

Religion

New Minister of Music Comes to Church of Our Saviour



MILFORD – Professor David E. Brandes has been called to be the new Minister of Music at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Milford, effective Jan. 1, 2009.

Brandes has served as a Music Director in several area churches, including 12 years as Organist and Choir Director at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Peterborough. A Professor of Music at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, he recently concluded 4 years' service as the Music Director at Second Congregational Church, Wilton.

Brandes' first Sunday at Church of Our Saviour is Jan. 4, when he will play at the 10:00 a.m. service; he will also play and lead the music

at the parish's annual Epiphany celebration on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. The parish choir will sing on both occasions under his leadership.

An initial rehearsal to introduce the new Minister of Music to the choir is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 3 at 10:00 a.m.; rehearsals will be Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. thereafter.

The church is located at 10 Amherst St., directly across the street from the Rite Aid pharmacy and the Milford Post Office. More information on the parish may be found at www.coosmilford.org, or by calling the church office, 673-3309.

Music at The Ledge

Open Mic Night at SCC

AMHERST – Souhegan Christian Church (SCC) is hosting an Open Mic Night, Friday, January 16 at 8pm. This is a free, family friendly event.

Souhegan Christian Church recognized there are very talented musicians in the Souhegan Valley. However, with the closing of a few local establishments that hosted Open Mic Night, there is a lack of venues. In an effort to continue to foster the arts in the local area, Souhegan Christian Church is launching "Music at The Ledge" an Open Mic night on January 16 from 8pm to 10pm. "If you like performing in front of others, just want to try out a new song, or simply enjoy live performances," "Music at The Ledge" Open Mic Night is the perfect event for you!"

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This will be the first of what will hopefully become a monthly event that will provide local musicians with an opportunity practice their craft before a live audience. There is no cover charge: free to play and free to stay. We will provide amplifiers, mixers, microphones, stands; speakers and cables are ready for your use. All you have to do is bring any of your instruments, materials and creativity to Open Mic night. All musical styles are welcome: folk, classic rock, jazz and blues.

We ask that those who contribute to the evening would remember that "Music at The Ledge" is a family

environment, and so please no profanity and or adult content. Sign up starts at 7: 30 pm. However, you can guarantee a time slot by sending an email ahead of time to www.MusicAtTheLedge@sccofnh.org.

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Events Held at Area Churches

Red Cross Blood Drive at Messiah Lutheran Church

January is a time of new beginnings. To help celebrate National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, the American Red Cross Blood Services is partnering with Dunkin' Donuts. As a thank you each presenting donor will receive a coupon for a free pound of coffee during the month of January. The coupons are redeemable at all participating Dunkin' Donuts Restaurants.

The American Red Cross will be at Messiah Lutheran Church located at 303 Route 101 in Amherst on Saturday, January 17th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

"Most of us intend to give blood, but don't often think about it," says Tom Houle, Account Executive. "We feel that if we don't do it, somebody else probably will. The fact of

the matter is only 5% of the population gives blood. That means every Red Cross blood drive need to achieve its goal in order to keep blood supplies adequate. Patients are counting on each one of us to do our part." Dunkin's Donuts hopes their coffee will be an added bonus on top of the good feeling of saving someone's life.

Giving blood is safe and simple through the Red Cross. Donors must be at least 17 years of age; there is no upper age limit. A person must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health in order to give blood.

For more information, call the Red Cross Blood center at 1-800-262-2660 or your local Red Cross Chapter.

Monadnock Chorus Begins Rehearsal For Its 50th Anniversary Spring Concert

PETERBOROUGH – The Monadnock Chorus is welcoming new and returning singers to begin rehearsal of Verdi's "Requiem", to be performed in the spring of 2009. That concert, with full orchestra, will be a glorious tribute to our 50 years of beautiful choral music. We invite new singers to come for voice placement on January 21 or 28, 2009 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please know that no special preparation is required - just bring yourself and your voice. Voice placement will be followed those same nights by rehears-

als with all returning singers. Rehearsals are from 7:30pm-9:30pm every Wednesday evening at the Union Congregational Church on 33 Concord Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The Chorus is looking forward to singing under the baton of Dr. Carroll Lehman prior to his retirement this spring and will continue the tradition of choral excellence under the leadership of a new director in the fall. For additional information, please e-mail Amy Knight at ad_wesley@hotmail.com

Clubs, Civic Organizations, Non-Profits please submit your publicity to *The Amherst Citizen*: news@amherstcitizen.com

Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

On Sundays:
Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 AM
Morning Worship Service - 10:30 AM
Upper Room Prayer - 6:00-7:00 PM

On Wednesdays:

We invite your kids age 4 through grade 4 to join us here every Wednesday from 6:15-7:45 for Pioneer Clubs *, a fun-filled and diversified program designed to help kids learn interesting skills and Biblical truth. Club runs throughout the school year and we always welcome new kids to stop in anytime!

