's Ponderings

As this letter is being typed, it is the final day of 2012. In several hours, people will be toasting champagne and singing Auld Lang Syne. They will be putting behind them all of the good, bad, and ugly of the past and looking forward with hope to a fresh new year. But only a week away, the last holiday has become a reason to visit the dump with a needless tree or visit the stores for some amazing sales. So as the sun sets on 2012, it is hope for a better 2013 that is on the minds and hearts of many.

A longstanding tradition for this day and the next is to make a New Year resolution. Many take the opportunity to stop smoking or to drop a few pounds. Many set goals of getting organized, falling in love, working less and playing more. Around a third of the population will not make any resolutions, but none of them will have any chance in fulfilling them either. So, it behooves us to make at least one resolution.

Resolutions tend to be more successful if there is accountability to someone else. I am wondering if we, as a church, can hold each other accountable for some resolutions like: not speaking ill about a person ... or not gossiping ... not passing the buck. What would it look like if we made a resolution together to forgive ancient grudges and archaic fallouts? Maybe we should all up the ante and make a public statement about whom we need to treat with more dignity and respect.

And so, here is my short letter to encourage a happier and holier New Year. Make a resolution and stick to it. One can only change oneself ... not another ... but if enough of us want to see and make a difference, a personal New Year's resolution is a great way to start.

Blessings,
Martell

Moderator's Note

We are again approaching the end of another year. This means that we are celebrating the beginning of Martell's third year with us. He has brought to this church many new ideas and meaningful worship services. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to a Happy New Year.

The January suppers are on the way and moving to Friday nights this year. Hopefully more people might be able to attend. We are always looking for help.

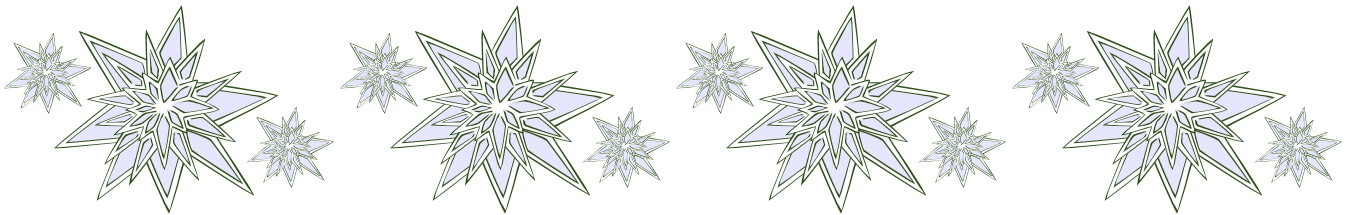
A reminder that the Annual Meeting will be on January 27, 2013.

This is all until 2013.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Paul Weld

Moderator



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**Deacon for Month January
Nancy Wiggin**

January Trustees of the Week

Jan. 6- John Edgerton

Jan. 13- Carl Vitters

Jan. 20- Peter Klomp

Jan. 27- Carl Vitters

Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9-11 and 5:30-7:30 by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call Bev in the church office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 and 1:00.

Diaconate

Greetings from your Diaconate,

We trust that you have been enjoying a joyous, blessed, and memorable holiday season.

Thanks to all who have offered so much praise and appreciation for this year's services and for the decor of the sanctuary!

We hope that our efforts contributed to your prayer and praise during this Advent season.

Your Diaconate continues to prayerfully seek ushers, flowers, and coffee fellowship hosts and hostesses. Thanks to all who have participated this year. We will continue to offer these components in 2013 with your assistance.

We also have Bibles for your purchase. With the New Year approaching, we know that many of you will turn to your Bibles as you set your goals and priorities for 2013.

As always, your Diaconate continues to welcome and appreciate your comments and feedback as we strive to address the spiritual needs of all congregants.

Wishing you a spiritually fulfilling
and satisfying 2013,
The CVCC Diaconate



Next month's Newsletter deadline will be Jan. 25. If you have anything to submit please see Bev or email your info to bshelton@thebrowchurch.org

May God's Amazing Grace
Be Upon You in 2013!



January 2013

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Men's Breakfast 8:00 Jan. Supper Roast Beef 5-7pm	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> Sunday Service 10:00	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Men's Breakfast 8:00 Jan. Supper Roast Turkey 5-7pm	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Sunday Service 10:00	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Men's Breakfast 8:00 Jan. Supper Italian Night 5-7pm	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> Sunday Service 10:00 1:00 Mineral Springs Service	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Men's Breakfast 8:00 Jan. Supper Smorgasbord 5-7pm	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Sunday Service 10:00	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Ladies Bible Study 9:30 Zumba Class 6:00	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

Date	Total in Attendance	Weather	Special Day
12/2/2012	51	Drizzle, cold	1st Sunday of Advent
12/9/2012	64	sunny/cold	2nd Sunday of Advent
12/16/2012	57	cold/snowy	3rd Sunday of Advent
12/23/2012	86	sunny/cold	4th Sunday of Advent
12/24/2012	89/50	cold	Christmas Eve Services
12/25/2012	9	Cold/snowy	Christmas Day
12/30/2012	42	partly cloudy/cold	Last Sunday of 2012



Coffee Fellowship

January 6– Diaconate

January 13-

January 20-

January 27-



There are openings to be filled for Coffee Hour. See Nancy Wiggins or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



- Donna Danielson
 John Eglit
 Thomas Garrity
 Gary and Laura Keim
 Melanie and daughter,
 Kale Webster and his battalion
 Ward Young
 Dorothy Warren
 Helen Hutchins
 Kathleen Wayman
 John Gray
 Gail Gray
 Christine Fournier
 Jannette Williams
 Family of Pauline MacLean



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TO: All Members and Friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church

The Annual Meeting of the Membership of The Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on **Sunday, JANUARY 27, 2013**, at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of The Conway Village Congregational Church after worship.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting will be:

To hear reports of the officers, board and standing committees for the preceding year.

To approve a Budget for 2013

3. To elect officers, board and standing committee members for 2013

To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at Conway, New Hampshire, this 20th of December 2012.



Anne Getchell
Clerk



Flowers are needed for the month of January. Please contact Marcia Hill @ 356-3190, if you can supply flowers for the service.

January Suppers

Conway Village Congregational Church

1/4/13 Roast Beef
1/11/13 Roast Turkey
1/18/12 Italian Night
1/25/12 Smorgasbord

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm

Cost: \$12.00 per person

\$5.00 for children 6 - 12

Under 5 -free

Special advanced tickets

\$40 per person for all four
nights

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Monthly Calendar of Events

CVCC January Events

Every Tuesday – Food Pantry open 9:00am-11:00 & 5:30-7:30pm

Ladies Bible Study @9:30am

Zumba @6:00pm

January Birthdays

2nd Deb Howe
5th Charlotte Altenbern
5th Elwood McLlarky, Jr
10th Alice Vierus
14th Chris Wiggin
16th Dwight Smith
18th Nancy Wiggin
20th Alexandra Kovalik
21st Sylvia Weld
22nd Sharrene Bernhardt
24th Patty Tilton
26th Andrew Kennett
28th Jill Reynolds
28th Peter Sell
30th Cheryl Kovalik

