



Summer Fair is a GO!

# First Church in Jaffrey Weathervane

July - August

2021

## “It’s good to be together again.”

It was so good on Pentecost and then again on the first Sunday of June to worship together outside in the church yard. It is good to be together again. Our thanks to all who have helped to make this possible. It has been a lot of work for many people, and we are grateful for what you have done.

During the last few months, we’ve been following the Gospel of John which I think most of you know is my favorite. With June the lectionary has shifted to the Gospel of Mark. In the first two Sundays in June Mark's parables have been incredibly relevant, not only to our personal lives but also to the life of our church. We are in a time of enormous transition.

Covid has forced us all to make enormous changes in our lives whether or not we wanted to make them. Now as we begin to see the possibility that the end may be in sight this also requires big adjustments. In addition, our church is in the middle of a search process which also means change.

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### **Together Again (continued)**

The first parable was the parable of pouring new wine in old wineskins. Mark is saying that Jesus is new wine. With God in our midst, it is not business as usual. All of us, including myself, get comfortable with things the way they are. Are we prepared for the new wine Jesus offers which may mean changes in our lives?

Mark follows this up on the second Sunday of June with the parable of the mustard seed. The Old Testament reading is the story of Samuel being instructed by God to go to the house of Jesse to find the next king of Israel. Jesse brings in his 11 sons. Samuel says "don't you have another son?" Well, there is the youngest son, David. He's out taking care of the sheep. Frankly, he is not king material. But of course God takes this mustard seed of a boy and makes him the greatest king in the history of Israel.

The point of the story is that God sees things differently than we do. We are all mustard seeds. We don't see our own potential, nor do we see the potential of the others around us. I think the greatest change that we can make in the life of the church is to use mustard seed vision as we look at ourselves and at each other. God only knows what could happen.

*David*

### **Memorial Day with Rev. David Felton at the Cutter Cemetery**

The services (a short reading and prayer followed by gun salute) at each town cemetery are a tradition in Jaffrey, and First Church clergy usually preside at the Jaffrey Center locations.



### **VIS/FCiJ Spring Cleaning in Jaffrey Center**

David Bliss, Roy Lake, Marcia Breckenridge, Carol Schaab, Sharon Epple and Heather Ames ready the First Church grounds for warm weather.

## FCIJ Begins Weekly Worship Inside on July 11

The Executive Circle voted on June 25, contingent on COVID developments, to resume weekly worship inside on Sunday July 11, 2021 at 10:30 AM. Please plan to wear a mask and respect social distancing. Windows and doors will be open for better ventilation, and we will collect contact tracing information. As we have done outside, silent singing or humming by the congregation continues. Special seating will be available in the Narthex. Plans are in the works to record the indoor services and make them available on the First Church website within 24 hours.

**There will be no in-person service Sunday July 4** because of traffic leaving church at 11:30 conflicting with cars arriving at the Meetinghouse parking lot at 11:30 for the noon July 4th Reading of the Declaration of Independence. Instead, a video meditation will be posted on YouTube with the link e-mailed to the congregation.

## Get Ready for the Annual Summer Fair! Wednesday, August 4, 1 – 4 p.m.

Bruce is making sure to keep abreast of all COVID updates. The organizing group is comfortable with the Fair proceeding as in previous years with a few precautions. The latest news emerging from a June meeting follows:



- Sam Greene and Toni Gildone have agreed to manage the Children's Fair which will be held in all 9 Horsesheds.
- Betsy Trimble and Dee Poole will collaboratively work out the shared space in the Meetinghouse for white elephants and antiques.
- Gunilla Johanson and Mary Amirsakis will organize the Fine Arts in the sanctuary. The emphasis will be on "original" art as opposed to prints.
- Rick Stein hopes there will be garden objects and *small* furniture to sell for the Garden Center.
- Gene Faxon is in charge of tools and electronics again, but will exercise a discerning eye over what is accepted.
- The bake sale will be in the Parish House with Sylvia Hamilton in charge.

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### ***Summer Fair (cont'd)***

Pam will coordinate all lunch and snack offerings. Lunches will be available in the Parish House to take out and will consist of delicious homemade sandwiches, bagged with chips, homemade cookies and a drink. No lunch will be served in the Parish House. Needed: someone to grill hotdogs and an assistant to manage the sales of hot dogs, drinks, chips. We will take care of set up and provisions; you just show up to cook and sell!

