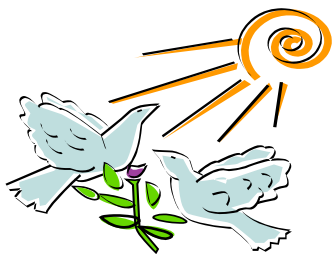


CHURCH NEWS



from Hope Lothrop

Nelson Congregational Church

During February Vacation youth and chaperones from Nelson, Harrisville, and Keene went to California on a Mission Trip. Upon their return they shared their experiences of the trip during worship on Sunday, February 28.

Ash Wednesday was February 17 and was hosted at the Chesham Church.

Annual Meeting will follow worship on March 10. There will be an election of officers and committee members for the coming year; and there will be agenda items for discussion and possible votes. All church members and church friends are urged to attend; however, only members may vote.

Adult Education Classes are being held on Wednesday evenings through March. Discussion is centered on videos by Dominic Crossan & Marcus Borg's "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God". All are welcome to meet at Bert Wingerson's home at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for these classes.

On Saturday, March 20, there will be a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Come wearing your green and enjoy a great meal and warm camaraderie. Tickets are \$8 and are on sale now. Contact Joy Birdsey-Smith for more info.

Holy Week will be celebrated with a Palm Sunday Service on March 28; Maundy Thursday on April 1 with a soup and bread supper. This will be a joint service with members from The Chapel-By-The-Lake at the Nelson Church. The supper will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 2, will be an observance of prayer and reflection. The church will be open during the day. Easter Sunday, April 4, we will hold a Sunrise Service on the church steps at

6:30 a.m., followed by a pancake breakfast at 7:00 a.m. The family Easter Worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Chapel-by-the-Lake

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

Knitting club meets Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. til 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 p.m. at the Nelson Church followed by a Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.. We invite all our parishioners to share in this event with our brothers and sisters of the Nelson Church.



LIBRARY NEWS

from Kris Finnegan

The Olivia Rodham Memorial Library in the town of Nelson, with a population of 670 residents, has become a kind of town center. It provides educational activities for children, an informal gathering place for book clubs and discussions, as well as a wealth of books for all of its users and a wi fi internet connection. The Library is dedicated to providing materials and services to help Nelson residents obtain information meeting their educational, cultural professional and recreational needs. As librarian Kris Finnegan says, "If we don't have it, we can get it in a few days." Special emphasis is in two areas: an

emphasis on supporting and stimulating an interest in and appreciation for reading and learning, leisure along with recreational needs will be recognized. The Library serves as a center to help people of all ages continue their education and add to their knowledge and understanding of the world, its arts, sciences, religions and its people and their histories.

The library will be reading To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee at its book group meeting in March of 2010. This program is sponsored by the **NH Big Read**, in association with The Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library which celebrates and promotes reading, books, literacy and the literary heritage of New Hampshire, and highlights the role that reading and libraries play in enriching the lives of the people of the Granite State.

<http://nb.lib.overdrive.com>.

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

RETRIEVING ME FROM WINTER

(A tribute to the power of dogdom, in the name of Jackson, our rescued black lab)

by Karen Tolman

Brown eyes tugging
at mine of blue
— beseeching

Pink tongue wagging
'neath a yellow tennis ball
— teasing

Collared in purple
yet trusting my lead
— believing

Quiet by the hearth
as I in my chair
— healing

In stark contrast
to winter's cold snow
— retrieving
me