



The cupola on the East Andover Fire Station was originally built by Jim Lafiosca in 1981 when the station was constructed. It housed the siren that was used to notify the firemen of a fire in days gone by.

The weather and the weight of the siren took its toll, and the cupola needed to be removed and rebuilt. Doug Cronin and Brad Varney of Belmont were hired to do the project.

The cupola was removed last fall and was rebuilt over the winter. It returned to East Andover and was reinstalled in May. The project came out great, and the fresh cupola would make Jim Lafiosca proud.

This project has made many of us older firemen realize the station is almost 40 years old. What does that mean for those of us who had a hand in its construction? **Caption: Chief Rene Lefebvre. Photo: Peter Agoos**

Andover Community Church Welcomes New Co-Pastors

Cinnamon and Bill Blomquist are both priests

Sandy Miller
Andover Community Church

Greetings from the Andover Community Church (Anglican). I thought some of you might like to know a little bit about our new co-pastors, Cinnamon and Bill Blomquist.

Bill has been in the ministry since 1981 and was ordained after attending Fuller Theological Seminary in 1995. He has been involved in numerous churches from Denver to Houston and, more recently North Hollywood, California, where he was responsible for Discipleship and Pastoral Care. He has also served as Interim Priest at two other churches in the Anglican Diocese of New England.

Cinnamon, also an ordained priest, received her Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Seminary, and additionally earned a Master's in Music (Jazz Flute) from the Boston Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, and Oberlin Music Conservatory in Ohio. She is currently a hospice chaplain at Lake Sunapee Regional VNA and Hospice in New London.

Cinnamon also serves as a member of the Massachusetts National Guard. She says, "Both Bill and I love God's presence, His word, and His people. We look forward to serving and growing the body of Christ in Andover together." We feel very blessed to have them serve at our church.

My, how times have changed! The COVID-19 virus has certainly played havoc with our lives. We at the church

pray for our country, neighbors, friends, and families each time we gather, asking the Lord to watch over us and keep us safe and strong as we work through these difficult times.

We did get to have our Easter Sunrise Service on Maple Street. The 6 AM gathering was timed perfectly to see a gorgeous sunrise. The "Flowering of the Cross" was also held at this time and was beautiful against the rising sun. Everyone took precautions, wearing face masks and practicing safe social distancing, of course. A big "Thank you!" to Sandra and John Graves for hosting our service on their property.

As with most organizations, groups, etc., the work of the church is now being done on the internet. To keep abreast of what's going on, please visit us at AndoverCommunityNH.org or call the church office at 735-5160. Our website is kept current by Pastor Bill.

The Andover Community Church does have a prayer chain. If you or someone you know needs prayer, call Ginny Newton at 934-3171, and she will get the word out. In addition, healing prayer appointments can be scheduled with trained leaders, either in person or on Zoom, by calling the church office.

Remember, you are always welcome to visit Andover Community Church, even in these times. Our website has everything you will need to know about our church, and how to get online via Zoom for our Sunday 10 AM services and other weekly gatherings.

Thought for the Day: Forget yourself for the sake of others and others will not forget you.

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appeal in the May issue, but times were so uncertain ... and the hope that things might start turning around soon was so enticing ... that out of respect for the uncertainty all our potential donors were facing we decided to delay our annual appeal.

Now that it's pretty clear that we're in for a long haul, we've had no choice but to roll out our vital annual appeal this month. (See the bright red box on page 1.) We know that this is a tough time to be asking anything more of the community, but if everyone could just do whatever they can manage at this time, it will make a big difference in the *Beacon's* ability to continue serving our community.

Paycheck Protection Program

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, the *Beacon* was one of the first to apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program. With payroll making up about two-thirds of our monthly expenses

and ad sales dropping, we applied for and received enough to cover payroll for eight weeks ... through about mid-June. After that? Who knows! It's a huge unknown faced by many, many local businesses and organizations across the country.

So, bottom line: the *Beacon* was well positioned to do the hard work to keep the news and information flowing in a world of social distancing. We have, I believe, served the community very well in that regard.

But like almost every other small business in the country, we're extremely concerned about how we're going to continue to cover payroll in the months to come. And like every other non-profit in the country, we understand that there are very serious limits to how much the community can do to help us cope with the financial stresses that could soon stop us in our tracks.

I guess the *Beacon's* situation is just one more example of the degree to which, truly, we are all in this together.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Misadventures of MarMar:
The Case of the Stolen Ingredient

FRIDAY JUNE 12th @ 6PM

**Join us for an all-ages LIVE virtual play
created especially for the Andover community!**

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<p>THE SHOW: Mark and Maryssa are hungry for pizza, but someone has taken all the yeast... What is yeast? Why do we need it for pizza? Who took it?? And what's up with DJ Baby O???</p>	<p>Written and Performed by Mark Vashro and Maryssa Wanlass, award winning actors and filmmakers, who recently relocated to Andover from San Francisco.</p>
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