### ***We Need Everyone's Help***

It's not too early to think about what you might donate to the Fair. Specifically: treasured items no longer needed such as antiques, jewelry, fine art, quality and clean white elephant objects, fine linens, and garden items.

Donations of merchandise can be received at the rear of the Parish House (off Blackberry Lane) on the following days:

Tuesday, July 13, 10 - 12

Thursday, July 22, 3 - 5

Saturday, July 31, 11 - 1

***The Summer Fair will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to work together again!***

*Bruce and Pam Hill*



### **A Word on COVID Safety**

As Fair administrators we support universal best practices for Covid safety and are taking several measures that reduce risks to patrons and volunteers while maintaining an open and accessible event. In addition, we are asking patrons and volunteers to only attend the Fair if they meet the following guidelines set by the State of New Hampshire:

1. They have been fully vaccinated for 14 days or longer.

**Or...**

2. They have no new symptoms commonly associated with Covid including fever, respiratory distress, gastro-intestinal distress, or diminished sense of taste or smell.

3. They have not had close contact with someone who tested positive for Covid in the past 10 days.

*We believe these precautions demonstrate compliance and respect for everyone's good health. We hope you agree.*

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## First Church Scholarships Awarded to Conant Grads

On June 17, Marcia Breckenridge, Benevolence Circle Chair, handed out \$500 scholarships to four Conant graduates: Quinn Dowland, Alyssia Maki, Jacob Tremblay, and Abigail Wheeler. Originally, the Circle budgeted \$1,000 for two scholarships, as in the previous year. The money came from 2019 Fair proceeds and the 2020 Virtual Fair Fund.



We had created our own application form which asked short answers to typical questions like “Why do you want to go to college/specialized training beyond high school.” It also asked the applicant to write a 1-2 page essay on one of three themes: tell the story of a favorite event and why it is special; think of a difficult situation you faced, how you resolved it, and reflect on your decision; and create a word photo of yourself in a place that you love.

According to the letter from the scholarship coordinator, the COVID year posed challenges for the graduating class. It was a small class of 52 graduates, many of whom were learning remotely. Obtaining information on financial aid and admissions was difficult and not always timely. But, as Karen Estes wrote, “the learners of the class of 2021 persevered!”

We received four excellent applications. One student was looking at a career as an audio engineer, another wanted to go into the medical field, one planned to study nursing and another wanted to teach. Their achievements ranged from installing a fully accessible music playground at the Monadnock Community Early Learning Center, as part of an Eagle Scout Project, to dedicated participation in athletics, and working summer jobs in unfamiliar settings. One young man wrote a lyrical essay about jumping into a pool in a quarry, while another student lovingly described a family trip to Disney World to celebrate her grandparents 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Performing in Project Shakespeare gave a young woman confidence and “made me the person I am today.”

These four young people projected optimism and hope in the future.

We gave them all scholarships.

*Benevolence Circle: Marcia Breckenridge, Mary Jo Marvin, Toni Zajackowski*



The first weekly Pie Sale, a fundraiser created by Pam Hill, was an overwhelming success. Toni Gildone watches over the dwindling number of pies which sold out roughly 10 minutes after opening at 2.

## **PIES !** Every Friday in July and August 2 – 4 o'clock



**First Church in Jaffrey 14 Laban Ainsworth Rd.  
Proceeds benefit the Jaffrey Community and FCIJ**

All pies have homemade crusts. Some are sweet, some are savory.

### **Dessert Pies**

Apple  
Blueberry Crumble  
Banoffee  
Key Lime  
Pecan  
Cream Puff Pie  
Tollhouse Chocolate Chip  
Coconut Cream  
Grasshopper  
Sky High Monadnock Pie  
Pumpkin Cheesecake Pie  
4 and 20 Blackbirds  
Strawberry Rhubarb

### **Savory Pies**

Spinach Quiche  
Broccoli, Onion, Pepper Quiche  
Toutiere (meat pie)  
Quiche Lorraine  
Taco Pie (appetizer)

*Inventory of pies for sale on any given Friday is by chance. No guarantee of availability. All pies are \$20. **Pies may be ordered 5 days ahead for Friday pick up by 3 o'clock** or they will be placed on the table to sell. For information or orders call **603-263-4743**, leave your name and number and you will receive a call back.*



## Calling all Pie Bakers!

The first Pie Sale was Friday, June 25. It was a resounding success. The official hours are 2 to 4, but people showed up early and all the pies (20 plus) were gone by 2:10.

