

THE REST OF THE TOWN REPORT

The annual Town Report includes reports from all the Town committees, boards, commissions, and other entities that form our local government. It also includes reports from some agencies and organizations that serve our community.

To round out this annual update, the Beacon asked over 20 other organizations that serve our community for a short report on their activities in 2009. Here, in alphabetical order, is "the rest of the Town Report."

Andover Bible Church

The Andover Bible Church continues to meet in our new home at 207 Main Street in Andover, above the soon-to-open Blackwater Community Coffee House. Our Sunday service begins at 9:30 AM and is led by our pastor, Tom Bates.

Besides providing a place of worship on Sundays, our desire is to reach out into the community to work with other organizations to help meet both the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors.

One current project we have is gathering funds and volunteers to help a person in need of a new roof ... to be completed in the spring. We have also connected with folks to whom we have delivered meals along with various other outreach opportunities that have come to us.

Our Sunday service is simple ... not

quite a traditional one, but close. The message is based on the Bible with a focus on the practical application of God's Word to our daily lives. Our service is interactive, giving people an opportunity to share. We are a small family that wishes to grow, and we welcome newcomers! Please join us some Sunday.

We invite you to call with any questions or suggestions of how we might be of service. Call Tom at 235-4121.

Andover Congregational Church

Andover Congregational is a community church for people of all kinds to seek and serve God in worship, ministries, obedience, and fellowship.

Grounded in Christian doctrine and the truth of God's Word, we teach and live the claims of the historic Christian faith while allowing for differences among believers.

Sharing the life of Christ together took place in weekly groups. These included home discipleship groups for fellowship, prayer, and study, and Tuesday Evenings for Growth and Discovery held in the Grange Hall, including the Alpha course, Beta courses (Creeds and the Sermon on the Mount), and our teen group.

Most Friday evenings, prayer was held in the sanctuary. In addition, we attended conferences and held women's and

men's groups and gatherings. In these and other ways we are being equipped to use our gifts for the ministries and callings God has given each of us.

During the year, Prayer Teams ministered Sundays after worship; Wyldlife (for middle schoolers) met weekly in the Grange Hall; Al-Anon, not officially a ministry of our church, was led in the Grange by members; singing took place monthly at the Peabody and Mount-in-view nursing homes; funeral receptions were provided by ladies from the church; and special collections were taken, including the Deacons Fund to assist the needy in our community.

We desire to answer God's call to reach to those around us. Seekers and believers, welcome! Sunday worship: 9:30 AM; for information, call 735-5160.

Andover Food Pantry

The Andover Food Pantry, sponsored by the Andover Lions Club and The Andover Beacon, continues to provide non-perishable foods and other household necessities to people in need. The Pantry is in the basement of the Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open. It's completely self-service, and there's no sign-up and no questions asked. Take what you need, or drop off what you can.

If you know someone in need, please tell them about the Pantry. If they can't come to the Pantry themselves, let us know and we can arrange to deliver what they need.

The community has been very, very supportive of the Pantry. We hugely appreciate everyone who stops by with a few cans now and then, as well as the larger deliveries from AE/MS, Proctor, Andover's Biggest Loser, the Scouts, our local churches, clubs, and organizations, and many more.

Of special note is the avalanche of non-perishables we received from AE/MS on December 22. It must have been 10 shopping carts worth of food, and it was accompanied by a check for over \$600!

If you'd like to help, you can drop off at the Town Hall non-perishable,

non-expired staple items (please avoid the unusual foods and condiments in the back of your cupboard!), or you can send a check to the Andover Lions Club, PO Box 166, Andover 03216.

The Andover Food Pantry continues to make a big difference in the lives of many of our friends and neighbors. Thank you very much for your generous support.

Andover Historical Society

The mission statement of the Andover Historical Society is "To preserve the history of Andover through the acquisition and conservation of property, artifacts, and stories, and to foster an awareness and appreciation for that history within the community."

Much happened in Potter Place in 2010. It was decided to use the vacant Lull house for archival storage, office space, and space for research. Renovations will be required, and money will have to be raised for the project.

Our calendar for 2011, featuring old time schools and pupils, was well received, and we may make it an annual feature. The enthusiasm of Donna Baker-Hartwell and the expertise of Ethney McMahon created a wonderful DVD re-enactment of a day at the Tucker Mountain School. Local children and adults, carefully dressed in period clothing, were the actors who came alive as 19th century students.

Another wonderful project was the creation of our Secret Garden. Hiding in the cellar hole of the Potter House is a very private space, designed and made alive by Ken Reid and Bob Hamilton. They turned a trash-laden hole into a secluded garden, complete with benches for sitting and contemplation.

The museum buildings in Potter Place are open mid-May to mid-October. For more information, call Pat Cutter at 735-5628, visit AndoverHistory.org, or e-mail us at Pres@AndoverHistory.org.

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ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

Food and Necessities for People in Need

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We need your donations of non-perishable, staple foods and other necessities. *(Please check those expiration dates!)*

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WE DELIVER!