



THE YOKE

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
Matthew 11:29-30

The First Baptist Church of Hanover in Etna and The First Congregational Church of Hanover in Hanover Center

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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS



Greetings to My Church Family,

There is a wonderful story to tell about the recently completed Dominican Republic Mission in Brisas del Norte-2. God was with us daily, blessing the work and answering our prayers. I've given my Pastor's Paragraphs space to mission team journalist, Dorothy Judd, who volunteered for this task. While one cannot tell the whole story in just a page, one may make a start. Here's Dorothy:

"When the Etna Five (Jonathan Edwards, Mike Hall, Susan Hall, Heidi Hoskin and Dorothy Judd) left the Upper Valley on April 9th, it was 21 degrees. Throughout the time in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic it was in the mid-to-upper 80s. At Logan Airport we were joined by the five from Gilmanton, and in Miami we met up with two from Pastor Hall's former parishes.

It should be noted that each traveler took along a bag weighing about 50 lbs containing children's clothing, school supplies and health items. Baggage fees for this additional luggage were paid by "pretzel money," luncheon, Easter cookies and church contributions.

The D.R. missionary, our contact Madeline Flores-Lopez, greeted us at the airport. When all the suitcases were loaded onto the truck and secured with rope, we looked a lot like the Beverly Hillbillies heading off to Boca Chica. Our team, plus Madeline, followed in a van. As we turned off the highway, we drove along a very bumpy, twisting road, dilapidated structures on each side, and we knew the adventure had begun. Once at the hotel we met Saury, a very personable interpreter and trouble-shooter assigned to us, got room assignments and, after a quick snack of chicken sandwiches and some fruit, headed to bed.

Most were up early, commenting on a neighboring rooster and the barking of many dogs, but we found out that the generator was on only "sometimes" and not early enough for us to plug in the coffeemaker. Thus we learned to make "sock coffee" as the Dominicans call it. Using something that looked like an elongated fish net, we guessed at the amount of coffee and then poured boiling water through the "sock" into a pot. That first morning most were eating breakfast—delicious pancakes made by Mike Hall—before 8. We then set up a duty roster, two to a task, for breakfast prep and clean-up, devotions, lunch and supper clean-up.

Each day after breakfast we met for devotions, prepared by Mike Hall and led by a different duo each day. We began with a hymn, then a scripture passage and a brief related passage. Three questions, designed for group discussion, led to personal introspection and true team-building. After a closing hymn, we went over the plans for the day and were introduced to the craft of the day.

Some stayed at the hotel and did various jobs: sorting the more than 350 pounds of children's clothes we had brought, as well as the school and health supplies. Pastor Marianna would distribute clothes as appropriate, and school and health supplies were divided up into bags, one for each of the church families. Others walked to the church and helped with the on-going construction of an apartment for Pastor Mariana on the flat roof of the church. Picture heat, bucket brigades, getting to know the work crew and learning the process of cement block construction. Jonathan Edwards got to know several of the crew and by the end of the week was putting together rebar.

Lunch, which usually happened about 1:00, was picked up from the caterer as was supper. It arrived in one or two large pans and you could count on some form of chicken, plantains, beans, eggplant, pasta or rice. Baked cheese was a favorite. On occasion there was sweet, juicy pineapple provided by the missionary contact.

There was some downtime after lunch, but by 3:30 we headed to the church for Bible School. The first day there were about 40 children in attendance, a number which grew to about 130 by the end of the week. Each day a different duo was in charge of the lesson that focused on a Bible character who was particularly loyal to God. The interpreter translated throughout as the duo read the related Bible passage and told the story in their own words. The characters were Jonah (swallowed by the whale); Joshua (battle of Jericho); Joanna (one of the three women at the empty tomb); Joash (the boy king); and Jochabed (mother of Moses). The interpreter asked

questions about the presentation, and it was obvious the children had been paying attention. Each lesson culminated with a very active, clever skit using the most basic of materials and involving the whole team—if only in a crowd scene. The kids loved these skits.

Following the "lesson" the children were involved in a craft that illustrated the day's lesson. The items were very clever, planned by one of the Gilmanton crew. The kids sat on the floor to color, sometimes using their chair as a make-shift "desk" or to assemble parts, aided by the team. I watched in surprise as children carefully returned crayons to the individual box they were using. After juice and cookies, the older kids went outside for recreation, and the younger ones played games inside as well as listened to books read by Heidi Hoskin.

