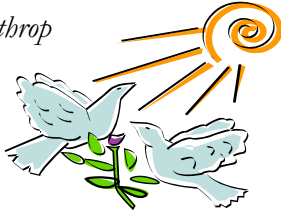


CHURCH NEWS

by Hope Lothrop



Nelson Congregational Church

There has been interest in finding resources and in gathering together for support for those who are care givers on a day-to-day basis or dealing with a situation at a distance. Home Healthcare Community Services have been helping by giving us guidance and by showing us how to find necessary and vital services. Sunday, December 6, at 11 AM Susan Harmen from HSC will speak to us about Medical Durable Power of Attorney. If you are a care giver or know someone else who would benefit from such information please join us at the church. All are welcome.

During Advent we are singing Christmas Carols beginning at 9:20 AM each Sunday morning just before our service begins. Come join us and bring your own request for a favorite Christmas Carol to be sung.

There is a "Giving" tree at the church with stars that have the names of children and suggested items that would make their Christmas a happy one. Please bring your wrapped gift(s) back to church by December 20 with your star attached to your package.

On December 20, the Sunday School will present its Christmas Pageant during worship. The Middle School Youth, Deanna Zilske, and Annie Garrett-Larsen have collaborated to write the pageant this year.

The traditional Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service will be held at 7:00 PM. The Nelson Town Band will play beginning at 6pm. Come join us in this festive, joyous and deeply moving service.

We have six Senior High youth from our congregation who are preparing for a Mission Trip during February vacation. The trip is run through All People's Christian Center in Los Angeles. During December there will be a "Sponsor a Youth" table at the church where you may purchase a gift or give a donation to help these youth earn the funds necessary for this amazing trip. Those going on the trip are: Jocelyn Frederick, Megan French, Jon Bower, Stephanie Morse, Eric Bower and Ian Frederick.

We are very proud of Ian Frederick and the completion of his Eagle Scout project with the Harris Center. Ian, with assistance from other troop members, built bridges and performed other trail improvement projects at the Center. Ian is a Deacon, helps clean the church, works at suppers and all the other church events that happen throughout the year.

The Trustees have been active doing lots of little, though much needed, projects. An extension has been added to the stairwell hand rails at Henry Melville Hall. They installed a programmable thermostat to automatically start the furnace on Sunday mornings. The Trustees are also investigating the viability of a "stair lift" for the stairs leading from the sanctuary and/or the stairs to Henry Melville Hall from the rear of the church.

Chapel-by-the-Lake

Worship services are at 10:00 AM. Bible Study follows the Worship service.

On December 12, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM The Munsonville Ladies' Group will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar at the Chapel By The Lake. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch to enjoy while you shop for those handmade gifts for those special folks on your Christmas list. You can participate in the Cookie Walk and there will be a raffle. Don't miss any of the fun or great bargains!

IAN FREDERICK

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first grade, he was hooked and has been a Scout ever since. This past spring, Frederick started planning the project to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank of the Boy Scout program.

As an Eagle Scout project, Frederick chose working on the Harris Center's trails because it had the right combination of trails work, helping others, and helping an organization he likes.

Frederick's project involved two parts: benches and bridges along Harris Center's trails and grounds. With help from his stepfather, Peter Smith, Barry Tolman, Peter Fox and fellow Scouts, he built attractive benches out of birch logs. They're placed at sites around the Harris Center's grounds where visitors can stop, rest, and enjoy the scenery, the birds and the great outdoors.

With more help, Frederick built the bridges on the Harris Center's Dandelyon and Boulder Train trails. The bridges, built from nearby hemlock, help hikers stay dry when they're crossing low, wet spots on the trails.

To get it all done, Frederick figures he had help from at least 15 people, including friends, family, and members of Troop 530 of Nelson.

Among the challenges of the project was the planning and coordination involved.

"I liked scouting the trails in the winter, especially around the big boulders on the Boulder Train Trail," Frederick said. "And I liked getting all the pieces in place and how they all came together in the end."

Established in 1970, the Harris Center for Conservation Education is a member-supported nonprofit organization that:

- Promotes understanding and respect for our natural environment through education of all ages;
- Protects and practices exemplary stewardship of the region's natural resources; and
- Provides programs that encourage active participation in the great outdoors

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