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Timely Tidings

From the Congregational Church of Peacham, Vermont

Sunday Service: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. followed by coffee hour –all welcome

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thanks, and our pledge to help humanity find hope and peace in a time of terror.

We pray that your Spirit will help us though our hurts, our hang ups, our habits, our head aches, and our heart aches, and let us be healed and transformed by their sacrifice for our freedom and our happiness.”

At the Peacham Cemetery, on the same day, I reminded us of the paraphrased words of President Lincoln: “It will not long be remembered what we say here but it will never be forgotten what they gave in order for us to be free and happy.”

I have thought a lot about the relationship of valor and values as the town so beautifully moves ahead with it's work on the new Veteran's Memorial.

The other day I took a careful look at the old Revolutionary War stones in the old cemetery. Again, time has many markers indiscernible but the values live on. Peacham's July Fourth Celebration will be a great reminder to us of this complex and yet simple relationship among veterans, their valor, and our values. The stirring music of the Maple Leaf Band at the 9:30 worship on the Sixth will be an important part of the unwritten curriculum of transferring higher values to another generation.

Understanding our history gives us more than a clue to why people come from all over America to worship in this high season of summer in our Olde Meetinghouse.

The eternal values and these eternal hills are not incidentally related! You're invited to be part of this enduring celebration this summer.

Yours Faithfully,



“Whoever you are, and where ever you are in life's journey, you are welcome in this church.”

Upcoming Events

June 29	Confirmation Service	9:30
July 4	July 4 th Celebration	8:30-7:00
July 6	Annual Dixieland Jazz service with the Maple Leaf Seven	9:30
Aug. 7	Bazaar	11:30-2:00
Sept 21	Fellowship luncheon	12:00

TRACTOR PARADE

For the first time on the Fourth of July you will have a chance to see our Church's own float in the Tractor Parade at 11:30 AM. All children of the church are invited to ride. Rob Ide will drive his magnificent old tractor. It will be a Deere moment. Don't miss it!

FROM DR. POTTER'S PEN

Valor and Values

Several folks asked for a copy of the prayer I gave at the Peacham Memorial Day Service to honor Veterans. Here it is:

“To this Holy Place, made precious by time and higher values affirmed, we come today to honor those who lie in graves in peaceful Peacham and around the world, and whose life and memory we will will always cherish . To the known and the unknown, we give our

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have had a great end to our school year. On Sunday, May 11 the children lead worship and performed the music for the Children's program. The congregation enjoyed the considerable talents of the children who performed with the youth orchestra, sang or played instruments. It was a wonderful way to say thank you to all of our Mothers.

The next Sunday, we went to the Humon's and did some community service for our neighbors by raking leaves at their home. The Children did a great job!

On June 8th, we gave our end of the year breakfast as a thank you to the congregation for all you support year around! We served 60 people and the kids did a great job making scrambled eggs and pancakes! Thanks to all the parent volunteers that helped us prepare and clean up from the breakfast. We couldn't do it without you!

Please plan on attending the Confirmation Service on June 29, 2008 as we welcome Meggie Danielson, David Fickes, and Jennifer Moore to our congregation. These students and their mentors have worked very hard and this will be a very special service. Thank you mentors and confirmands for all your devotion to this program.

We are hoping to have a float in the 4th of July parade. If anyone can help us get it prepared that would be great. The theme will be Noah's Ark and the children will be dressing up and playing musical instruments. Please contact Carolyn Deasy 592-3196 or myself 592-3025.

We wish everyone a very happy and restful summer, thank you for all the support that you give the Christian Ed program and we will be "kicking off" in September.

Lisa Moore
Superintendent

THE CHURCH'S NEW WEBSITE

Webmaster, Jonathan Potter, reports that our website has received 'over 15,000 hits'. It continues to be a work in progress including its hearty welcome to new friends, introductory encouragement to share in our worship, to participate in our excellent music program, and to support our mission work. There's also a summary of our history and a statement of Spirit and Covenant. In response to several requests Dr. Potter's open mic at worship is available to those who are away. Check it all out at www.peachamchurch.org

MEMORIAL SERVICES

June 28 at 11:00 AM for Melvin Somers

MISSIONS

What would you do if your child needed treatment for several days at the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (part of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center). Through the end of June, we are supporting DAVID'S HOUSE, a home-away-from-home for children receiving treatment at Dartmouth and their families. David's House is not a clinic or motel: It offers a quality, home-like atmosphere, one that has helped the Potter, Fuehrer and Goss families among others.

David's House is named after David Cyr, who was treated at Dartmouth for and ultimately died from lymphocytic leukemia. He wished between treatments that he could take home the other children he met at the hospital, some of whose families had to sleep in the waiting room because they could not afford a motel room.

