

## Religion

### Amherst Congregational Church

## Trudos Honored for Their Dedication and Service



Vern and Chris Trudo

Longtime Amherst residents Chris and Vern Trudo were honored at The Congregational Church of Amherst, UCC on Sunday, April 26 for their dedication and service. Members of the church for forty years, they have served the church and the community gladly and generously since arriving here in 1969.

Amherst residents remember Chris fondly as a teacher of six-year-olds, Clark School principal and co-founder of the Preschool in the Village. An adjunct professor of education at Rivier College, she taught many area teachers. She is now busy working on the committee for Amherst's 250th anniversary celebration in 2010.

Area residents know Vern as a longtime active supporter of SHARE

and premier fundraiser and walker for the CROP Walk. A charter member and past president of the Lions Club, Vern is still active in the club and its activities. Both Chris and Vern have worked tirelessly with the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network, which supplies emergency transitional shelter, meals, and supportive services to homeless families in the Greater Nashua community.

Their dedication to the Congregational Church, both locally and statewide, has been equally strong, and they have served in almost every capacity over four decades. Retirement has not slowed either Vern or Chris down. They continue to be sources of inspiration to all who know them.

## Outreach Project of Mother's Faith Group

The Mothers' Faith Group (MFG) of the Congregational Church of Amherst/UCC selected the NH Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament at Portsmouth High School as one of their annual Outreach Projects. Basketball teams from all over the state competed in the recent event.

The mothers brought their families, and engaged their children in volunteering as timers and scorekeepers at the all-day event. In continuing this service, the MFG will also be helping out at the NH Special Olympics Summer Games in June, as part of their activities in which they try and do several outreach projects per year. To learn more about the Mothers Faith Group at the CCA/UCC, please contact Betsy Cissel, by email at [cissero13@yahoo.com](mailto:cissero13@yahoo.com) or contact

the church at 603-673-3231. Visit the church website at [www.ccamherst.org](http://www.ccamherst.org)



Tara Pompeo, and son Ben Wesenberg are ready to work.



Audrey Tucker, Johnny Cissel, Bradley Tucker, Ben Wesenberg checking in the teams.

## Souhegan Christian Church Offers Personal Financial Class

AMHERST – Souhegan Christian Church is excited to offer a personal finance class created by Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. It is a 13 week course, starting Wednesday, June 3 from 7-9pm. The first hour of the class will be watching a video of Dave Ramsey's entertaining lesson. The second hour will be breaking down the lesson in a group setting and applying it to your specific situation. The class fee is \$90 for the class materials. Couples may attend with the purchase of one set of materials. Reserve your spot online at [www.sccofnh.org](http://www.sccofnh.org) or call 672-6759.

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace!

### Change the Way You Think

Each of the 13 lessons deals with a different topic that will change the way you think about personal finance. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

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In FPU, you will meet with your class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will change how you think about money. Dave explains how money really works in a simple, easy-to-understand style.

## Looking for Freedom and Security?

Explore how a spiritual understanding of the Scriptures can make a difference

MILFORD – Life's uncertainties and fears have people searching for solutions. Many are discovering that there is a way to know their relationship to God who is providing them a spiritual sense of His protecting power. International speaker, Suzanne Riedel, says, "No one needs to feel their lives are controlled by fear of health-issues, safety concerns, or financial disaster. There is a spiritual answer that enables everyone to find the productive, fulfilled life they yearn for and find more fearless security at the same time."

Ms. Riedel, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science, will present a talk titled, "Security and Living Without Fear," on June 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 103 South Street in Milford, just off the Oval.

In this talk, you can discover how an understanding of God as taught in the Bible frees from fear and provides practical security. Ms. Riedel will explore how prayer as taught in the Scriptures and in Christian Science can bring a real sense of security to health, financial, and safety needs through a spiritual understanding of God. She utilizes the teachings in the Bible, and the life of Christ Jesus, along with the teachings in Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy to explore this subject of living without fear.

