

Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Evans

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First, a message from the Trustees... Electrical service has been updated to the Grange Hall, and a new light in the front with a switch for the safer exit of the building has been installed. Thanks to Lloyd Perreault, who worked with Don Gould on this project. New Grange Hall stairs were made and installed by Johneric Wickstrom.

The unrepairable Church furnace was replaced. Also, the stone foundation around the schoolhouse, which was crumbling in some areas, is being repaired, and the fence around the playground area was repaired. A big thanks to the Cub Scouts and others who helped to repaint the fence.

We can safely say that anyone who has been upstairs in the balcony area of the church meetinghouse has been impressed by the wonderful bright new look. This makes for a nice area where infants can be comfortable and parents can enjoy the worship service. Mike Levesque provided the new sheet-rocking and wall finishing, several volunteers did the painting, and John and Joyce Bourdon coordinated and did all the rest of the work, including providing electrical work, carpeting, window, etc.

The Trustees would also like to patch and paint the Sanctuary walls when staging can be arranged.

Church Life

Sunday school and outreach programs for middle school, teens, and adults are in full swing. The Alpha and Wyldlife programs are having very good attendance. They meet once a week for a home-cooked evening meal followed by fun and friendship and a non-denominational message of Christian faith. Parents and friends may help with donations of dessert. Other things may be needed from time to time. You may contact Cathy Ellis at 735-5025 with your wishes to donate.

Programs for adults, such as Alpha and small groups are underway. Thanks to Ted and Linda Craigie for putting together our monthly calendar. A copy is available at church on Sundays.

Our Christmas Fair will be held at

the Grange Hall next to the church on Saturday, November 4, beginning at 9 AM. There will be baked goods and hand-crafted items for sale. Please call me at 735-5331 if you would like space to sell your items. It isn't too late to set up a spot!

Sherry Dow has arranged for us to visit the Peabody Nursing Home on Sunday, November 5. Please join us in song and enjoy the wonderful reception from the residents. It is always a very special time for everyone, and this has become a monthly event.

Every Friday night the Grange Hall is open for those who wish to join in prayer. There is no program planned. It is a time set aside each week for prayer and sharing of prayers that God has answered. All are welcome.

Praise and Worship is held on the last Friday of the month, led by The Living Stones and the Sunday Worship Team. This is a time of celebration with area Christians through contemporary praise, a message from God's Word, prayer, and fellowship.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

"Come, ye thankful people, come..."

Our annual Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7 PM. An invitation is extended to everyone. Many college students will be home then, and it's nice to see families attending church together at this special time of year. It will give us a chance to reflect on God's goodness towards us and give Him thanks with offering of thanksgiving in prayer and traditional songs of the holiday.

As always, no matter what denomination you consider yourself to be, you are invited to come as you are and worship with us at Andover Congregational. Attendance continues to grow, and new faces are seen each week, which is exciting. Sunday morning worship, Sunday School, and childcare all begin at 9:30 AM at the church on the hill beside the road in East Andover.

I am glad to represent our church and wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

For pastoral care and more information on outreach programs, call Pastor John at 735-5160.

Andover High Alumni: Freddy Shaw

By Judy Perreault
Andover High School '53

Each month I hope to interview representatives from each Andover High School graduating class, starting with the first year. I plan to do one or two a month.

I have a list of questions that I ask each person. Doing the interviews is fun, as each question leads to more memories. I even get answers to questions I don't ask!

As I told you in last month's issue, the High School was built in 1934 and housed grades nine through twelve. This month's interview is with Freddy Shaw.

Frederick (Freddy) Shaw is now 86 years old, living in Salisbury with his wife Edwina. He was born on Raccoon Hill Road in what was the old Woody Glen Ski Area. The family consisted of 12 children – eight boys and four girls. Ten of them graduated from high school.

Freddy graduated in 1938, which was the first graduating class and consisted of 13 members. The high school wasn't quite ready their freshman year, so they had class for six months in the old fire house and the Grange Hall. Freddy said that all the high school kids dug a shovelful of dirt when they laid the cornerstone for the building.

In the school there were four classrooms upstairs and two down. Downstairs housed the Home Economics and Shop classes. Freddy recalls making a bookcase in shop.

Every morning there was an assembly where they pledged to the flag, sang, and read a bible verse. (Imagine that!) Each week a student was selected to read the verse.

The headmaster was Mr. Harlow, whose daughter Freddy took to dances. Dancing is one of Freddy's favorite activities.

He remembers the boys teasing one of the new young teachers until she cried. Then they all felt bad and later apologized.

Mrs. Whitney was the English teacher and was very strict. She later married Austin Fenton.

Freddy's classmates were Clinton Huntoon, Ralph Gove, Lee Buswell, Mary Calley, Mary Eastman, Frank Farnham, Emily Gillers, Robert Pepler,



Freddy Shaw Photo: Judy Perreault

Merna Reed, Roy Rivers (Skeet), Ethel-lyne Round, and Marion Shaw. Ralph Gove was Freddy's best buddy, and they used to drive around in his Whippet car.

Freddy got up at 3 AM and got the fire going for his mother, did homework and chores, and then walked five and a half miles to school. In good weather it took him 55 minutes. In cold snowy weather it took an hour and a half.

Sometimes he got to school and it was closed, and he had to turn around and walk back. He asked them why they didn't phone. The reason was a phone call cost 10 cents.

In the winter his lunch would freeze, and Herman Seavey, the custodian, would put it in the boiler room to thaw out.

I asked Freddy why he didn't take a horse to school, and he said, "Hell, by the time I fed and saddled it, went by the road, and found a place to leave it, it was quicker to walk." He did this for two years until he got his driver's license.

Freddy always wanted to play basketball, but he was needed on the farm so he didn't have time for extracurricular activities. He did sing and play the guitar. He won a cup at amateur night at the old Regal Theater on Main Street in Franklin (which is now an auction house). He still has the cup.

His guitar-playing buddies were Mary Huntoon and Ed Ward. Some of the songs he played were *That Little Shirt That Mother Made For Me* and *I Got My Education Out Behind The Barn*. He was also quite a yodeler.

His favorite subjects were Geography and History.

Not bad for a boy whose mother, when he was four or five and had been very ill, was told by the doctor that she wouldn't raise him.

ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the hill, beside the road in East Andover

All members, ministers
John J. Wagner, Pastor
735-5160

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE at 7 PM. All are welcome!

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 AM,
followed by fellowship and refreshments. Childcare provided.

Bake Sale at 10:30 AM on the third Sunday of every month
to benefit restoration of the Grange Hall.
Call ahead at 735-5331 to place special orders!

Come as you are! All are welcome!

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