

The Compaq Big Band is one of the region's longest continuously operating

Compaq Big Band Presents Valentine's Dance, Feb. 13

MANCHESTER - The 21-piece Compaq Big Band will present their seventh annual Valentine's Dance on February 13, at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester. The venue has a huge dance floor, and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 6:30pm. A group-friendly dance lesson will be presented by Dance2Swing Studios (www.dance2swing.com) from 7:00pm-8:00pm. The band will play from 8:00pm-11:30pm.

Tickets are \$17 per person. Walkins are welcomed, but advance ticket purchase is suggested by calling A. Main Event Ticket Agency at 882-1502. For table reservations call 673-7683 after advance ticket purchase. All other seating is general admission, but everyone will get a seat at a table.

This evening will feature different dances, from swing to foxtrot, to slow-dance ballads, with an occasional waltz or cha-cha.

The Compaq Big Band is one of the region's finest and longest continuously operating (since 1975) large format jazz ensembles, playing a busy schedule of gigs year round in the Greater Boston, Rhode Island, and Southern New Hampshire areas, including swing dances, gala fundraisers for nonprofits, summer concert series, nightclub appearances, and other events. The band has toured the United Kingdom in '06 and hosted the world's foremost big band (Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band from Los Angeles) for concerts in '07 and '08. They have sold 1,500 copies of their first album "Bandwidth", which plays currently on New England jazz radio stations and on BBC2 in the United Kingdom, and they are currently in studio recording a second album. The group is a regular performer at Ryles Jazz Club and the Regattabar Jazz Club in Cambridge, Massachusetts. To find out more about the band visit www.compaqbigband.

Religion



Members of the Monday Morning Workshop at the Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ create beautiful valentines to be delivered to women incarcerated and the staff at the Goffstown Prison. This is an activity that the church group has been doing for many years.

DivorceCare Support Group to Begin in February

The Milford United Methodist Church will be beginning DivorceCare Sunday, February 15th, 2-4 pm, 327 No. River Rd, Milford. The sessions last for 13 weeks.

At DivorceCare, you will become part of a small support group of people who are also experiencing separation and divorce. By interacting with these people, you'll learn there are others who understand what you are feeling and who will be able to offer you encouragement. You'll also have a chance to talk about the information presented during the seminar. The DivorceCare program takes a biblical approach to divorce, separation and related issues such as reconciliation, remarriage, forgiveness and the effect of divorce on children and families. If you or someone you know is suffering from the pain of divorce please join us for the upcoming 13-week session. We have scheduled one extra week in case of bad weather. Contact Callie McMahon at 673-5239 for more information.

Valentine's Day Dinner at MUMC

Please join us on Saturday, February 14th, at the MUMC Italian Cafe for a wonderful celebration of St. Valentine's Day. Chef Lonni is at it again! She will be preparing a 4 course meal complete with soup, salad, bread and a choice of entrée Chicken Broccoli Alfredo or Lasagna, and dessert. There is even a children's entrée - macaroni and cheese. The Café will be open for two seatings – 5 pm for families, and 7 pm for couples. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for juniors (age 9 – 12), and \$3 for children under 8. Reservations are required, please call 672-4644.

The dinner benefits the Milford United Methodist Church Mission Teams. One team is planning for their third straight year to help with the recovery effort following Hurricane Katrina. A second team is made up of the high school youth group and their leaders and chaperones. The youth team is going to Pennsylvania to be part of a work camp. Both teams are working hard to raise the necessary funds to cover their expenses. If you would like to hear more about these trips, or the church, please go to the website www.Milfordumc.org, or call 673-

Interfaith Council Presents Award Winning Documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So"

The Souhegan Valley Interfaith Council invites you to a viewing and discussion of the award winning documentary "For the Bible Tells Me So" at Milford's Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 20 Elm St, on Thursday February 19th at 7

Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families -- including Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson -- you'll discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Pe ter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, "For the Bible Tells Me So" offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. More information can be found at its website: www.forthebibletellsmeso.org Following the 98 minute film,

you are welcome to stay for refresh-

ments, and to participate in conversation led by Cathy Goldwater, an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford who has acted as facilitator for many discussions on sensitive topics. She has a doctorate in Psychology and is employed as an Associate School Psychologist. For more information about the showing of 'For the Bible Tells Me So" please call 673-1870, ext. 1.

The Souhegan Valley Interfaith Council, a fellowship of congregations, organizations, and individuals, gather together for the purpose of creating a climate of understanding, respect, education and support for each other's ministries amongst our members; worship together as a witness to our unity before God; work together utilizing our strengths as an interfaith fellowship in service to our community and world; and promote and support the collaborative interests of our member faith communities.

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 Com-

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

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am

Pastry and coffee provided Adventure Club: Grades 1-6: A Christcentered, Bible- based adventure for children grades 1-6; includes a pot-luck supper, teaching skits, small group activities,

music and games. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm Dinner provided

Youth Group: Grades 7-12: A Christcentered, 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

"Part of the richness we experience in our church," says the pastor, John Ritter, "is related to the broad variety of denominational backgrounds from which we come. We find that as we join together around the essential truths of the Christian faith, the Lord grants us grace to cover all the rest."

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 Eucharest 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.

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.

Let us gather together at 7 P.M., Ash Wednesday, February 25, to begin the journey into the "Penitential" season of Lent, A time of "turning around" (the meaning of "repentance")

Palm Sunday - April 5th Maundy Thursday - 7:00p.m. Tenebrae

Good Friday - Sanctuary Open 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. with scripture reading/prayer each half hour and quiet reflective time.

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:10 A.M. Grand Hill. Pancake breakfast immediately following at the church until 7:45a.

Easter Traditional Service - 10:30a.m. 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.

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. MifordUMC.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 Church School for Age 3 9:45 a.m. - Grade 6

10:00 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church,

Choral Eucharist

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

Our regular worship services are held each Sunday at 10:30 AM led by our minister, Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord. Children's programming is held each Sunday as well. Childcare is available and coffeehour and fellowship follows each service at 11:45 AM. We are a welcoming congregation and we invite you to join us!

Meditative Chant services are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 8 PM. Come join the circle for a short service of chants, rounds, and songs from many world spiritual traditions. This is a perfect spiritual practice for those who love to sing! Let go the week past and energize for the week to come. These services are led by members Amy Conley and Linda Goodman.

For more information, or to request transportation to our service, please call 673-1870 or email us at uucm1870@myfairpoint.net. You may also visit www. uumilfordnh.org. For more information on Unitarian Universalism, please visit

The First Unitarian **Congregational Society** in Wilton Center

Isaac Frve Highway, Wilton Center. P.O. Box 89, Wilton Phone: 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." Sunday school is offered during church services.

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:

Holy Eucharist, 7:30 p.m. Saturday: 1928 Prayer Book (sanctuary) Spiritual Forma-9:15 a.m. Sunday tion 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-

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

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).

Mass Schedule for Saint Patrick Church

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

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 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