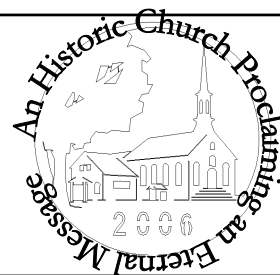


JERICO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Pastor's Desk

Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal

On October 20, I attended a very helpful workshop for church leaders put on by the Chaplain Services of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Vermont National Guard. The reason for this workshop, which is being offered at various sites around Vermont, is that sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas, some 1500 Vermont soldiers deployed to Afghanistan last December will be returning home. And the churches in Vermont are uniquely positioned to help these men and women and their families.

After the initial excitement of welcome home ceremonies wears off, "many veterans face the biggest challenge of their lifetime and begin fighting a personal, hidden war in earnest. Often well concealed at first, for many the signs and symptoms of post-war trauma and stress - depression, anxiety, domestic problems, substance abuse, isolation, suicide, and homelessness - eventually appear...Providing attentive care in the first few months after a veteran returns home is important for several reasons. First, early detection usually results in more effective treatment and better outcomes. Second, early treatment can prevent a cascade of interrelated problems stemming from unaddressed physical, emotional, and spiritual post-war trauma and distress. Loved ones, friends, and close work associates are often the first to notice emerging problems and also become the key people through whom difficulties are initially addressed." (Welcome Them Home, p.6)

What role can the church play? *"Although returning veterans are among the demographic least likely to attend church, many have loved ones who attend regularly."* Many of us at JCC have family members and friends, neighbors and work associates who have been affected by the conflicts in the Middle East. As a result, we can play an important role in the healing process by educating ourselves about the issues that returning veterans face, being a listening ear, praying for these families and being sensitive to their ongoing needs in the months ahead and offering our spiritual resources for healing.

"The Vietnam War taught some difficult lessons about the personal and relational price of war. Within six months of return, 38 percent of married Vietnam veterans were divorced. Between 40 and 60 percent of all Vietnam veterans experienced persistent emotional problems. The number of those who died by suicide easily eclipsed the more than 58,000 who died in combat." (Welcome Them Home, p. 11) We must do better.

As a church, we have an opportunity to help veterans and their families through this *"complex readjustment process by offering encouragement, empathy, a listening ear, and a caring heart."* Jesus cared for soldiers in his day and we need to care for these men and women who have sacrificed so much to serve us and our country.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John".



From the Office

Advent Season

According to Wikipedia, the word "Advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming". This refers to both the coming of the celebration of Jesus' birth, and the second coming of Christ and is used in many churches as a remembrance of both. Advent directs thoughts of Christians to Jesus coming and as Savior in the form of a man (a little baby in Bethlehem), and as a judge in the second coming. It is the beginning of the Western liturgical year and starts the fourth Sunday before Christmas day. The number of candles used in the Advent wreath can be either 4 or 5 and the colors can be different combinations of purple, pink and white.

At JCC we use 5 candles in the Advent wreath, three purple, one pink and one white. The names of the candles are "Promise" (purple), for the promise of the Messiah and the King at the second coming; "Preparation" (purple), to prepare our hearts for His coming; "Joy" (pink), for our joy that we have a Messiah to save us; "Love" (purple), for God's unconditional love for us that He gave His Son for us and for the love we learn to give to others; and The Christ Candle (white), celebrating the birth of Christ.

Each week during Advent, we ask a different family to light a candle and read a scripture and prayer that Pastor Anderson prepares for us. Would you like your family to be the representative of the church family for the Advent wreath lighting one Sunday? Call the office and talk to Karen to pick out a Sunday.

Note: Also available through the office are family Advent booklets. They were written by Brian and Freddie Jones for families to have their own Advent ceremony at home. They are especially nice for small children.

Florence Eden Brown

Linda Everette has photographed the paintings by Florence Eden Brown to help us find an appraiser. The photos of the paintings are available on CD. The church is looking for interested individuals to join together to form an Art Disposition Committee. This committee will need to discover the value of the paintings and research possible markets for them.

Help us find the value of these paintings and new homes for them. This is a gift from the Lord to help pay for our church remodel.

Can you take a few minutes to do some computer research? To call some local galleries? To talk to other artists? Call the office to get started and to see the CD.

Committee News

Music Committee News

JCC is blessed to have three choirs and all are welcome to join in:

Adult choir meets Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:45pm in the choir room, under the direction of Steve Klimowski. Adult choir sings throughout the year, and for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Youth choir, grades 7-12, meets during fellowship time in the Sunday School building under the direction of Joan Vanderploeg. Youth Choir sings throughout the year and will also sing for the Thanksgiving praise service and Lessons and Carols in December.

Junior choir, grades K-6, meets during fellowship time in the choir room under the direction of Jon Brown. Junior Choir will be singing at the evening Thanksgiving praise service and will perform the Christmas pageant.

Please join us for our evening Thanksgiving Praise Service on Sunday, November 21st from 7 to 8pm. in the sanctuary. More information will be found in your bulletin.



Snow Shovelling Position Open

Prudential Committee seeks energetic strong back for snow shovelling. We can't tell you how much snow we will get, but you will need to keep snow clear from walkways and steps of the office building and church as soon after a storm as possible. Most important priority is the Sunday Morning first service (Prior to 7:30 A.M.) and other scheduled events during the week including the front and back entrance to the Office building in the morning before the staff arrives. Scheduled events are published in the weekly bulletin and you can receive an email copy from the church office. Must be dependable and have means of transportation. We will compensate on an hourly basis.