On Thursdays:

Senior High Youth Group (Grades 8-12) - 7:00 PM (Check online calendar for current information and location)
Our website and online calendar can be found at www.amherstfirstbaptist.com. Come learn, grow, and serve with us!

Congregational Church of Amherst

Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt, Associate Pastor Catriona Grant and the entire congregation look forward to welcoming one and all. The church is located at 11 Church St. on the Amherst Village Common.

Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. Sunday school is provided for children 2 years of age through seventh grade, following the Children's Time in the service. A confirmation class is formed for eighth graders, and middle high and senior high youth have programs and activities on Sunday evenings. Rev. Richard Leavitt is the congregation's senior pastor.

For more information on services, activities and programs, call the church office, 673-3231, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or visit the website at www.ccamherst.org.

Souhegan Christian Church

5 Route 101A, Unit #2
Amherst, NH 03031
603-672-6759
nhscc@verizon.net
Sunday Morning Worship Service
Sunday School, 9:00 am (classes for all ages and nursery provided)
Fellowship, 10:00 pm
Worship Service, 10:30 am (children's church and nursery provided)
Women's Bible Study: A multi-generational group of dynamic women joining together in a positive, nurturing environment to learn more about Christ, His impact in our lives, and how we can impact others.
Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am
Pastry and coffee provided
Adventure Club: Grades 1-6: A Christ-centered, Bible-based adventure for children grades 1-6; includes a pot-luck sup-

per, teaching skits, small group activities, music and games.
Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm
Dinner provided
Youth Group: Grades 7-12: A Christ-centered, mission-based youth group for middle and high school students featuring snacks, games, Bible study, mission trips and more.

Sundays, 6:00-7:30 pm, weeks 1 and 3 of the month
Snacks provided
Service of Healing Prayer: A meditative time of personal prayer for physical, mental and emotional healing.

Sundays, 7:00-9:00pm, 2nd Sunday of the month
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Messiah Lutheran Church

303 Route 101
Amherst
673-2011
Pastor Tom Teichmann
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Forum
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Worship
Please come and join us!

St Luke's Anglican Church

St Luke's Anglican Church, Amherst offers Sunday services at 8:00 am and a choral Eucharist at 10:00 am with coffee and fellowship following both services. Saturday mornings at 11:00 am feature a Bible study class led by Fr Jeff Swayze.

Milford United Methodist Church

Milford United Methodist Church schedule: 8:30 Spirit Celebration, 9:30 Sunday School, and 10:45 Traditional Worship. The 8:30 Spirit Celebration is led by Chris Willard and the Praise Band. It is an informal worship service featuring contemporary Christian music. The 10:45 service features the Chancel Choir led by Sally Landis, and traditional prayers and readings. Pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey preaches at both services. We have Sunday school for children of all ages, a high school class and an adult class. The Milford United Methodist Church is located at 327 No. River Rd, Milford. For information or directions call Susan Drew (672-4877) or visit us on the web at www.MilfordUMC.org.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

He is Risen! Join us each Sunday as we celebrate our risen Lord at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3 Craftsman

Lane, Amherst. Pastor Joel Petermann www.stpaul-amherst.org 821-9891. Sunday worship service at 9:30am, Sunday school at 10:55 and adult bible study at 11:15. Nursery service is available.

Church of Our Saviour

Sunday worship and education schedule.
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Junior & Senior High
Classes
9:15 a.m. Adult Choir
9:45 a.m. Church School for Age 3
- Grade 6
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Mont Vernon Congregational Church, UCC

The Reverend Graham Ward
Main Street (Route 13), Mont Vernon
Telephone: 673-3500
e-mail: montvernonchurch@montvernon-church.org
Website: www.montvernonchurch.org

Sunday Worship is held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday with Fellowship following. Childcare is offered for children under six.