If you want to join us in supporting David's House, you can leave a cash contribution in the plates at the rear of the church or write a check to "Peacham Congregational Church" with a memo marked "David's House."

Our summer mission, starting July 1, is HEIFER INTERNATIONAL, a program that partners with families and communities in undeveloped areas of the world to help them obtain a sustainable source of food. As an illustration as to how the program works to ensure sustainability, Heifer International has provided goats to families recovering from the Tsunami in India. Before doing so, Heifer International required the families to build sheds and pens, trained them in animal husbandry and trained several community members in basic veterinary skills. Participating families agreed to pass on some of the goat's offspring to other families.

If you wish to support this mission, donations should be made as above, and if by check write "Heifer" on the memo line.

The Peacham Church is one of the primary supporters of the Danville Food Shelf. You're invited to support it through monetary gifts as well as food contributions.

John H. Marshall, Mission Committee Chair

SUMMER WORSHIP AND MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

There will be special music each Sunday over the summer. Brenda will be in Italy with the North Country Chorus on June 22nd and the 29th. Luke Swanger, a much-accomplished musician from Johnson State College and student of Diane Huling, will give music leadership to our service.

During Dr. Potter's time away on June 15th and 22nd, Karen Fitzhugh will give the sermon on the 15th and John Marshall on the 22nd. Senior Deacon, Rob Ide, will preside.

You will not want to miss Confirmation Sunday on June 29th when Jenny Moore, Meggie Danielson, and David Fickus will lead worship on this much-anticipated Sunday. Their mentors are Carolyn Deasy, Rob and Martha Ide, and Bob Fuehrer, respectively.

On July 6th, we will welcome again the Maple Leaf Band under the direction of Phil Brown.

This summer we will be blessed to have Brenda's daughter, Tanya, coming from her previous performance at Carnegie Hall to sing on July 27th.

Luke Swanger will give music leadership to our worship services in the month of August. In addition, on August 17th Sarah and Meghan Deasy will be performing. It's going to be a great summer. Save gas, stay at home and come to church.

PEACHAM CHURCH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

August Bazaar, August 7 11:30-2

We are looking forward to this year's August Bazaar. There lots of new items. Its a great time to do Christmas shopping! The delicious luncheon is back again by popular demand.

September 17 12:00 We will be meeting for our traditional pot-luck luncheon. All are welcome.

MEETING HOUSE MINUTES

By Lorna Quimby

\$5 plus postage and mailer, \$2.40

Benefit: Peacham Congregational Church

Send order to: 104 Thaddeus Stevens Road, Peacham,
VT 05862-2007

Checks payable to: Peacham Congregational Church

Available at the Peacham Historical House and Peacham Library as well as the Congregational Church

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Peacham Historical Association

The PHA announced earlier this year that its theme for this summer season would be 'Sheep Raising in Old Peacham'. The metaphorical language regarding sheep is a rich Biblical theme. Bob noted that Ella Mae, a lamb owned by David and Marilyn Magnus was blessed at a recent 'Blessing of the Animals' and Bob added: "Warning: summer sermons ahead."

BITING THE BULLET

Heating Oil ! Last year we spent almost \$9000 on oil, one of our major costs of operation. This coming heating season will very likely double that cost. We simply must do some things to reduce our oil consumption, and at our Business Committee meeting on June 11th, we voted to dip into reserve funds to purchase internal plexiglass storm panels for downstairs and sanctuary levels to the tune of just over \$3000. A single window panel will be made for one of the downstairs windows as a trial before we proceed with the rest. Mayo Glass in St. J will make the panels for us, and the plan is to have two-piece panels for the sanctuary windows (the lower half could be removed relatively easily in summer), and the downstairs windows would be a single panel. We think that this approach will help significantly on heat loss, while not being especially noticeable from a visual standpoint. You very likely will hear some kind of "adopt a window" appeal as the project moves along. We'd urge you to think about this need, and say thanks in advance for considering it in your plans.

The Business Committee.....

4TH OF JULY PIG ROAST

Come spend a day in Peacham beginning with the Horseshoe Tournament at 8:30, the parade at 11:30, a barbecue lunch and a full afternoon of assorted activities, then join us for a **Pig Roast Dinner** at the Peacham Congregational Church at 5PM.

We are serving roast pork, potato salad, cole slaw, applesauce and a beverage. For dessert we have strawberry shortcake. Take out orders are available, buy your dinner ticket and go to the back of the church.

Adults are \$10. and children \$5. and under 3 free., this benefits the Peacham Church.

For questions and/or reservations call Mary Williams 802-592-3135.

The church steeple will be lit the week of July 6th in memory of Bob Foster, the week of July 13th in memory of Judy Cota and the week of August 17 in memory of Joyce Bobeck

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