

New Hampshire Circle Of Home And Family Andover Congregational Church

By Judy Perreault
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The New Hampshire Circle of Home and Family's Halcyon Seekers chapter met at the home of Rose Tilton for lunch and to plan our 2007 schedule:

- January – Memory
- February – Little Old Ladies, Grumpy Old Men
- March – Japan
- April – Wall Techniques
- May – Mushrooms
- June – Covered Bridges
- July – Summer Trip
- August – Friendship Day
- September – Diners
- October – Program Planning
- November – Craft
- December – Christmas Party

These meetings will be at different members' homes throughout the year. We will continue to meet at 12:30 PM for lunch followed by the program.

Wilmot Community Association Luncheon

Tuesday, December 19, the *a capella* choruses from Kearsarge Regional High School will perform holiday music for the noontime Senior Luncheon and Social at the Wilmot Community Association barn next to the Wilmot Post Office in Wilmot Flat. Reservations for lunch are required. Contact Kate at 526 4540 or McKibbin@adelphia.net.



Halcyon Seekers' Tree of Mittens - 42 pairs! Photo: Judy Perreault

Recently several of us attended the state conference at Ashworth by the Sea in Hampton. Friday night we were entertained by the University of New Hampshire Sea Shanty Singers, and Saturday the main speaker was a University of New Hampshire docent who spoke about *Great Bay and Its Hidden Treasures*.

There was also a mitten challenge. All year, groups have been making mittens to donate to the needy. There was fierce competition to see which group could make the most mittens. Halcyon Seekers made 42 pairs of mittens. In all, 517 pairs of mittens were made to be distributed throughout the state.

By Judy Evans
Andover Congregational Church

As we read this issue of the *Beacon* we will have just celebrated Thanksgiving. Even during these troubled times we have so much to be thankful for, especially our friends.

One very dear friend who comes to mind is Gloria Granger, a true disciple of Jesus Christ, who passed away recently. Some of us had the blessing of singing for her at her hospital bedside, and we honored her request for certain hymns. She went home to be with the Lord the next day. She leaves many friends, including a special person in her life, Jane Walker.

We also rejoice with members of our church family. Friends and members of the Andover Congregational Church would like to announce the marriage of two devoted servants of the Lord. Johneric and Linda Wickstrom were recently married at Andover Congregational and now reside in Northfield. Blessings to them as they begin their new life together! Many of you see Linda frequently at the window of the East Andover Post Office.

Twenty people attended the weekend Alpha Retreat that was held recently at Purity Spring in Madison. This was part of the Alpha course which will finish up soon. Another course will start up at the beginning of the new year. Watch for details!



Johneric and Linda Wickstrom were recently married at Andover Congregational Church.

Photo: Jackie Marshall

I highly recommend this program. One night a week the group comes together for a home-cooked meal followed by a discussion of Christianity at which time any questions are welcomed.

Also some women of our church attended a one-day retreat at the Wilmot Baptist Church last month. The topic was forgiveness, and it was a wonderful time of fellowship among women of all ages and backgrounds

Soon It Will Be Christmas

During the next few weeks, tags with names of children whose parents are in prison will be available on our Christmas tree. Please take a name and experience the opportunity to buy presents for these less fortunate little ones. Information about each child such as first name, age, and their wishes for gifts will be available.

All are welcome to join in the annual Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 17. We will meet at the church parking lot at 4 PM. A Christmas Party will follow, beginning at 6 PM at the home of Pastor John and Amy Wagner.

Christmas Sunday, on December 24, we will have special music during worship, and the Sunday School children are planning a surprise presentation. That evening we will have our traditional Christmas Eve Service beginning at 7 PM, at which all are welcome.

Let us pause during the times of commercialism throughout the month to remember the true meaning of Christmas. I wish you peace and joy as you celebrate with your loved ones.



SO MUCH HAPPENED BEFORE DOROTHY DROPPED IN. Long before that girl from Kansas arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the land of Oz. One-born with emerald green skin- is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for the most spell-binding new musical in years.

Saturday, October 13, 2007
Opera House, Boston

Please call for full details on this motorcoach day trip!



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On the hill, beside the road in East Andover

All members, ministers
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CHRISTMAS 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!