



(Above) The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship welcomed four new members on May 17. From left, the Rev. Bill Nelson (minister), Douglas Smith, Meredith Smith, Jessica Pine, and Harvey Pine.

Photo: Sally Bergquist

(Below) The Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, which meets in Proctor's Stone Chapel from September to the end of June, held its Annual Meeting on May 15 at the New London Historical Society's Meeting House. Pictured are the incoming board members (l-r): Sandy Wells, Marion Allen, Charlene Bennett, Ralph Bennett, Tom Maloof, Ken Preston, Bob Bergquist, and Sally Bergquist.



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By Judy Evans

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May and June are busy months, including graduations of some of our church family. Jeremy Wagner graduated from Gordon College with a BA in History and Secondary Education; Linda McGrail reached a very special milestone in her life when she attained her high school diploma; and Charles Barry and Mariah Lansdown-Howard will graduate from Andover Middle School and move on to high school.

Pastor John's parents, who live in Cleveland, Ohio, have been visiting the Wagner family, and it's always a pleasure to have them with us at worship on Sunday mornings.

Congratulations to Megan and Jeff Sweeny on the birth of their baby boy, Parker Jeffrey, who was born on April 15. We got to meet little Parker when he attended church for the first time, and his mother brought him in front of the congregation for presentation by Pastor John. His father is serving our country in Iraq at this time.

Land of Harvest, which includes Pastor Craig Merritt of Danbury Christian Church and his family, shared their music ministry with us following a pot-luck supper on Saturday, May 16. Check out their Web site at LandOfHarvest.com which tells about their coffee house that is held monthly at the Danbury Community Center.

You are welcome to join us on the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Grange Hall for Praise and Worship. Also we have Fifth Friday Praise and Worship, which was May 29, when we had fellowship with Grafton Christian and Loudon Congregational at the Loudon church. And others are always invited to attend. It is held at a different church each time with music led by a praise band

from one of the churches. This is a time of enthusiastic contemporary worship, a short inspirational message, and a time of intercessory prayer for our nation, community, churches, and ourselves.

Sherri Dow continues to organize singing at Peabody and Mountain Ridge nursing homes in Franklin on the first Sunday of the month. This is a wonderful ministry where both the residents and those of us who share our voices and musical instruments are blessed. Come and join us!

June 14 will be the last day of Sunday School, and we look forward to their year-end program.

Christian Healing Ministries, formerly the Fishnet Conference, will be held at Grand Summit Hotel and Resort in Mount Snow, Vermont, June 24 to 27. More information is available by calling the church office at 735-5160. We are expecting to have a good representation from Andover Congregational.

A while ago, Pastor John started having Pastor's Talk Back after Sunday morning worship which is a chance for people to get together to ask questions and dig deeper into the message given that day. This has been well-attended and has been a great opportunity to share and learn more about God's word for us.

If something has come up that needs prayer for you or for anyone else, it is good to have a place to turn where you know people will be praying. This is available to everyone. Begin by calling Ginny Newton at 934-3171 with the need, and she will begin the calling chain.

As always, you are welcome to attend "the church on the hill beside the road" in East Andover. Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 AM. Remember, the Lord doesn't take vacations in the summer. Our church doors are open to all, and come as you are!



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

**Plant & Bake Sale**  
 on Saturday, May 9, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Grange Hall

*Come as you are! All are welcome!*