Ms. Riedel was introduced to Christian Science in college. After being immediately healed in an emergency, she found a closeness to God she had been searching for which radically altered her view of spiritual possibilities. Through 20 years of secondary teaching, and as a mother raising five children, she relied on Christian Science to heal everything from broken bones to contagion, found protection from robbers and rattlesnakes, and found how practical the understanding of God's presence in her life actually was.

Ms. Riedel earned a masters degree in one of her loves, literature and writing, at the University of Texas, Austin. After teaching secondary school English and other disciplines for 20 years, she worked for six years in national and international communications work for the Christian Science Committee on Publication in Boston. Ms. Riedel has been published in the Christian Science Sentinel and Herald, on [www.spirituality.com](http://www.spirituality.com), and in local newspapers. Ms. Riedel speaks internationally as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. Suzanne Riedel lives in the Denver suburb of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, with her husband.

For more information, call the Christian Science Reading Room, 673-5274.

## SHARE Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for June 7th

MILFORD – The new SHARE Center at 1 Columbus Avenue in Milford will be dedicated during an Open House on Sunday, June 7 from 2 – 4 P.M. The public is welcome. The program will feature a ribbon cutting at 2 P.M. followed by light refreshments, tours of the building, and entertainment for all ages.

The purchase of the SHARE Center, formerly the Knights of Columbus Hall, was accomplished through the tremendous generosity of many local individuals, businesses, and foundations. Local building professionals and volunteers, both old and young, helped to renovate the space into a new food pantry and office space that allows SHARE to serve their clients with dignity and confidentiality.

The mission of the SHARE Program is to provide food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance to area needy families who do not qualify for government assistance, or for whom that assistance is insufficient or delayed in coming.

SHARE serves residents of Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon, and Brookline, regardless of their religious affiliation, race, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. All contributions to SHARE are tax deductible and go to serve the needy.

The SHARE Center at 1 Columbus Avenue is located west of the Milford Oval on Route 101A behind Robbins Auto Parts. For more information on SHARE or the Open House, please call the SHARE Center at 673-9898.

## YAAAARD Sale at Milford United Methodist Church

MILFORD – Wicked Awesome YAAAARD Sale on June 6th, 7 am – 1 pm at the Milford United Methodist Church. As always come and find all kinds athletic equipment, household goods, electrical equipment, books, furniture, antiques, one-of-a-kind gifts for the whole family. Contact Pat Rafter, 673-

4516 or [icu2per@aol.com](mailto:icu2per@aol.com), for information and directions, or if you would like to donate to the sale. Don't miss the food tent with some special fixin's by Chef Lonni. And new this year is the Milford Area Seniors tent. Mark your calendars now, and don't forget to visit us at 327 No. River Road, Milford.

## May 31 Celebration of Pentecost

AMHERST – The Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ, invites all to its services of worship, Sundays at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, May 31, the church will celebrate Pentecost and the Confirmation of eighth grade students who choose to be confirmed following a year of guided study, reflection, fellowship and visits to other houses of worship.

Sunday, June 14, is Children's Sunday, when the church school classes present what they have learned during the year and the special projects they have undertaken.

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

The church is at 11 Church St., on the Amherst Village Common. To learn more visit [www.ccamherst.org](http://www.ccamherst.org) or call 673-3231 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

## Souhegan Christian Church Moves to Summer Hours and VBS

Souhegan Christian Church has moved to its summer hours. The Worship Service will start at 9:30am with fellowship following. Nursery is provided during the Worship Service, but Sunday School is suspended for the summer.

Vacation Bible School: Souhegan Christian Church is teaming up with River of Life Church again this year for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be July 20-24, and is open to the public. Please contact Souhegan Christian Church if you are interested in sending your kids.

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**Sunday morning Schedule: (September-May)**

**Worship 9:30 am**

**Sunday School 10:55 am**

**Adult Class 11:15 am**

Pastor Joel Petermann  
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Pastor Brian Schuessler  
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Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

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