By the time everything was cleaned up and we returned to the hotel, it was about 7:00 and time for supper. We sat around and talked about the day, and by 9:00 most people were heading to bed, exhausted.

On Sunday we visited several churches in the morning and joined the worship in one, held in what was essentially a garage attached to a house. Afterwards we ate a special meal served on real dishes on tables with tablecloths, outside at the caterers. This touch of luxury seemed strange after our week's experience. At 5:00 we attended the regular Sunday service at "our" church. The music was lively, the congregation singing many verses of songs, all from memory. There was a small combo, and for one particular hymn, some got up and danced. Our own Heidi Hoskin delivered a message, in Spanish, which was very well received. Pastor Mariana introduced and thanked each of us, and the bags of school and health supplies for each family were distributed. All this was capped with ice cream and much socializing with children and adults.

Monday was a day of R&R after saying goodbye to the work crew and making sure everything was in order at the hotel. We then went to the beach for swimming, sunning and lunch. The local vendors who came along as we sat had delightful wares, and we had fun bargaining and purchasing. We later stopped at Ole, a sort of Walmart, so people could buy some items as well as delicious jellies we had eaten. It was a very early night as we had to leave for the airport at 3:30 and our 6:00 AM flight back to the U.S.

While this is a more or less accurate account of our trip, it is mainly factual, omitting the emotions and personal growth each of us experienced. To paraphrase a song, probably each of us left a part of our heart in Boca Chica, and will continue with prayers for the mission there."

TESTIMONY OF THE ETNA FIVE (transcribed by Carol Edwards): Sunday, April 22nd, the Etna Five gave testimony about their mission trip April 9-17, 2018, to Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. The group's goals were to help build the parsonage for Pastor Mariana above the church she leads, and to provide Bible School for children in the area. Reverend Mike Hall said that like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14, the mission team wished to report back about their travels. First to speak was Dorothy Judd.

Dorothy Judd recalled traveling down a very bumpy road to Boca Chica and passing huts that were people's homes. Though conditions were rather bleak by our standards, her overall experience was one of a feeling of love. She noted that she had never been part of a team—a group with a common purpose—and was happy to be part of this team. She said that the children attending Bible School sat still and quietly, and later was told that one factor in their behavior might be that the children are malnourished. The mission team provided two meals to the children every day, and the children were always very thankful. They also seemed hungry for hugs.

She recalled that the children loved stories, and that they cared about one another. She was surprised when the children received hot dogs on the last day, and the older brothers and sisters took the hot dogs home to give to their parents. She concluded by saying, "I think we made a difference."

Heidi Hoskin told the congregation that the mission group worshiped every morning, using a devotional booklet Reverend Mike had put together. Mike had asked each of them to identify "Jesus moments" during their time there. Heidi experienced one of these moments when she encountered a small boy who could not find his family members. Heidi picked him up and put him in her lap; he fell asleep almost immediately. She was reminded of Paul's teaching to the Galatians that among Christians there is no Greek or Jew—no separation between any of us. After a while, she handed the boy off to Susan Hall, who said his head made a permanent impression on her shoulder, and a permanent impression on her life.

When Heidi read a story about an "abuele" ("grandmother") and asked the children "Where are the arms of the grandmother?" a little girl embraced her, showing that others could provide a grandmother's arms. She noted that the team heard "gracias" and "bendiciones" ("blessings") often, and when others heard the team say these words, they responded with "Amen." She ended by thanking Mike and Susan for their leadership.

Jonathan Edwards reported that the team was busy in Boca Chica. He recalled the activities, and the trips to other churches, including one that has the shape of a fish. He liked one church that had been a garage and had an open structure. He suggested before going on such a mission trip it is a good idea to learn some Spanish first; make sure to get vaccinations before going; and take a course in defensive driving.

He was involved in helping build the parsonage. He noted that everything there is built of cement, except for the shacks some people live in. Because of the cement structure of churches, the sound within is resounding. The men he worked with were very good at

working with cement, and he called them “professionales.” They are Haitians, and because of this, they live as an underclass below Dominicans. However, there is no tension between the two groups in church. The men had been told that Jonathan was experienced in construction, but didn’t believe it because Jonathan didn’t know anything about working with rebar. They taught him, and then Jonathan taught others. They formed a bucket brigade to hand cement and water up to the men on the roof. He was surprised when two children offered to help—Julio, a 12-year-old who looked like he was seven years old, and Angelo. The kids were energetic and courteous, and put in a lot of labor.

