

Andover Service Club News Andover Congregational Church

By Joyce Egge
Andover Service Club

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the Andover Service Club will, among other activities, be resurrecting the Andover telephone and advertising book, *Our Town*, first published in the 1980s by the Andover Lioness Club with the support of the Andover Congregational Church. It will be a useful guide for the community in providing information about town businesses and services.

The Andover Service Club is seeking information from anyone in Andover who owns a business or provides a service to the community for inclusion in

this publication. If a business or service provider would like to be listed for free and has not already been contacted by an Andover Service Club member, please contact one of the following members: Gisela Darling at 735-5681, Gillian Smith at 735-5945, Trudi Otto at 735-6523, or Joyce Egge at 768-5543.

Deadline for receiving listing information is March 17, 2008. For businesses and services who would like to purchase an ad to be placed in the booklet, please contact the aforementioned members for pricing.

Distribution of this book to all community members is planned for the summer of 2008.

By Judy Evans
Andover Congregational Church

As we read this issue of the *Beacon*, we have just celebrated Thanksgiving. Let us continue – each day – to be thankful for our many blessings. Life is often tough, but there is always so much to appreciate in our individual lives.

Something that I like to do is to keep a journal that includes what I am thankful for. It's nice to look back and remember what I was thinking of at different times. Right now, as I sit at the computer, I can look out the window and watch two pairs of cardinals eating seed off the ground under the birdfeeder. What a lovely sight!

Grange Hall

Our recent fundraiser for the Grange Hall renovations, sponsored by the Outreach Committee of the church, was supported by many people from Andover and the surrounding towns. The pot-luck supper and variety show were very well attended. Thanks go to Don Towle for sharing historical information throughout the program and for organizing the great line-up of talent. We will do this again in the spring, so be thinking about what you would like to do to participate!

Don Gould, representing the trustees of the church, reports the following on the Grange Hall renovations:

"The Highland Lake Grange Hall now rests on a solid foundation surrounded by new landscape contours and surface water drainage to prevent future rotting of sills and other wood structure damage. Fifield Building Restoration and Relocation of Canterbury has completed this portion of the renovation project under their original bid with the same quality workmanship employed in their previous renovation and relocation work at Musterfield Farm and Shaker Village.

"The replacement of the floor in the stage and back areas, along with the building of stairs for inside access to the new concrete basement, will complete this effort in December. This is expected to exhaust funds currently committed.

"The new basement will be allowed to cure and the building to settle into its restored level this winter, while fundraising efforts continue to provide for further projects – septic disposal, kitchen, furnace, front porch, and hall interior.

"Thanks are due to many people for their support and participation in this important foundation portion of the Highland Lake Grange Restoration Project."

Contributions to future renovations may be sent to The Grange Hall Restoration Committee, PO Box 211, East Andover 03231.

Alpha Retreat

A group of 15 people from Andover Congregational Church attended the weekend Alpha retreat held at Purity Spring in Madison – a beautiful spot in New Hampshire. This is part of the Alpha course which will finish soon. Another course will start up at the beginning of the new year. The group meets one night a week for a home-cooked meal followed by a discussion of Christianity at which time any questions are welcome. Watch for details!

Angel Tree

During the next few weeks our church will continue the tradition of being a part of the Angel Tree program. Tags with names of children whose parents are in prison will be available on our Christmas tree in the front of the church. This is an opportunity to buy presents for these less fortunate little ones.

Information such as first name, age, and their wishes for gifts will be available. Please don't feel that you have to attend church to participate. I would be happy to provide information so that you can experience the joy of helping to make a child's face shine on Christmas morning. I can be reached at 735-5331.

All are welcome to join in the annual Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 16. We will meet at the church parking lot at 4 PM.

On Christmas Sunday, December 23, we will have special music during worship and the Sunday school children are planning a surprise presentation. Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7 PM, for which all are welcome. This is a perfect time for families to attend church together and also see their friends and neighbors!

Let us pause during the times of commercialism this month to remember the true meaning of Christmas. I wish you peace and joy as you celebrate with your loved ones. Also, let us remember those who are serving our country overseas with a remembrance at this time.

ANDOVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

On the hill, beside the road in East Andover

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

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 AM,
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SOO-NIPI AUDUBON EVENTS

On Friday, December 14, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will present Bird Identification with Ruth White and George Green. Join us for an interactive program. You will be amazed at how much you already know. George and Ruth will share hints on how you can learn even more.

The program will be held at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be

served starting at 7 PM. Call Ruth at 763-4893 for more information.

On Saturday, December 15, the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter will participate in the Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. The Lake Sunapee Circle coordinator is Gary Stansfield at 863-8737. The supper and tally will be held at 5 PM at Gary's house in Goshen. Please call Gary for a route assignment.