

# JERICO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## APRIL 2010 NEWSBITES Full Edition



### Pastor's Desk

#### Art and Hors d'Oeuvres

God is good and works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. One of the exciting things about walking with the Lord is that you never know what He is going to do from one day to the next. Let me explain. On Monday, March 8, the church received a shipment of two large cartons from Florida which contain a generous gift of five large oil paintings from Florence Brown Eden. It was her thought that we keep one and sell the others so that the proceeds from the sale could benefit the church. The paintings range in size from 72"x 48" to 40"x 46." They are currently still in their shipping cartons and have yet to be opened. So we need to have a grand opening and unveiling of this gift.

**THEREFORE, you are cordially invited to what should prove to be a very exciting evening of Art and Hors d'Oeuvres, Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m. upstairs in the Choir Room at the Jericho Congregational Church for the grand opening and unveiling of Florence Brown Eden's gift to the church.**

You will be encouraged to write down the name of your favorite painting along with your impressions in order to help us decide which of the paintings we should keep. They are entitled *Blue Cathedral*, *The Winter Garden*, *Tidepool VI*, *Mirage III*, and *Reflections*.

Florence Brown Eden was born in 1916 and grew up in Jericho, the daughter of Arthur and Eva Brown who were very active in the Jericho Congregational Church. Eva was the church's organist for years. Florence began drawing when she was a very young child. She studied art at the University of Florida and University of Michigan and taught at the Jacksonville Art Museum in Jacksonville, Florida and City Club in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Painting under the name of F. Brown Eden, Florence has won many accolades for her work. Her paintings are large, poetic, semi-abstract, and often evocative of nature, often heavily textured, in golden earth tones or exuberant color. She has received 28 First Awards and has held over 40 one-artist shows. A prolific artist, her work is in many public and private collections throughout the Eastern United States. Florence has a sister, Rebecca Kruger, living in Burlington and many nieces, nephews and cousins in the area. Florence's three daughters, Donna, Kathy and Sandra were instrumental in making this gift become a reality.

Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Punch will be provided as we gather for an exciting evening on Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m. in the JCC Choir Room.

In Christ's love,

### More Art

#### Christianity and the Arts Conference

Gove Hill Retreat in Thetford, Vermont will hold this year's Christianity and the Arts conference April 30-May 2, 2010. Workshop leaders will be Paul Rogers, Jason Harrod and Reed Prescott.

Rogers is a native Vermonter specializing in commercial, documentary and fine art photography, and photographic education.

Harrod is a musician, songwriter and singer.

Prescott is one of New England's premier artists and illustrators.

Each attendee will be able to choose one of three workshops in photography, painting or songwriting. Through seminars, discussions, and especially small workshop groups led by these experienced artists, this conference will allow participants to grow as artists both in their craft and in an understanding of art in the context of Christian faith. All participants will choose from various Saturday afternoon talks and seminars on a variety of topics pertaining to art and the Christian faith.

Participants for the entire weekend will choose a small-group workshop on painting, photography, or songwriting meeting several times over the weekend, and should bring appropriate art supplies, digital camera, or musical instrument. Weekend participants are also encouraged to bring their own works in progress to share with their workshop groups.

More information and registration is available from the office or contact at 802-785-4000, govehill(at)abcvnh.org, or [www.govehillretreat.org](http://www.govehillretreat.org).

## Committee News

### Make a Difference Ministry

The disability committee at JCC (Paula Baizley, Cari Causey, Brian Gagne and Betty Rainford) met in January. We decided to name the ministry "Make a Difference". There are many ways big and small you can make a difference in an individuals' or families' life affected by disability.

We have created a bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Each month we will feature how different families in our church are affected by disability. Please take a few minutes to read it over and find out how you can make a difference in their lives. We are very thankful to have a Sunday School Class, singing, ushering, sign language, accessible buildings, and other accommodations. All these things are making a difference in people's lives.

In January the special Ed. Dept. at the high school hosted a dinner in our fellowship hall for the students before the winter ball. They had a great dinner and time to socialize and dance before they went to the ball. Upon arrival to the ball some students did not like how loud it was and would have had a better time just staying at the church. This is one way we can show we care; by allowing the use of our facilities to reach out to the disabled in our community. A couple of weeks ago 2 students from the high school came and washed the fellowship floor. This gave them an opportunity to learn job skills and helped us out as well. This will continue on a regular basis. The high school students are also going to help with spring clean-up on the church property.

The following is a good reminder of how we should think about and treat those with disabilities.