Older children go to their Sunday School class following Children's Time during the Worship Service.
The Church is also open for prayer and quiet reflection every Tuesday at 5 p.m. and communion is offered at 6:30 p.m.
For further information, call the Church office at 673-3500 on Tuesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group

Anyone interested in knitting a prayer shawl is welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Round Room. We will be knitting prayer shawls for those in need of the warmth and comfort of knowing they are not alone during difficult times as they feel the warm embrace of their shawl.
You need not be an expert knitter as we will help to get you started.

Unitarian Universalist Church

20 Elm St., Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.

Regular worship services are held each Sunday at 10:30 AM led by our minister, Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord. Childcare is available and coffeehour and fellowship follows each service at 11:45 AM. Children's programming will resume on January 4, 2009. We are a welcoming congregation and we invite you to join us!
For more information, or to request transportation to our service, please call 673-1870 or email us at uucm1870@verizon.net. You may also visit www.uumilfordnh.org. For more information on Unitarian Universalism, please visit www.uua.org.

The First Unitarian Congregational Society in Wilton Center

Isaac Frye Highway, Wilton Center.
Minister: Reverend Jeanne Nieuwejaar
Mailing: P.O. Box 89, Wilton, NH 03086
Phone: 603-654-9518
Web: <http://www.uuwilton.org/>
Email: admin@uuwilton.org

Church Services are at 10:30 am on Sunday followed by coffee hour at "The Red House." Children join in the opening portion of the service and then have time for age appropriate Sunday school programming. To be good stewards of the earth's resources, in January and February, Sunday worship will be in the cozy space of "The Red House."

The society offers rentals of "The Red House", with or without catering services. The church may also be rented. Please call 654-9428 for rental and catering information.
You may read more about upcoming services and events by visiting our Calendar at www.uuwilton.org.

Holy Trinity Southern Episcopal Church

Holy Trinity, part of the conservative Southern Episcopal Church, meets as a subcongregation of Christ's Church of Amherst, in the Christ's Church building. Our schedule is:

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Holy Eucharist,
1928 Prayer Book (sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Sunday Spiritual Formation class (office)

The church is located at 58 Merrimack Road in Amherst. Information on the church is available on the web at www.ccnh.org, at www.angelfire.com/biz/Southern/, or by calling Fr. Griffin at 654-5741.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Milford

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, 10 Union Street, PO Box 188, Milford, 673-3713, Rev. Dr. Sheila S. Rubdi. On-line at www.firstccmnh.org.
The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ resumes their 10:00am Worship time. The "Come to the Light" Contemporary Praise Worship Service will resume on September 27th, at 5:00pm.
The church has a Safe Sanctuaries policy. Please visit our website at www.firstccmnh.org for more information.
Additional information may be obtained by calling the church office at 673-3713 or visiting our website (www.firstccmnh.org).

New Mass Schedule for Saint Patrick Church

Starting the weekend of September 27-28. The schedule of weekend Masses will be Saturday at 4:00p.m.; Sunday Masses will be: 7:00a.m.; 8:45a.m.; and 10:45a.m. There will no longer be a 12Noon Mass on Sunday.
Religious Education classes will begin the week of September 21 for grades 3-8. The first day of classes will begin with a prayer in the Church and then each class will be dismissed with their teacher to a specified class area.
On Sunday, September 28 grades K-2 will begin in the basement of the church at 8:45a.m. and 10:45a.m. at this time parents will be told where classes will be conducted.
The first Confirmation class will be September 29 for Grades 9-10. This first meeting is for both parents & students.

First Church Of Christ, Scientist

103 South St., Milford
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am
Wednesday Meeting: 8 pm

We will have a special Thanksgiving Service at 10:30 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2008. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christian Science Reading Room

42 South Street, Milford
Daily: Mon. through Fri. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sat. 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Wed. 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm
First Sun. of the Month 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Telephone – 673-5274
Email – readingroom@csmilfordnh.org

First Baptist Church of Milford

65 West Street, Milford
Phone: 673-5191
E-mail: info@fbcmilford.org
Web site: www.fbcmilford.org
Office hours: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. M-F
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ronald Bouthillette

Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Church school
11:00 a.m. Morning worship service
Nursery and Children's church provided

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible study

Thursday:

10:30 a.m. Bible study
7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting
Jr. High youth group 4 p.m. every other Sunday
Sr. High youth group 6 p.m. every other Friday