

## Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner to be Held on March 7

At the Elks Club in Franklin

### Press release

The Andover Community Church has a busy time ahead, and we would love for you to be a part of it. The Vestry had its annual retreat on February 28 and 29 in Alton to see where the Lord is leading us in the future.

We are in the season of Epiphany tide. It marks the time in which we celebrate and remember Christ being revealed to the world, and our mission to reveal Christ to others by the way we speak and live. It is also a season of hope, the hope of Christ who came into this world and accomplished all that he was sent to do, and the hope that he continues to reveal himself to us each day of our lives in order to complete his wondrous work of transformation in us.

The retirement party for Pastor John and Amy will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Elks Club in Franklin. Call Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695 for more details.

We welcome Reverend Bill Blomquist and his wife, Cinnamon, who will serve as interim co-pastors at the Church while we form a search committee to look for a permanent replacement for John.

The Lenten season began with a special service at the church on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at noon. We

will be holding special services the week between Palm Sunday, April 5, and Easter, April 12, which will culminate with Easter Sunrise Service and the 10 AM service at the Church.

Kathy Winkfield will be leading a five-week Lenten study based on Eugene Peterson's book *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. It will begin on Sunday, March 1, at the Highland Lake Grange Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

The next Men's Breakfast (Second Saturday for Guys) will be on Saturday, March 14, at 8 AM at the Grange Hall.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171, and she will begin the calling chain. Healing Prayer Ministry is available after worship service on Sundays or by appointment. Speak with Linda Wickstrom at 286-8695. Prayer walks for Franklin continue on Fridays, meeting at City Hall at 5 PM.

Remember, you are always welcome at the Andover Community Church. Feel free to call the Church office at 735-5160 to speak with the pastor for more information on what's going on at the Church, or if you need help in any way. Our Church service and Sunday School begin at 10 AM every Sunday.

*Thought for the day: "The first step to wisdom is silence; the second is listening." (Read Proverbs 1:5)*



## Woodman *from page 19*

### Maryland Poet Laureate

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### About the Author

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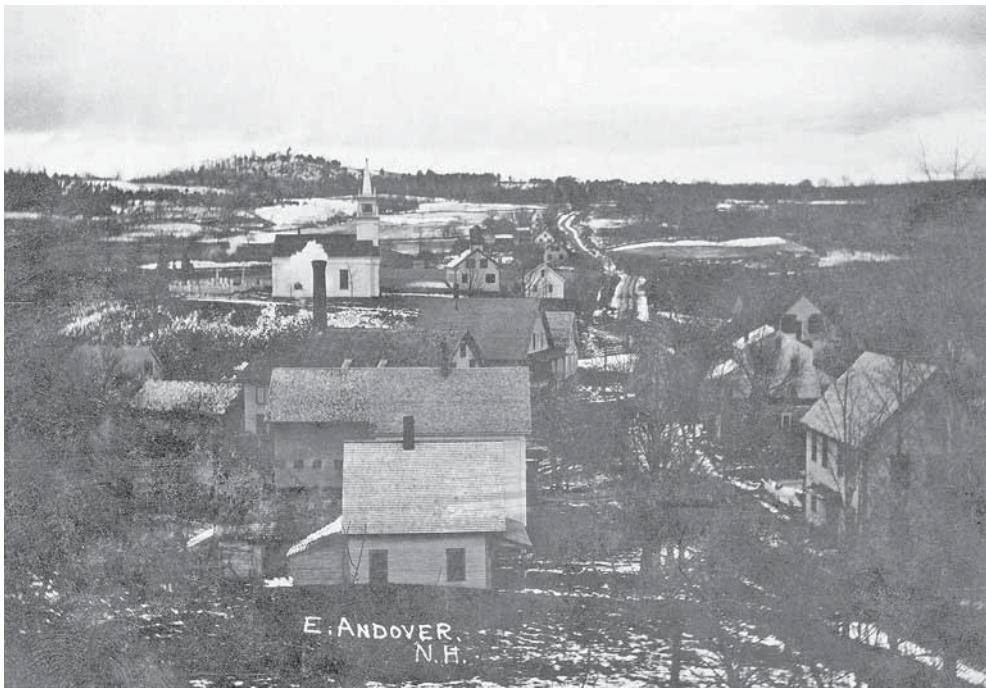
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East Andover Village, shown in an old post card discovered by Rita Norander.

## Old Postcard Shows Years of Changes in East Andover Village

### Schoolhouse between Grange Hall and road

#### Rita Norander

This picture of East Andover Village is from a post card in my collection which probably belonged to my mother, and possibly her parents or grandparents before her. The picture was most likely taken from an upstairs window in what is now the Highland Lake Inn. On the right is Maple Street which is heading south towards the main road (today's Route 11). Across the main road is Chase Hill Road, and in the distance Chase Hill which is where my grandfather (Guy Hersey) and his sisters grew up.

Prominently seen in the center of the picture is the Congregational Church. (Note - the chimney of the mill building on Maple Street partially blocks the center view of the church.) To the right of the church is the Grange Hall, but at the time this picture was taken, it was probably known as Union Hall. To the right of the Grange is the old Portsmouth Schoolhouse (District #10). This

is the first picture I have seen that shows all of the Portsmouth Schoolhouse, and how it was positioned in the small area between the Grange and Chase Hill Road. In the past, I have only seen pictures of the school children (including my grandfather and his sisters) standing in front of the building for a class picture.

According to Ralph Chaffee, the new East Andover School (today's East Andover Village Preschool) was built in 1903. In the fall of that year, the Portsmouth Schoolhouse, after having served as a school for more than 75 years, was moved down the hill on Route 11 to a new site. It was reported that the move required the help of eight horses and 14 oxen. The schoolhouse was renovated into a regular family dwelling which still stands beside today's Franklin Highway. (Going towards Franklin, it is the first house on the right after the church.)

Since the Portsmouth School was moved to its new location in the fall of 1903, this picture had to have been taken at least 116 years ago!



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