"They are not projects, they are people. It's not as if churches do not try to extend compassion to people with disabilities. But we tend to think of the disabled as people we minister to, by offering worship and other opportunities to them. Thornburgh reminds us that 'those of us with disabilities have enormous gifts and talents to bring to the church. We are not a project. We are on this earth for a unique reason.' Churches would be wise to remember that people with disabilities are like the rest of the congregation: They can contribute mightily to the work, witness, and leadership of the church and community." (From Christianity Today Jan 2010)

The Joni and Friends Family Retreat dates this year are: June 8-12 (Adults) and August 16-20 (Families with children). Please pray to see if God would have you "Make a Difference" in someone's life this summer at a retreat. They will certainly "Make a Difference" in yours. Please contact Paula & Arnold Baizley or Bob Terranova for (STM)

Short-Term Missionary information or check out the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Make A Difference Committee; Paula, Cari, Brian and Betty

### Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons has been considering requests for several months to combine the two Sunday morning services into a single service. With numbers down, particularly in the early service, it seemed it might be a good idea. There's room for everyone in the sanctuary. Coverage for music, ushers and servers would be simpler, not such a burden, and the Youth Choir wouldn't have to meet Sunday evenings. But the main issue burning on the hearts of those requesting a single service and the bottom line for the Deacons, was the desire to bring the whole JCC family together for worship and its strengthening singing and sharing and the enhanced sense of community. How wonderful that will be!

After seeking input from Christian Education and the Fellowship Committee regarding their reaction to a single service along with suggested order and times for Sunday School, Church Service and Fellowship, the Board of Deacons has thoughtfully and prayerfully come to a decision. We are going to try a 10-week trial beginning the Sunday after Easter - April 11<sup>th</sup>, and running up to our annual summer schedule switch. The results of this trial along with input from the committees and membership will help us make changes and/or a decision to continue the one-service format in the fall.

The schedule for the single service 10-week trial starting Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will be:

**8:45 - 9:45 Sunday School**

**9:45 - 10:15 Fellowship**

**10:15 - 11:30 Worship Service**

The Board of Deacons understands change can be uncomfortable, and would like to thank you all in advance for making the sacrifices and adjustments necessary to accommodate the new schedule. (Please know we will be making them right along with you...) But we believe the benefits may prove to be worth it. We won't know unless we try.

Of course, we and Pastor Peter would be happy anytime to be "forced" to return to two services due to overcrowding...

Darilynn McClary, Board of Deacons

## Youth News

### Pancake Breakfast

It's coming! This Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>!

As always, it's an All-You-Can-Eat breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, fruit, coffee, milk, orange juice, and breakfast meats from Harringtons and Dakin Farms. Proceeds will go toward the group's mission trip this summer to the Fold (a ministry for troubled teens).

Won't you join us between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup>? Advance tickets are \$4.00 for age 10-adult, \$3.50 ages 4-10, age 3 and under are free. Family cap, \$12.00. Pay at the door \$5.50 for adult and \$5.00 for children with a family cap of \$15.00.

Tickets are available from a Youth Group member or at the church office.

### 30 Hour Famine Report

This year 21 students participated in the Famine. The group had set a goal of \$3,000 to beat last year's total which was just short of \$2,500. As of the writing of this article, the total raised by the JCC Youth Group amounts to \$4,614.59. Congratulations! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

Not only did the group succeed in eclipsing last year's funds raised, it enjoyed a wonderful time together. During the Famine the group watched videos that taught them about world hunger and participated in the Tribe Game. During this game they assume the roles of children trying to survive in Ethiopia experiencing hunger. Some of the group helped out at the Jericho-Underhill Food Shelf on Saturday while other participated in a bottle drive to contribute even more money to World Vision. We were also able to enjoy some movies and games together.

We concluded Famine with Communion Saturday night and a meal prepared by some of the parents. Thank you again to all who contributed to this event. The money raised this year will be going toward Haiti relief.

## Missions

### Young Life Banquet

The annual information and fundraising banquet will be April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Essex Alliance Community Center building. Young Life, a youth ministry to reach kids for Christ, has been active in our community for just over 10 years, but nationally for over 60 years. JCC has been a faithful supporter of Young Life in our area. If you would like to learn more about Young Life and catch a small glimpse of the ministry, please speak with Debbie Hamm or Phyllis Van Horn. They would love to have you as a guest at their table for the banquet.

## Coming Events

### CMI Sponsored Concert

The Light Radio Network of Christian Ministries Inc. is sponsoring a concert on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Barre Auditorium. This Gospel quartet, known for their high energy and humor and love by Gaither Homecoming fans, is fast winning over people of all ages and many music styles. Concert at 7:00 PM, gates open at 6:00. Tickets on sale now at The Light Radio 866-878-8885 and online [www.thelightradio.net](http://www.thelightradio.net).

### Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble

VCME with our own Steven Klimowski as artistic director will give a concert Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm at the Unitarian Church in Montpelier and Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at St. Michael's College, Colchester.