There was no antipathy from the townspeople. Jonathan noted that many men spent a lot of time sitting outside their dwellings. When he told the people they were “Gringos,” the people started hailing them with that word.

Susan Hall testified that she “is not a camper,” but she survived and found the accommodations pretty nice. The church has bathrooms that are spotless and which are kept locked when not in use. The meals the team ate were catered, and the team stocked a refrigerator with food for breakfast and snacks. She said that the group “became our own tribe,” and felt that the group’s cohesiveness is the best she’s experienced since she began going on mission trips. There were lots of puns, and they used a talking stick in their discussions. They also used a leadership stick, and it was passed seamlessly. She said that Heidi did them proud when she preached a sermon in Spanish.

Reverend Hall noted that seven churches were represented in the mission team: three people from UCC churches, three from Baptist and one from a Christian Missionary Alliance church. Mike recalled how Angelo was in charge of his brother Otto, who was 2½ years old. It is not uncommon for older children to take care of their younger siblings, because both parents work or the father has deserted his family. There were 120 children who attended the Bible School. Pastor Mariana is ministering to them all. She walks 2½ miles to church, and sometimes pays a little to ride with someone on a motorcycle.



The congregation links hands and hearts to bid the Mission Team farewell with a closing prayer.

LOOKING BACK



“All change is a miracle to contemplate, but it is a miracle which is taking place every instant.”—Henry David Thoreau, *Walden* (1854). **February, March, April: the months of transition from winter into spring.** That passage proved ever so S-L-O-W this year, our progress impeded by a record flu year, ice storms well into April and a chilly Easter Sunday requiring earmuffs more than a new bonnet. We had hoped for better in 2018! Yet, in retrospect, a good deal of positive change was occurring for our church: Our Mission Team flew from their comfortable lives here to serve those in need in the Dominican Republic; the entire congregation supported that mission through generous donations of goods, money, time and talent; we added new, creative evening programs while supporting community-wide efforts such as the Talent Show and Rummage Sale; we welcomed Jenny Voelker as a new member; we attended our Annual Meetings with the congregation’s future welfare foremost in our thoughts.

Good Works, Good Eats and the Good Word



Our church held a number of events with which to mark Holy Week, from our children replaying Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then learning about Passover and the Exodus in Sunday School, to the solemnity of partaking of communion on Maundy Thursday, through to a somber Good Friday service. A delicious Easter Breakfast proved a big draw following the Sunrise Worship Service, and the day culminated in the lovely flowers, music and message found at the Easter Worship Service.



Carrying palm fronds into the sanctuary.



Pastor Mike—& Carol—with a fun Children's Message. Children recite the 10 Plagues at a mini-Seder.



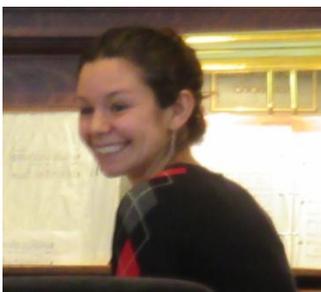
The sanctuary bloomed on Easter Sunday. . .



. . .and voices boomed with Easter praise.



The note on which a musical key is based is, as you know, a “keynote”; if your oration at the start of a conference sets the prevailing tone for what is to follow, you are considered the “keynote speaker.” Could we not say, then, that the music of the piano and organ act as the “keynote” of our worship services? For preparing our hearts for worship as well as uplifting our spirits week after week, we give our thanks for the accomplished musicians who have played for us during the past 12 months: Laura Coppock, Carol Edwards, Peter Estes, Harold Frost, Gini Hawes, Kay Hillinger, Vicky Morici, Susan Ryder, Jenny Voelker and Rachel Wilson (who played a very poised, lovely *Prelude* for us).



