



Headed home to New Jersey for Thanksgiving break, Proctor Academy junior Paloma Croghan, right, and her mother Emma-Kate, recharge their all-electric Tesla Model S at the Highland Lake Inn in Andover, the town's only Tesla charging station. Caption and photo: Larry Chase

## Andover Congregational Church, December 2016

### Christmas caroling on December 18

Sandy Miller  
Andover Congregational Church

The Advent season is now here. We see signs of people preparing for the celebration of our Lord's birth – Christmas lights in the windows, houses and Christmas trees being decorated, Christmas carols being sung, Christmas cards being addressed, etc. We invite you to join us as we give thanks to God for his incredible gift – the gift of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

We recently filled 62 shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child" which will be sent to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Joyce Bourdon for coordinating this effort.

Thanks to the efforts of Donna Kendrick and others, we were able to send 78 Christmas cards and 8 boxes of items useful to military soldiers in Kuwait. We are so blessed to be able to do for those who do so much for us.

The Rev. Karen Heavey from the Twin Rivers Food Pantry recently spoke at our Church about the need for volunteers to help on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 – 12 Noon. If you can be of assistance, please call at 934-2662.

We will be going Christmas caroling around town on Sunday, December 18th, meeting at the Church about 4:45 PM. This will be followed by a church family Christmas party at 7 PM (place to be determined -call 735-5160 for details). This party is for everyone, whether you have caroled or are just coming to join with their church family for Christmas cheer.

The Christmas Eve service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 7 PM. The special Christmas choir will lead us in a candlelight service of lessons and carols. It's for the whole family – join us – invite family and friends. Christmas Sunday service: December 25 – 9:30 AM. Special carols will be sung.

We at the Andover Congregational Church wish each and every one of you a joyous and spirit-filled Christmas and a blessed and happy New Year!

## November is for Thankfulness

Shawna Otis, Andover After School Program

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Autumn Harvest vendor fair and to everyone who helped to make it a possibility! It was a successful fundraiser for us, and we're hoping it will become a yearly tradition.

November has been a month full of thankfulness. Every Thursday, we added more and more feathers to our Thankful Turkey. We celebrated good things as we enjoyed fall and turkey-themed snacks each week.

We are continuing our weekly trips to the library, which seem to become more and more exciting for the kids each time. We have tried yoga as a group, which the kids found a lot easier than the staff did. It was quite the sight. We are hoping to make it a weekly activity for us.

We still have openings for every day after school! If you would like to enroll your child in all the fun, please contact Shawna Otis at [AndoverKids@yahoo.com](mailto:AndoverKids@yahoo.com) or 735-6566.



The children and staff at AASP tried out yoga and hope to make it a regular activity.

## Monthly Book Group Offered by the Andover Institute and Library

### First discussion is on *The Third Wife*

Press release

For residents who love to read and also enjoy a chance to discuss what they've read, a monthly book discussion group will begin on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 PM, jointly sponsored by the Andover Public Library and the Andover Institute, a branch of the Andover Community Association (ACA). The group will meet at the home of Alita Phelps, 5 Smith Road in Andover, and is open to any who would like to attend.

The book to be discussed in January is *The Third Wife* by Lisa Jewell; this recent novel has been described by the London Daily Mail as "an emotion-

ally intelligent, brilliantly plotted, and beautifully written examination of a very modern family that will keep you gripped to the end." Both the Andover and East Andover libraries have copies of the book and additional ones can be requested through inter-library loan. In addition, the Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London gives 15% discounts on book group selections. Participants are asked to bring suggestions for future book selections.

For more information, call Alita at 603-520-6631 or contact the ACA at [AndoverCommunity03216Gmail.Com](mailto:AndoverCommunity03216Gmail.Com) to be kept posted on future books and dates. Those who attend are asked to bring munchies to share; the host will supply beverages.

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based off of the directions they were given from Campton, and vice versa.

When this process was completed by both schools, drawings and directions were collected, scanned, and uploaded to Google in order for the teachers to share the results with each other.

To finalize the project, both Andover and Campton students planned a Skype meeting and set the date. During the Skype call, students were able to come up and show their original monster and see the monster their peer from the other school drew based on their directions.

During each reveal, students were asked to think of a question or state-

ment to give regarding the directions they had to follow or about the results of the shared experience. Students from both schools expressed that directions were tough to follow, and many had positive remarks to give to their partner, but there were also great successes with the program where a student's directions were so clear, the monster drawings were almost identical.

It was very exciting to see students who often only see each other on the sports field working together and sharing an educational experience. The students very much enjoyed being able to see the results of their month-long project in real time as well as get to meet their partner face to face.