If you are up to the challenge, please contact:
Brian Greeley, greeleyvt(at)comcast.net

Areas That Require Snow Clearing:

Office Building Front Steps

Office Building back Door Walkway

Church Walkway from front to around the building to where it meets the gravel path in the back. The plowing should clear the gravel path between the parking lot up to

the concrete walkway at the back of the building.

Church front steps to street and from the side of the front steps to the front driveway. Clear snow from dog-house steps and away from step side walls so that any melt water will not drain down into the stairwell. Sand bags are placed as a barrier to water at the front of the steps.

Missions



Christmas Child Update

We should be deep into our shoe boxes now. Mark your calendars for November 14 and 21 to bring them to church.

Here is a reminder of the monthly suggestions for items to put in them:

August; School supplies

September; Hygiene supplies (remember that the children tend to share their toothbrushes so buy a pack of them)

October; Toys-car, deflated soccer ball with small pump, stuffed animal, jump rope etc

November; Candy and miscellaneous - hard candy (nothing that will melt like chocolate), gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sun glasses, hair clips, watches, flashlight with extra batteries

If you want to contribute, but can't do a box, bring some items to the church and place them in the basket by the missions table. Missions will make more boxes from those items.

DID YOU KNOW????

Everyone has trash...garbage...stuff to throw away. Some of us take it to a "transfer station" (we used to call it "the dump" when I was a kid). Some, however, use a service. I just wanted everyone to know about the Red Can Family--the Myers Family. They offered to pick up the recycling and trash at CareNet for FREE! Not only that, but they will send to CareNet the cost of service for the first month to anyone who signs up with Myers and states that they are doing so because of CareNet. I just wanted the church family to know that this was an option and also to publicly thank the Myers family for what they are doing!

Barbara Kohler



Coming Events



Thanksgiving Praise Service and Dinner

This year Brenda will be busy with a new grandchild so the rest of the Fellowship committee will cover the dinner. We will have a potluck dinner before our Thanksgiving praise service instead of a turkey dinner. Fellowship asks that you bring a covered dish, salad, bread or dessert to share. We will eat at 5:30 pm, clean up together as a family at 6:30 so no one gets left out of the praise service, and praise God also as a family at 7:00. This has always been a wonderful time with wonderful music. This year both the Junior and Youth choirs will give us the gift of song.

Please come!



Reminders

JUE Food Shelf: In November and December, all the local churches participate in distributions that give special holiday dinner foods. Although the expense of these special distributions has been covered, it is important to remember to bring staple items for the food shelf every week. Place items in the baskets at the front and back doors.

Daylight Savings time ends November 7. Fall back!

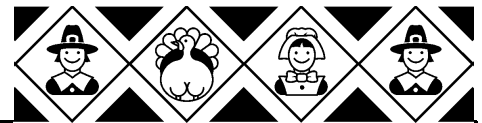
Pictorial Directories Still Available: If you and your family were not able to participate in the sittings for the pictorial directory and therefore did not yet pick one up, we have extras available. If you need updated contact information of church members or you are newer to the church, please contact Karen in the office and I will see that you get a copy.




Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 5 th Cyndy Allen | 15 th JoAnn Cater |
| Katie Griffin | 21 st Adam Greeley |
| 6 th ♥ Henry & Hermina Bolin | Linda Everette |
| ♥ Gordon & Debbie Hamm | 22 nd Jane Haugh |
| 7 th Marcus Szcsecinski | 23 rd Al DiPietro |
| 8 th Imani Page | Rick Vanderploeg |
| Sam Moultroupe | 24 th Henry Bolin |
| 9 th Paul Barner | 25 th Jay Vanderploeg |
| Abigail Barner | 27 th Jeremy Wolcott |
| 10 th ♥ June Varricchione | 28 th Jeremy Carter |
| 11 th Scott Quimby | |
| Luke Moultroupe | |
| 12 th Ric McClary | |



November 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor Carter's Day Off	2 6:00 am Men's Book Study @ Village Cup 5:30 pm High School Bible study at Brown's 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study at Gagne's	3 1:00 pm Mom's In Touch at Carter's 7:30 pm Choir *3	4 9:00 am Lady's Bible Study 6-7:45 pm AWANA	5 Pastor Anderson's Day Off 5:30 pm Jr High at Davis'	6
JCC Location Codes: *1 Church Sanctuary *2 Fellowship Hall *3 Choir Room Church Bldg *4 Community Center *5 Village Cup *6 Ofc Bldg.-Upstrs. YG Rm *7 Ofc. Bldg.-1st FL Mtg.Rm *8 GSLC-Rt.15						
7 Worship Service & Communion 8:00 am Worship *1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am : Fellowship *2 Youth Choir *7 Jr Choir *3 11:00 am Worship *1  6:15 pm Youth Group *6 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting *1	8 Pastor Carter's Day Off	9 6:00 am Men's Book Study @ Village Cup 5:30 pm High School Bible study at Brown's 7:15 pm Meeting Night	10 1:00 pm Mom's In Touch at Carter's 7:30 pm Choir *3	11 9:00 am Lady's Bible Study 6-7:45 pm AWANA  Veterans Day	12 Pastor Anderson's Day Off	13
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