Joining these illustrious musicians is our new organist/pianist, Britney Rose Privett, a musical multi-talent (she also plays the flute, guitar, sings and even dances with the Dartmouth Dance Ensemble). She grew up in Kingston, NY and started with the piano at age 5; at age 15 she added the organ to her repertoire and has played and been a choir director at two other churches. A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Britney currently works as a postdoc at Dartmouth in the biology department, studying iron homeostasis in plants. When she has a spare moment (!), she loves to hike and play frisbee golf.



“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”—from *Remembrance of Things Past* by Marcel Proust (1871-1922), who wrote about the critical role of memory in shaping our lives. We dedicate the Amen Corner in this issue to the connection between recollection and gratitude as manifested beautifully by these words spoken by Dick Baughman during the Sunday Worship Service on April 15th: “Our thankful prayers are asked for the families of several residents who have died recently and who contributed much to the life of our community.

- Alan Fullington, who was active in helping at the Hanover Center Fair. His life and accomplishments were beautifully enumerated at the service in his memory last Saturday to a fully packed sanctuary at Hanover Center.
- Mona Abbas, a daughter of Henry and Dot Thompson (“Aunt Dot” was once designated NH Mother of the Year, because she not only raised her own five children but many foster children as well). The plaque in the garden in front of the Etna sanctuary is a memorial to the Thompson family. Mona and husband Arnold went west to Minnesota in the early 1980s when Arnie inherited the family farm and remained active in farming and church work. Arnie was president of the Etna Church at that time, and I was nominated to assume that position when they left.

- Peter Shumway. He and his wife Kay (a member of the Etna Church) purchased the Moose Mountain Lodge in 1975 with much surrounding land and developed many trails. Since last year much of the land and trails have been placed in conservation, and Peter was able to enjoy this transfer before he died.
- Ida Lange was a kitchen consultant and wife of outdoorsman and writer Willem Lange, whose essays continue to appear in the *Valley News* many Wednesdays even though they relocated to East Montpelier, VT several years ago. She was always identified as “Mother” in his stories.
- Betty Elder was a longtime resident of Etna and widow of Stanley Elder, Etna’s longtime storekeeper, postmaster and fire captain. Betty was also an aunt of Glenn Elder of Hanover Center.”

When thanked for sharing these recollections on behalf of not only those who share them but for those new to the congregation, **Dick replied, “We were newcomers once and warmly greeted by the ‘old timers’; our congregation is a great blend of both.”**

Ministries Traditional and Ministries New



“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”—(Luke 18:1). Our **PRAYER CHAIN** offers to all an avenue to the comfort and strength so needed during the difficult times of life. Whatever your need, make your **PRAYER REQUESTS** to Pastor Mike at (610) 223-6204 or e-mail Carol at etna.hanovercenter.church@gmail.com. Participants then will receive an e-mail informing them that their prayers are asked for.

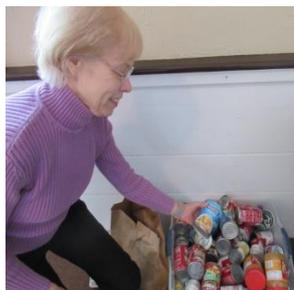


Two “pinch hitters” ably filled our pulpit this quarter: **Eric Wadsworth on March 11** (when Pastor Mike and Susan traveled to Europe to greet their new grandchild), and **Reverend Dale Edwards on April 15** (when Pastor Mike and the Mission Team were laboring in the vineyard—or rooftop, as was actually the case. Eric based his sermon, *Stones of Remembrance*, on Joshua 4:1-7, where Joshua enjoined the Israelites to build a memorial of stone “to serve as a sign among you” of God’s deliverance. Eric closed by asking each of us to look for the stones of remembrance in our lives. Rev. Dale Edwards, Regional Minister of ABC/VNH, chose *Doubting the Future* as the theme of his sermon, which he began by re-casting “Doubting” Thomas’s loss of faith as a loss of confidence in the reality of the resurrection. Sharing vignettes from his childhood and ministry, Rev. Edwards reminded us not to give up, but to find confidence in the grace, love, mercy, forgiveness and healing Jesus offers.



Our Outreach during the past three months has been (literally) all over the map! To benefit the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, early in February the team, along with volunteers John & Becky LaHaye and Jane Rice, dipped 1500 pretzels in chocolate, which were a sellout in just two Sundays! Proceeds from the successful Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser on February 18th added to crucial mission funding, and just in time for Easter and to benefit the mission trip, Susan Ryder (aided and well abetted by Steve Schuchman) baked lovely cookies and made Easter baskets to sell—again, instant sellouts!

