

South Danbury Church News November 2022

Donald Hall short story to be presented

Linda Wilson, South Danbury Church

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in South Danbury Church events and activities! We hope that everyone who attended our Happy Hour and Homemade Pie Sale in October enjoyed it as much as we did.

We are also especially grateful for your donations to the "South Danbury Church Essential Home Goods Shelf" at the Danbury Community Center. The (non-food) home goods collection began this year with a suggestion from Rev. Gail Kinney, and thanks to Kendra Braley, the DCC is hosting it. Personal care items are especially helpful. Contributions are always welcome, and can be brought to the DCC or to church services and events.

Looking ahead, on the evening of Tuesday, December 13, the South Danbury Church and At Eagle Pond, Inc. (the nonprofit preserving the Wilmot farm where poets Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon shared a writing life) will present Pontine Theatre of Portsmouth (Pontine.org) in their adaptation of Don's short story, "Christmas Snow." Staged for a small audience, this dramatized reading features hand-

drawn props but has no conventional actors.

The story is a fictional remembering of Christmas at Eagle Pond Farm in 1938, the year that Don was 10. Though he spent summers there with his grandparents when he was growing up in Connecticut, he was never actually at the farm at Christmas. This story allowed him to have that near-mythic experience he had so wanted.

The performance, for adults and older children, is at 7 PM at the church in South Danbury. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Contact At.Eagle.Pond@gmail.com to register.

For church news, programs, events, and announcements of worship services, follow us at "Friends of the South Danbury Christian Church" on Facebook, call or text 603 491-3196, or email SouthDanburyChurch@gmail.com.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, send us an email. Please contact us if you need a ride to attend worship or events. We'll be happy to help.

The South Danbury Church, located at 1411 US Route 4 in South Danbury, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, UCC.

Andover Community Church November 2022

Harvest Potluck Supper on November 12

Donna Thompson and Bill Blomquist
Andover Community Church

Hope everyone is staying warm. It seems like the warm weather wasn't here long enough, and here we are just about to get into a new season!

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the rummage sales through the summer and into October. Thanks to your support, we were able to raise \$3,000. Pre-made Meals to Go continue to be great sellers and are perfect for that family on the go.

We will continue serving pre-made meals (special orders only) through the holidays of November and December, with special meals being ordered through CraftyDonna@metrocast.net or 603 393-5470. We will start back up officially in January. Keep an eye on this article for updates!

The Andover community is invited out to a Harvest Pot Luck Supper at the Grange Hall on Saturday, November 12, from 5:30 to 7 PM. This is a free event (donations accepted), with hearty food being prepared by church members.

The menu being planned sounds scrumptious, perfect for this time of the year. All are invited to eat, laugh, and meet new Andover neighbors. Our own Judy Evans is spearheading this event. Call the church office at 603 735-5160 with any questions or further information.

Sunday, November 27, is a big day for the church. Not only is it the First Sunday of Advent, but it also marks the kick-off to a program called Godly Play. Godly Play is a Montessori-based learning experience where elementary students get hands-on experience with

some of the major stories of the Bible.

Students are invited to imagine and answer questions such as, "What do you think it would be like to live in the desert every day?" Or "How do you think the shepherds in the field felt when they saw the angels in the sky announcing the Savior's birth?" The children then create their own crafts around the stories. We're excited about the program and will be offering it through 2023.

Also beginning in November, Fr. Bill will be visiting Peabody Place in Franklin for a weekly Bible study and seasonal activities. That, along with the ongoing GriefShare program at the Hub, women's Scripture study, and weekly Franklin Outreach to the Homeless on Wednesday nights makes for one busy church!

We continue to welcome visitors, enquirers, or those in search of a spiritual home. All our growth over the past three years has come from those especially attracted to, or those curious about, Anglicanism. Those wishing to make an appointment with one of our clergy may do so through the website.

We are so blessed with our clergy who have vocational calls inside and outside the church. Along with Fr. Bill, the Rev. Cinnamon Blomquist serves as a hospice chaplain and the National Guard. Rev. Nancy Phillips is also a hospice chaplain, and the Rev. Kathy Winkfield is a gardener, works at Proctor part time, and is currently involved in Clinical Pastoral Education in a local hospital.

Any one of our staff can be contacted through AndoverCommunityNH.org.

Until next month, stay safe and warm, and enjoy the wonderful foliage in our own backyards.



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