



Pastor John Wagner and his wife Amy cut the cake made for his retirement party by Judy Faller. Photo: Linda Wickstrom

100 People Attend Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner

Many changes to April events at church

Press release

Almost 100 people attended the Retirement Party for Pastor John Wagner on March 11 at the Elks Club in Franklin. John, along with his wife Amy, served the Andover Community Church for 26 years.

The party began with a delicious meal, after which several church members and friends shared memories of interactions with John throughout the years.

It was apparent from these stories that he was a man deeply loved and admired as a man of God by all who knew him. John and Amy were presented with many cards and gifts. A beautiful painting of the Church, painted by local artist Melanie Shaw, was presented to John and Amy at the conclusion of the celebration. A good time was had by all!

Changes to April Events

The following events are still planned as of now, but, depending on the status of COVID-19, may be subject to change. Check the Church website AndoverCommunityNH.org or call the Church office at 735-5160 to confirm if a given event is still on.

On Thursday, April 9, a meal of soup and salad will be held at the Highland Lake Grange Hall at 6 PM, reflecting on the Last Supper.

This will be followed by a Tenebre service at the Church at 7:15 PM. The Church will be open for prayer and meditation on Good Friday, April 10,

from noon to 3 PM.

A sunrise service will take place at the field of John and Sandra Graves on Maple Street at 6 AM. This will be followed by breakfast in the Grange Hall, at approximately 6:45 AM. Please join us for breakfast even if you aren't able to come to the sunrise service. The Easter Sunday service will be held at the regular time of 10 AM.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call Ginny Newton, 934-3171, and she will begin the calling chain.

Healing Prayer Ministry is available after worship service on Sundays or by appointment. Call Linda Wickstrom at 455-1467.

Franklin Outreach Ministry meets on Wednesdays at 4 PM at Chubbles on Central Street in Franklin. This includes a meal provided free of cost.

At 6 PM a study group meets at the Franklin Mint Pawn Shop, again on Central Street. Also, 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 about 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: "Put others before yourself and you will become a leader among men." Read Matthew 20:26-27.



The red caboose, owned by the Andover Historical Society, sits on the tracks in Potter Place. Grant funding will allow repairs to begin this spring.

Photo: Bob Norander

Grant to Historical Society Will Support Caboose Repair

Additional funding needed from community

Larry Chase

Andover Historical Society

The Andover Historical Society has received a grant of \$5,000 from the non-profit Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts, Inc. (Mass Bay RRE), to help repair the badly leaking roof of the Society's old red caboose, which sits on the tracks beside the Potter Place Railroad Station, now serving as a museum for the Andover Historical Society.

The repair work, estimated to cost about \$10,000, will be carried out this spring by Bentwoods Contracting of Andover, under the coordination of Society members Bob Norander and Tim Norris.

Normally open for visitors along with other Society holdings (station and Emons general store, open May to October, Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM, Sundays from 12:30 PM to 3 PM), the caboose will be closed while repairs are made.

The additional funding required for completion of the project will be sought from friends and members of the Society, according to president Gail Richards. Volunteers will also be recruited to assist in the repair effort, she said. Those interested in helping should send an e-mail to Treasurer@AndoverHistory.org, or a note (or check) to the Andover Historical Society, PO Box 167, Andover

NH 03216.

About the Caboose

Identified as CV-4030 from the Central Vermont Railroad, the caboose dates from 1923. It retains all of its historically interesting features. There is the cupola for monitoring the train cars, racks for the safety flares, pot-bellied stove for warmth, ice box for the engineer's provisions, and bunk beds for overnight duty.

"Caboose" is an old sailing term meaning a kitchen set up on the deck of a ship; it came to mean any portable or temporary shelter. The railroad caboose undoubtedly began as a tent or shelter set up on an old flatcar.

About the funder: Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational corporation, organized for the promotion of public interest and understanding of railroads. It established the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund in 2016 to further support worthy projects to preserve historically significant railroad equipment, structures, information, or artifacts in New England. Grants, generally not exceeding \$5,000, are awarded annually, funded by the club's available funds and donations to the fund from members. For more information, visit MassBayRRE.org.

Learn more about the Andover Historical Society at AndoverHistory.org.



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