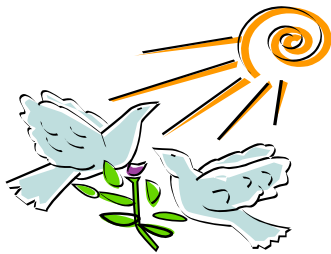


CHURCH NEWS



from Hope Lotbrop

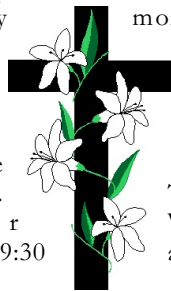
Nelson Congregational Church

During February vacation three adults and seven youth from Nelson, Harrisville, and Peterborough went to the DC area on a Mission Trip. Two and a half days was spent working with Habitat for Humanity and two and half days working with food for the needy distribution. Rev. Luther Durgin filled in for Dawn while she was with the youth on the Mission Trip on February 22.

Ash Wednesday was on February 25. We observed the start of Lent by sharing in a joint worship service at the Chesham Church at 7:00 pm.

On March 14 there will be a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Come wearing your green and enjoy a great meal and camaraderie. Tickets are on sale now - Contact Joy Birdsey-Smith for more info.

Holy Week will be celebrated with a Palm Sunday Service, April 5; a Maundy Thursday soup and bread supper that will be joint service with members from The Chapel-By-The-Lake at the Nelson Church. The supper will be at 6:00 pm followed by a Tenebrae service at 7:00 pm. Good Friday will be an observance of prayer and reflection. The church will be open during the day. Sunday morning at 6:30 am, April 12, we will hold a Sunrise Service on the church steps followed by a pancake breakfast at 7:00 am. Easter Worship will be held at 9:30 am. All are welcome.



Chapel-by-the-Lake

Worship services are at 10:00 am with Bible Study following the Worship service.

The Knitting Club meets Saturdays from 10:00 - Noon. For more information and to confirm meeting dates, call 446-7857 or 847-3231

Maundy Thursday will be a joint venture with the Nelson Congregational Church this year. There will be a soup and bread supper at 6:00 pm at the Nelson Church followed by a Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm. We invite all our parishioners to share in this event with our brothers and sisters of the Nelson Church. We are hoping that possibly next year we can host this supper and service.



LIBRARY NEWS

from Kris Finnegan

Three new programs at the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library

The library is offering one more free educational "Tax Talk". This talk will be presented by people from H&R Block, but will not be soliciting business for H&R Block. **Commonly Missed Deductions and Mistakes** will be presented on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, 7:00 pm. Wouldn't it be nice to know if you were getting everything that you're entitled to? Absolutely! The tax talk will provide you with the 10 most commonly missed deductions and

mistakes made on a tax return. Some are medical expenses, state and local taxes, charitable contributions, moving expenses, etc.

The Nelson Olivia Rodham Memorial Library presents **Fix Your Cookbook**. This program will teach you how to repair a book that has a damaged binding. Why not rebind one of Mom's favorite cookbooks for Mother's Day? This program will be at the library Wednesday, March 25, and Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30 pm. Anne Ames will be teaching this class. Please call 847-3214 for more info and to sign up, or email nelsonlibrary@wivalley.net.

The Nelson Library now has **NH Downloadable Audio Books**. Browse and search hundreds of great titles and download them to your computer, transfer them to a portable device (an MP3 player, sorry no iPods yet), or burn some titles onto a CD for your enjoyment anywhere, anytime. This service includes many best selling authors, free software, automatic return, no late fees and they are available anytime on a high speed connection. Stop at the library to sign up and get your audio book number. If you would like to browse the site go to <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>.

For more information call the library at 847- 3214 or email nelsonlibrary@wivalley.net

THE PATIENCE OF MARCH

by Karen Tolman

Muddy March roads,
Harbingers of spring.
Dark and light weighed,
'Til balance brings
The vernal equinox,
Growing daylight again.

Impatiently slowed,
By these miry tracks,
I yield to time's gift,
To nurture my own path,
Weighing dark and light,
With the patience of March.