### Vermont Prayer Force

Root 52 is a year long prayer strategy progressing from one state to the next in order of joining the Union. As the 14<sup>th</sup> state, our week is April 16-23. We invite you to join us on Friday evening, April 16 at Community Bible Church in South Burlington at 7 pm for a time of sharing and prayer to launch our Vermont Root 52 week. We will be hearing and sharing our roots from God's covenants with Israel to the history of Vermont previous to joining the Union.

# April



## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

1<sup>st</sup> Peter Loescher

2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel Wolcott

Peter Gutsell

♥ David & Leslie Meyer

8<sup>th</sup> Ken Lick

9<sup>th</sup> Kevin Diggs

10<sup>th</sup> Cari Causey

13<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Barner

14<sup>th</sup> Michael Guo

John Kutt

♥ Steve & Miki Thrall

15<sup>th</sup> Robert Bromley

Phyllis Van Horn

Charlie Post

16<sup>th</sup> Joshua Carter

Brittany Daniels

17<sup>th</sup> David Brown

19<sup>th</sup> Danica Van Horn

♥ Sarah & Ben

Courtemanche

20<sup>th</sup> Tammy Davis

24<sup>th</sup> Angelina Gagne

John Strzepek

26<sup>th</sup> Sebastian Szczecinski

29<sup>th</sup> Peter Jaquith

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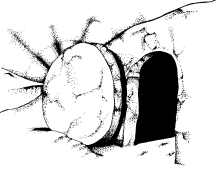
30<sup>th</sup> Tracy Centracchio

Lindsey Centracchio



# April 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Church Office Hours:</b>            Closed Mon., Tues.-Fri. 9:30-4:00 pm  <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:officejcc(at)comcast.net">officejcc(at)comcast.net</a>  <b>Web site:</b> <a href="http://www.jccvt.org">www.jccvt.org</a>  <b>Phone #</b> 899-4911 <b>Fax #</b> 899-5211  <b>Mailing Address:</b> P.O. Box 1022,            Jericho Center, VT 05465</p>		<p><b>JCC Location Codes:</b>            *1 Church Sanctuary            *2 Fellowship Hall            *3 Choir/Multi-Use Room            *4 Community Center            *5 <i>Village Cup, Jericho</i>            *6 Ofc Bldg.-Upstrs. YG Rm            *7 Ofc. Bldg.-First Floor Mtg. Room            *8 Good Shepherd Lutheran-Rt.15</p>		<p>1 9:00 am            Lady's Bible Study</p> <p>6-7:45 pm            AWANA</p> <p>7:00 pm Maundy            Thursday            Service</p>	<p>2 12:00-3:00pm            Good Friday            Walk</p>	<p>3 8:30-11:30            Music            Rehearsal            Breakfast</p> <p>6:15 Youth Group</p>
<p>4 <b>Easter Worship Service</b>            8:00 am Service *1            9:45 am Extended Fellowship *2            11:00 am Service *1</p> 	<p>5 Pastor            Carter's Day            Off</p>	<p>6 6:00 am Men's            Book Study @            Village Cup</p> <p>5:30 pm High            School bible study            at Kristen Taylor's</p> <p>7:00 pm Women's            Bible Study at            Gagne's</p>	<p>7 9:00 am            Mom's In Touch            at Carter's</p> <p><b>NO</b> Choir</p>	<p>8 9:00 am            Lady's Bible            Study</p> <p>6-7:45 pm            AWANA</p>	<p>9 Pastor            Anderson's            Day Off</p> <p>5:30-7:30 Jr.            High Bible            study at            Davis'</p>	<p>10 7:00-11:00 am            Youth Group            Pancake            Breakfast</p>
<p>11 <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>NEW SCHEDULE</b>            8:45 am Sunday School            9:45 am Fellowship *2            10:15 am Worship            Service *1</p> <p><b>NO</b> Youth Group *6</p>	<p>12 Pastor            Carter's Day            Off</p> <p>6:30 Young            Life Banquet            at Essex            Alliance</p>	<p>13 6:00 am Men's            Book Study @            Village Cup</p> <p>5:30 pm High            School bible study            at Lawhorn's</p> <p>7:15 pm Meeting            Night</p>	<p>14 9:00 am            Mom's In Touch            at Carter's</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir *3</p>	<p>15 9:00 am            Lady's Bible            Study</p> <p>6-7:45 pm            AWANA</p> <p>7:00 pm Food            Shelf Set Up</p>	<p>16 Pastor            Anderson's            Day Off</p> <p>5:30 pm Jr            High Bible            Study at            Davis'</p>	<p>17 8:30 am Music            Committee at            Sheri's</p> <p>9:00 am            Ecumenical Food            Shelf            Distribution</p>
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