

Andover Bible Church

By Beth Frost
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“For God So Loved the World that He Gave His One and Only Son, that Whoever Believes In Him Shall Not Perish But Have Eternal Life” - John 3:16

The Andover Bible Church Sunday service begins at 9:30 AM (preceded by prayer time at 9 AM for anyone who wishes to participate). The first Sunday of each month is communion Sunday, and we have a pot luck lunch following the service.

During the week, our facility hosts the Andover Wyldlife group, which is for middle school kids in fifth grade through eighth grade. They meet at the church on Monday nights from 6 to 7:15 for a meal, games, and spiritual discussion time. We usually have about

20 kids and three or four adults; it is an uplifting time for all.

We would like our facility to benefit our community and would be willing to make the space available for persons or groups when it is not being used.

We now have a Web site. Check us out at AndoverBibleChurch.com.

We will be having an Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 4, at 6 AM; it will be held outside on the church grounds. A potluck breakfast will follow afterwards in the church. Our regular church service will take place at our usual time of 9:30 AM. All are welcome to take part in any or all of these services.

In the near future, we hope to offer movie nights for kids and families on Friday nights, perhaps once a month. Check our Web site for that schedule.

Andover Democrats

By Robin Boynton
Andover Democrats

The Andover Democratic Committee held its monthly meeting at Lake Farm Realty on February 9. Present were Co-Chair Janet Moore, Robin Boynton, Steve Darling, Mario Ratzki, and Art Urie.

Discussion resumed about the All Andover Democrats potluck supper to be held on May 13 at 6 PM at AE/

MS, with candidates available for questions and answers. Candidates Ann Kuster, Katrina Swett, and Paul Hodes have said tentative “Yes”; still awaiting reply from John DeJoie and Matt Houde. Publicity will begin in late March.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, at 7 PM. All Andover Democrats are cordially invited to attend.



An enthusiastic group of AE/MS students brought many much-needed bags of food that they'd collected at a dance and a basketball game to the Andover Food Pantry last month. Thanks very much to everyone who donated!

The shelves at the Food Pantry continue to be reasonably well stocked, but the storeroom is empty - what's on the shelves on a given day is all we have. Please bring non-perishable, non-expired staple items to the basement of the Town Hall when you can. If you prefer to donate cash, you can send donations PO Box 61, Andover 03216.

The Andover Food Pantry makes a big difference in the lives of our hardest hit friends and neighbors, so please help in any way you can.

Photo and caption: Charlie Darling

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family

By Judy Perreault
NH Circle of Home and Family

Why is it that all the good food contains the most calories? In a perfect world, chocolate would have zero calories and celery 200. The Halcyon Seekers weren't too worried about calories as we took “The Chocolate Journey.”

It is hard to believe that something as small as cacao beans provides such gastric pleasure. Before we get to the delicious end product, the beans have to be picked from the trees, removed from the pods, fermented, dried, roasted, and ground into paste. This produces a cocoa liquor which is the basis of all cocoa products.

Chocolate has been around for about 3,000 years and is believed to have originated in the Amazon where the climate is hot and damp. At one time cocoa beans were used as currency. In 1513, one hundred cocoa beans bought a slave and four beans got you a rabbit for supper.

When chocolate was first introduced to Europe, only the wealthy could afford it, and it was in the form of drinks. By the late 1700s, chocolate was being

mass produced and was more affordable. Solid eating chocolate didn't appear until the 1830s.

Chocolate is good for you, containing chemicals that reduce blood pressure and also give you a “falling in love” type of feeling. Maybe that is why it is so popular on Valentine's Day.

Rose Tilton, our hostess and leader, provided two delicious soups for lunch. The idea was to go easy on the main course and then go overboard on the wonderful chocolate desserts that the members brought.

One of the most interesting things that we learned was that Public Service of New Hampshire's Portsmouth facility is conducting a test burn mixing coal with cocoa bean shells (biomass fuel). If this proves feasible, Lindt USA in Stratham will provide this by-product of chocolate-making, which in turn will help reduce our carbon footprint.

It was a good subject for Valentine's Day, and we didn't mind celebrating a day late. For more information about joining our club or starting your own, call 735-5493.

ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

Food and Necessities for People in Need

sponsored by
The Andover Lions • The Andover Beacon

We need your donations of non-perishable staple foods and other necessities. (Please check expiration dates!)

The food pantry is located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

It's self-service, no questions asked. Take what you need or drop off what you can.

If you know someone in need, tell them about the pantry. If they are not comfortable going to the pantry themselves, for whatever reason, let a Lion or Beacon volunteer know - **WE DELIVER!**



ANDOVER BIBLE CHURCH

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.” Psalm 23: 1

Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 AM
(Preceded by Prayer Time at 9:00 AM)
Bible Study Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Pastor: Tom Bates – 235-4121

Comfortable Fellowship. Simple Message. JOIN US!

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ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the hill, beside the road in East Andover

All members, ministers

John J. Wagner, Pastor • 735-5160

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 AM,
followed by fellowship and refreshments. Childcare provided.
Please call the church office at 735-5160 to learn about
outreach programs for teens and adults.

Praise and Worship Service in the Grange Hall on the
fourth Friday of every month beginning at 7:30 PM.

Come as you are! All are welcome!