On the local front, Souper Bowl Sunday” on February 4th garnered well over 134 pounds of soup destined to fill hungry tummies in the Upper Valley, while those coming in from the cold to enjoy a fun and laugh-filled night of entertainment at the Community Talent Show in March donated enough food to fill three large boxes for the Haven as well as lots of school supplies for the Mission Trip. Our college students were not forgotten, either, as Love Boxes full of snacks and personal items were filled and sent out in April prior to the rigors of their upcoming final exams.



“Souper Sunday” donations.

Jonathan has an eager pretzel prospect. Even the kids helped!

Susan & Steve set up to sell tasty Easter goodies.

Last—but they never should be considered least—the women of the church were at their “outreaching” best this quarter. Jenny Voelker introduced Christian Yoga to us in an eight-class series this winter (and it will return in the Fall); Rhonda Fenton had us up and dancing to a Latin beat with her Monday night Zumba classes, which will run through mid-June. And then to cap it all was the

Etna Ladies Aid Spring Rummage Sale, which in the mere eight hours they were open fetched a remarkable \$3,000+! But, then, these are remarkable women, who labor all year to support local community projects and service organizations such as the playground on Etna Green, the historical pictures in Trumbull Hall, the Good Neighbor Clinics and the Summer Band Concert on the Etna Green. Pictured below left are just some of these remarkable women!



ROW 1: Ann Chioffi, Irene MacArthur, Susan Johnson, Trudy Savage
ROW 2: Becky LaHaye, Kelly Hawes, Cora Moses, Chris Pressey-Murray, Sherry Pressey, Jane Buskey

Satisfied Saturday morning Rummage Sale shoppers found great bargains.

LOOKING FORWARD 



So much to look forward to in the next few months: days in which to honor our mothers, our fathers, the brave men and women who perished while serving our country; times to stage a community-wide fair for the enjoyment of all ages, to tap our toes to band music on a summer evening on the Green; occasions for a special kind of fellowship as we eat a meal together, where we reach out to children who are hungry, where children can enjoy a free, educational and fun-filled week with a spiritual foundation, where we can rest, relax and recharge with friends and family. *"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."*—Henry James, 1843-1916.

May



NOTE: MAY 6, 13, 20, SUNDAY SCHOOL as usual, all ages. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL May 27 (holiday weekend).**

Volunteer needed to take kids outdoors to play **on May 27**. Please contact Laurie Wadsworth at lauriewads49@gmail.com.



NOTE: MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES in May are held at 10:00 AM at the Etna Church.



TUE 1, 8, 15~ADULT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 PM. NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY May 22 and 29.



THU 3, 10, 17, 31~CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:00 PM. NO CHOIR REHEARSAL May 24.



SUN 6~INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, 11:00 AM, Etna Church.



SUN 6~GRAFTON-ORANGE-SULLIVAN ASSOCIATION will meet at 3:00 PM to install the Rev. Amanda Lappe-Friberg as Pastor & Teacher of the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College in Hanover (40 College Street), which is part of the United Church of Christ. Heidi Hoskin is the delegate representing the Hanover Center congregation; anyone interested is welcome to join her.



THU 10~CRAFT NIGHT, 6:30 PM, Trumbull Hall.



THU 24~17th ANNUAL ZIENZELE NIGHT CELEBRATION, 5-8:00 PM, Dartmouth Outing Club (on Occom Pond). Hear about recent field activities and the changing situation in Zimbabwe. Participate in the silent auction, buy a basket and enjoy an afternoon sponsor walk around Occom Pond; \$30 per person includes hors d'oeuvres and beverage. All proceeds benefit the Zienzele Foundation, one of the missions our congregation supports. Contact Jim & Nancy Clark at (802) 439-6196 or jhclark48@gmail.com.



MON 28~MUSTER DAY, 4:00 PM, Hanover Center Parade Ground.

June



NOTE: JUN 3, SUNDAY SCHOOL as usual, all ages; **JUN 10, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**: All ages will participate in the **Youth/Child Worship Service** at 10:00 AM; **Volunteer needed** to take kids outdoors to play on **JUN 17** (please contact Laurie Wadsworth at lauriewads49@gmail.com); **JUN 24, Service Sunday**: Kids will help with Hanover Center Fair clean up.



