

## Andover Community Church February 2022

### Highlights from December and January

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Happy New Year!

We hope everyone will stay healthy, happy, and safe in 2022. Here are a few highlights since the last article.

Some of the Andover Church family went caroling in the area on December 19. Everyone enjoyed the evening, which was topped off with home-made hot chocolate prepared by our own Judy Evans. Yum!

The Christmas Eve service was very well attended. In addition to many families and guests, we had three special visitors who came to sing for us all. Actually, they were sock puppets and put on an amazing musical. The children especially enjoyed the show and learned all about the "Living Hope," born in Bethlehem. Can't wait to see what's up their sleeve for next year (maybe even Easter – who knows?).

If you missed the puppets, visit [AndoverCommunityNH.org](http://AndoverCommunityNH.org), hover over the Community tab, and then click KidzChurch. You can also check out the other happenings in the church, too.

A wonderful program called GriefShare has recently started. On January 12, Deacons Kathy Winkfield and Nancy Phillips teamed up to host the eight-week program at the Andover Community Hub.

This is a wonderful course for those grieving the loss of a loved one. The program is free, with a \$20 cost for the workbook. GriefShare is offered throughout the year. For information call the church offices at 603 735-5160 or see the GriefShare page

on our website.

Our annual meeting will happen on Sunday, January 30, where we plan to thank outgoing vestry members Alice Grover (Senior Warden), Linda McGrail, Linda Wickstrom, and Bruce Thompson for serving faithfully through a challenging season of calling Pastors Bill and Cinnamon Blomquist; COVID; and even putting down a new parking lot for the church and East Andover Preschool. Kudos to you all!

We will also welcome new vestry members, who include Jef DeMarie, Jane Walker, and Larry Reese.

This year we are planning a prison ALPHA (a 10-week course exploring the claims of the Christian tradition), a community family program based on arts and crafts and the seasons of the church, as well as other exciting activities in the Andover community.

In the meantime, we continue to meet on Sundays at 8 AM (traditional service) and 10 AM (with music), live and on Zoom. Personal prayers are offered by trained prayer ministers. You can see the website for more of what's happening.

On the fifth Sunday of the month we celebrate A Public Service of Healing, where people are encouraged to receive the anointing of oil from a priest and prayer ministry if desired. All are welcome.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the Highland Lake Grange Hall is available for rental for gatherings such as baby showers, birthday parties, and other celebrations. Contact Donna Thompson at 603 744-6858 if interested.

Best to you in '22!



## Andover Garden Club Shares Plans and Schedule for 2022

### A program of the Andover Community Hub

Larry Chase  
Andover Community Hub

Committees of the Andover Garden Club have been busy making plans to fulfill its membership's expectations of increasing horticultural knowledge and serving the community through civic beautification. Exciting formal and informal educational offerings are being planned, in addition to regular business meetings, interesting speakers, and special trips to plant nurseries, historic gardens, and garden events.

Program-Education Committee members Pam Cooper, Christine Dixon, Liz Kingsley, Darrell Lockwood, Marie Nardino, and Bill Swenson have worked hard to develop an exciting program calendar for 2022 that accommodates as many Club members and interests as possible.

The season kicks off with a seed-starting presentation with Dave Murray from Murray Farm Greenhouse in Penacook to be held on Thursday, February 17, from 6 to 8 PM at the Hub. Stay tuned for more information about other upcoming programs and events; to keep up to date, follow us on Facebook at [AndoverNHGardenClub](http://AndoverNHGardenClub).

Regular meetings will be held on Wednesdays about every six weeks from March through November. In order to meet the needs of Club members' varying schedules, times will alternate between mid-afternoon and early evening. Note your calendars and join us on Wednesday, March 23 from 2 to 4 PM; Wednesday, April 27, from 6 to 8 PM (brown bag supper); Wednesday, June 8, from 3 to 5 PM; and Wednes-

day, July 20, from 6 to 8 PM (brown bag picnic at offsite garden TBA.)

Special workshops, presentations, and outings will be held outside of regularly scheduled business meetings. Not a member? Join now by emailing [AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you about what you think about program topics, membership, and schedules!

While the Program-Education Committee has been hard at work, Beautification Committee members Gisela Darling, Anne Hewitt, Gail Parenteau, Joan Ryan, Roxanne Shedd, and Jen Turner have been exploring possibilities for civic beautification and have created a long list of locations and seasonal themes. Come spring, watch for signs of this committee's and volunteers' growing involvement in town gardens and public places.

But, they need help! We all know that keeping gardens beautiful throughout the growing season requires faithful watering. Unfortunately, not all garden locations have access to water, making it necessary to transport heavy jugs and watering cans from garden to garden. And even when there is a water source available, dragging heavy hoses can be a difficult chore.

Our solution? A donation or loan of a vehicle (a truck with an open bed would work) in which a large water tank could be placed and a hose attached. And voila! We have on demand water. Please let us know if you can help or have any other thoughts.

Please consider joining our club and helping to further our mission "to connect like-minded individuals; to promote civic beautification; and to further the education of members in the fields of horticulture, landscape design, and ecologically sustainable conservation practices."

For more information, email [AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com](mailto:AndoverNHGardenClub@gmail.com). The club is a program of the Andover Community Hub, and membership is free.



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### Andover Community Church

#### Sunday Services

8 A.M. Communion  
10 A.M. Family Worship  
(KidzChurch, Second  
Sunday of the Month)

*Come as you are!*

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