### We need more pies!

Here are the Friday dates we will be selling:

July 2	August 6
July 9	August 13
July 16	August 20
July 23	August 27
July 30	maybe Labor Day Weekend

You can sign up now for the weeks ahead. I will make all pie crusts for you if you need them, and I will provide the pie pans and boxes. Graham cracker crusts are also okay; while we have a list of possible pies on the flier, anything sweet or savory is welcome. If you make pies that need to be chilled, they will be kept in the Parish House's refrigerator. If your pie needs a whipped cream top or garnish, I will do that at the church Friday at 1 pm.

*All pies should be at the church on Fridays by 1:30.*

*I will send out a pie reminder each week. If you are able to bake, please let me know And the type of pie you are making. I will supplement with an additional 2-4 pies/week, and I will make ones you are not.*

### **Helped needed on Fridays:**

Pat Harmon will be helping me sell pies July 2, 9, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

She is then leaving for Alaska July 20- August 25.

I will need a helper to sell at the church on July 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20<sup>th</sup>.

I have left a supply of pie pans in a large zip bag to the right of the stove in the Parish House kitchen. Take whatever you need.

Our "PIES" sign will be out on Thursdays and Fridays. Many Thanks to the Pie Team!

Pam

## ***Summer Entertainment – Music & Lectures***

### **Electric Earth Concerts in July and August**



**July 4**, Sun, 4 – 6 PM

Hanz Araki, Celtic flute & Shakuhachi flute  
First Church in Jaffrey, 14 Laban Ainsworth Way  
Jaffrey, NH

**July 14** Wed, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Horszowski Trio  
The Monadnock Center for History & Culture, 19 Grove St  
Peterborough, NH

**July 26**, Mon, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Neave Trio  
The Monadnock Center for History & Culture, 19 Grove St  
Peterborough, NH

**August 2**, Mon, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

David Breitman, fortepiano: Mostly Mozart  
The Monadnock Center for History & Culture, 19 Grove St  
Peterborough, NH

**August 17**, Tue, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

Schubert Quintet in C  
Jaffrey Meetinghouse

For a full schedule and information on tickets, go to [www.ElectricEarthConcerts.org](http://www.ElectricEarthConcerts.org)

**Amos Fortune Forum  
74<sup>th</sup> Season**



**The Amos Fortune Forum**  
*A forum of ideas since 1946*

The 2021 season will be virtual and will begin on July 9 at 8 PM. The link will be on the website, [amosfortune.com](http://amosfortune.com), but if you miss the live stream, you can view the session later on the website.

All the speakers have close ties to the Monadnock region, but the topics covered are timely and diverse, ranging from history and climate issues to leadership, health care and bees as pollinators. For a complete list of speakers and topics, go to [www.amosfortune.com](http://www.amosfortune.com).

### Summer Entertainment – Music & Lectures (cont'd)



## Monadnock Summer Lyceum

Now in its 52nd season, the Monadnock Summer Lyceum opened on June 27 and will offer seven additional speakers on Sunday morning who continue its mission “to inform, engage, and inspire.”

The Lyceum also remains in a period of transition and decided that it was not safe to hold live events in the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church. As done last year, programs will be streamed this summer. These sessions will be recorded and available in audio and video format for people to enjoy at a time of their choosing. If you are watching live on a Sunday morning, please sign in at 10:45 a.m. to enjoy the work of local musicians before the presentation begins at 11 a.m.

Speakers address contemporary issues in the areas of language, music, history, foreign policy, life beyond earth, gender inequity, overlooked women pioneers, and conservation. For complete information on the season, go to [www.monadnocklyceum.org](http://www.monadnocklyceum.org)

## DPW Paves Potholes on Laban Ainsworth Way



Photos courtesy of Ken Campbell



The Jaffrey Dept. of Public Works has paved the potholes on Laban Ainsworth Way. It happened on June 17, the 246<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the raising of the frame of the Jaffrey Meetinghouse to the distant sound of cannon at the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. Maybe not quite as key an event as that battle, but a great improvement for the safety of the people who walk in the area and the elderly members of First Church in Jaffrey. The paving was a by-product of the repaving of Blackberry Lane beyond the Horsesheds and was a result of a May 3rd meeting of Todd Croteau, DPW superintendent of highways and facilities, with Suze and Ken Campbell to discuss issues concerning the Village Improvement Society and First Church. Since then, the DPW has graded the Meetinghouse parking lot, removed giant stones from several of the 1810 VIS Horsesheds and filled the holes with 3 cubic yards of dirt. **Thank you, DPW!**