NOTE: MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES in June are held at 10:00 AM at the Etna Church.



NOTE: NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY during June, July and August; resumes in September.



THU 7, 14: CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:00 PM. **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL JUN 21, 28 & during July and August**; resumes in September.



SUN 10~YOUTH/CHILDREN WORSHIP SERVICE followed by **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** and **SLIDE SHOW** of this year's Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.



THU 14~CRAFT NIGHT, 6:30 PM, Trumbull Hall. **NO CRAFT NIGHT** during July and August; resumes in September.



FRI 22 (5-10:00 PM) & SAT 23 (10:00 AM-4:00 PM)~OLD TIMERS FAIR, Hanover Center Parade Ground and Hanover Center Church. You can follow the fun on the Fair website (<http://hcoldtimefair.wix.com/hanovercenterfair>) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/HanoverCenterOldTimersFair>).

Important dates:

- Deadline for program advertising and raffle prizes is May 14th.
- Set up Monday, June 18; rain date Tuesday the 19th.
- Tear down late afternoon June 23 and late morning-early afternoon June 24; NOTE: The need for cleanup help at the end of the Fair is critical. We were in quite desperate straits last year with a lack of bodies and total exhaustion of the core crew. The cleanup schedule is always weather-dependent, but if the weather has been clear and the tents are dry, we break down a good portion of the Fair about 4:00 pm on Saturday (June 23). The heavy lifting is needed at about 11:30 Sunday morning when the food tent is broken down (we cannot do that Saturday because everything still is hot); this involves moving refrigerators, grills, wooden staging, a big tent, etc. onto a truck and then offloading into Jeff Balch's barn, so a group of strong backs is truly needed. Of course there is other cleanup as well that does not require so much brute strength: boxing books,

cleaning up the vestry from the White Elephant sale, putting the remaining auction things at the roadside for free pickup, bringing the chairs back to the church that were seating at the auction, etc.

- The food tent can really use laborers during the Fair. Sign up for 1- to 2-hour shifts (firm) with Elaine Hawthorne or Jeff Balch.
- All areas of the Fair can use volunteers (ice cream scoopers, snow cone and cotton candy makers; bakers for the bake sale; workers (in advance and during) for the White Elephant and book sales; crafters to display wares in the craft tent; staff to watch the games and the bouncy house; people to put out flyers and spread the word as advertising... **all comers welcome!**

July



NOTE: MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES beginning JULY 1 are held at 10:00 AM at the Hanover Center Church.



NOTE: Starting on JULY 1 and running until SEPT 9, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. However, there will be a children's "fun time" during the sermon each week, as well as small bags of quiet activities to borrow.



SAT 21~OUTDOOR BAND CONCERT~PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 6:30 PM, Etna Green. Music and fellowship with the Upper Valley Community Band; sponsored by the Etna and Hanover Center Churches and the Etna Ladies Aid Society.



MON 23 thru FRI 27~SUMMER LUNCH MINISTRY. Summer is a wonderful time of the year, but for some Upper Valley kids being out of school means going hungry. Our church is teaming up with local churches to participate in a summer lunch program for kids at Northwoods, the low-income community in White River Junction. An Americorps volunteer runs their DREAM program, organizing year-round activities, including lunches during the summer months. Our church will provide 40-45 lunches per day for one week. Some churches do everything on a Sunday after church and then deliver, while others go every day of their week and hang out with the kids after delivering lunches. We all can be God's hands. Look for a sign-up sheet later in May at the church.



AUGUST 6-10, KIDS WEEK AT TRUMBULL HALL. Watch the weekly church announcements for details. ALL children grades K-6 are invited!

FINANCIAL REPORT



Here is a financial update from the Inter-church Council. We currently have the following numbers from the First Baptist Church of Hanover in Etna; information from the Hanover Center Church may be included later. This update is for informational purposes only. **As members of God's family, we welcome everyone to worship with us, without regard to ability to contribute financially.**

1st Q contributions \$26,983

1st Q expenses (\$32,709)

1st Q surplus/deficit (\$5,726)

1st Q budgeted (expected) deficit (\$2,640)

KEEP IN TOUCH



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