

# Andover Congregational Church New Minister At Wilmot Church

By Judith E. Evans

## Andover Congregational Church

"Come, ye thankful people, come..." People gathered at the Andover Congregational Church on Thanksgiving Eve to sing praises to God and worship together. The service included special music and sharing of blessings. Even in these troubled times, people have much for which to be grateful and the signs of God's love and fellowship with friends are among our most precious blessings.

Sherry Dow reports that a group of people from our church went to the Peabody Nursing Home in Franklin and sang hymns with the residents. They requested that the group come back and in December they will return to the nursing home. The group from our church and the residents will sing "Happy Birthday to Jesus" and share a birthday cake together.

On November 21 David Benson of East Andover led the morning worship. He and his wife Diane, known as db Ministries, presented a concert in the evening which was enjoyed by church family members, friends and guests from surrounding churches.

December will be a busy time, preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth. We all get "busy" at this time of year, but let us never forget the real meaning of Christmas or allow the commercialism to take over our daily living.

## Make A Gift Of Your Time

The gift of time is a wonderful present to give and receive—a phone call just to say, "I'm thinking of you," a note in the mail, a visit to a shut-in, an extra story read to a little one at bedtime, really listening to a teenager, making a special meal for your spouse. Consider the gift of time as you prepare your shopping list.

We will have our traditional Angel Tree from which people can take names of children and what they would like for Christmas. Gifts will be bought and given to these children in the names of parents who are in prison.

The Sunday School will present their program on December 19th during morning worship. That evening we will meet at the church at 6 PM to go caroling around town. We invite you to join us in this special event. It's always so inspiring to sing to shut-ins and the elderly. This will be followed by fellowship and refreshments.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 7 PM. Please join us for this time of singing of carols and hearing from God's Word the story of Jesus' birth.

"Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!"

Come as you are and worship with us. We welcome you to all the services and wish you a Merry Christmas. May God bless you and yours at this time and all throughout the new year.

By Dana Darling

## Wilmot Congregational Church Search Committee

After a 20-month search, the Wilmot Congregational Church voted enthusiastically to accept the recommendation of the church's Search Committee. Reverend Robert Curry, 64, started serving the congregation on October 31st.



Rev. Robert Curry

Rev. Curry replaces Rev. Charles "Chuck" Higgins, who served the church for eight years and retired in June 2002.

Bob brings to Wilmot a wealth of experience, an open, personable personality, and a strong Christian faith.

Over the past 42 years, Bob has served seven churches in New England as a minister. These include Kensington, Newport, Keene, and Exeter in New Hampshire; Waterville, Maine; Framingham, Massachusetts; and Rutland, Vermont.

Bob and his wife Carole love outdoor activities. They bike, canoe, kayak, fish, hike, garden, and occasionally lead a two-week walking tour in the Scottish Highlands.

Carole is a Home Economics teacher by profession, but these days has her own small business of antique dress and fabric restoration.

Their son Timothy, a professional contractor in New Hampton, New Hampshire, has built Bob and Carole a post and beam home in New Hampton. Bob will commute to the church in Wilmot two or three days a week.

The Wilmot Congregational Church is located on North Wilmot Road off Rt. 4A and welcomes new members.

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in biology, and then attended Harvard Medical School to gain her M.D. She did her residency in Family Practice at the UMass Medical Center in Worcester. Dr. Schneider has been Board Certified in Family Practice since 1981 and was granted a certificate of added qualification in Adolescent Medicine in 2003. She is an Adjunct Associate Pro-

fessor of Family and Community Medicine at Dartmouth Medical School.

During her 22 years of practicing medicine in New Hampshire Dr. Schneider has also served as a school physician for Tilton School and is presently the Medical Director of Health Services at Proctor Academy. She is an active member of the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians and the New Hampshire delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Schneider will open her new office as a solo practitioner at 8 Lawrence Street in Andover. The practice will include pediatrics, women's health care, and general internal medicine. Joining Dr. Schneider as her Medical Office Assistant will be Debi Sanborn, an area resident. You may know Debi from her years on the Andover Rescue Squad or from the Village Line Market in Elkins.

Dr. Schneider, a 23-year resident of East Andover, currently lives here with her four children. She is excited about working close to her home, serving the citizens of Andover and surrounding communities. For more information please feel free to call Dr. Schneider or Debi at 735-4363.

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