Religion

Advent Evening Prayers at Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst

Come with us as we journey though the season of Advent--a four week period for making ourselves ready to welcome Jesus into our lives at Christmas. The themes of Hope, Prepare, Rejoice, and Watch guide us as we travel from prophets fortelling the good news, to angelic

visits announcing the coming Messiah, to one crying in the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord. Along the way, we'll hear stories of how Messiah's ministry has touched lives in our fellowship and beyond. We'll also share in a "Digital Christmas Pageant" on Dec. 20th.

You are also invited to come to Advent Evening Prayers (Wednesdays Dec. 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 7 pm), a time of quiet reflection, singing, scripture, and prayer for those in your life who are in need. This worship experience is about onehalf hour in duration.

One Christmas Eve there will be a 5:00 pm candlelight worship (planned with young ones in mind), and a second, later worship service, time to be announced. For more information on any of these events, please call the church office.

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Church of Our Saviour Invites Community to Thanksgiving Day Service

In past years, the Souhegan Valley Interfaith Council has offered a Community Thanksgiving Service. This year, there will be no such service – so the Church of Our Saviour, 10 Amherst St., Milford, has issued an invitation to the larger Milford/ Amherst area community to join in its Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, November 26.

This will be a full festival celebration with traditional Thanksgiving hymns and a brief sermon by the Rev. David Robinson, the parish's rector. Gifts of non-perishable foods for SHARE are suggested as part of your offering that day.

In remarking on the invitation, Robinson noted that "our Thanksgiving Day Eucharist here at the

Church of Our Saviour will be our community opportunity to offer God thanks for all the bounty we enjoy throughout the year. We've scheduled it early so you can come and start your Thanksgiving Day by expressing your humble gratitude in worship before going off to visit family or put the turkey in the oven. We're hoping some folks who miss

the Interfaith celebration will feel welcome to come to this service."

Parking may be found in the Rite Aid and post office parking lots. All are welcome regardless of denominational affiliation. Details may be found at the church web site: www. coosmilford.org.

Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

Regular schedule As of October 4th,

Worship Service 10 am Sunday Pioneer Clubs 6:15 pm Wednesday - ages 4 years to 7th grade www.amherstfirstbaptist.com.

Congregational Church of **Amherst**

11 Church St. **Amherst Village Common** Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt **Associate Pastor Catriona Grant** Church office: 673-3231 Web site: www.ccamherst.org

The Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ, has returned to its 10 a.m. worship time. Church office: weekdays from 9

The Congregational Church of Amherst, United Church of Christ, welcomes all to its monthly Saturday service on October 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Join us for worship and communion led by Associate Pastor Catriona Grant, as we bring our attention and intention to our earthly home and to God. Along with churches across the country, we are taking part in an international campaign to raise awareness of the need to reduce carbon parts per million (ppm) in the atmosphere to the sustainable level of 350ppm. To learn more see www.350.org.

Christ's Church of Amherst

58 Merrimack Road Amherst 673-8292 www.ccnh.org

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. with Nursery Care up to age 3 years and Children's program 3 years to grade 5.

Souhegan Christian Church

5 Route 101A. Unit #2 **Amherst** 672-6759 www.sccofnh.org nhscc@sccofnh.org

Sunday school for EVERYONE will be at 9:00am. The Adults will be starting in 1 Peter with Jon Voskuil leading. The High school youth will be starting the "LIVE" curriculum put out by Simply Youth Ministry. This is same group that does the Mission trip devotionals for Group Workcamp. The 4th - 8th graders will be joining Mrs. Lord for a trip through the gospel of Matthew. The younger kids will be using the Group publishing "Hands on Bible" Curriculum.

Fellowship will be from 10:00am - 10:30am. Worship will be starting at 10:30am.

Messiah Lutheran Church

303 Route 101 **Amherst** 673-2011

Pastor Tom Teichmann

Fall Schedule begins Sept. 27th with Rally

9 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum 10:30 Worship Fellowship to follow

St Luke's Anglican Church

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

Milford United Methodist Church

327 No. River Rd Milford

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. Information: Susan Drew (672-4877). Web: www.Mifor-

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

3 Craftsman Lane **Amherst**

Please join us each Sunday at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our Sunday worship service begins at 9:30am with our combined adult/ children bible class at 11:15 while construction is in progress. You have watched our building progress from the outside and watched the steeple go up, now come and see it from the inside! Upon completion of our project in November, we will have open houses for the community to come and see the outside as well as inside. These open houses will occur on Saturday afternoons in November after the project is complete. 821-9891, 3 Craftsman Lane Amherst. Pastors Joel Petermann and Brian Schuessler 821-9891 www. stpaul-amherst.org

A Thanksgiving service is scheduled on Wednesday 11/25 at 7pm. Advent midweek services are on Wednesday's starting December 2nd at 6:30pm throughout the Advent season. On December 13th a new building dedication is scheduled in our Sunday worship service.

Church of Our Saviour

Sunday worship and education schedule. 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Junior & Senior High Classes 9:15 a.m. **Adult Choir** 9:45 a.m. Church School for age 3 grade 6

10 a.m.Choral Eucharist Website: www.coosmilford.org

Mont Vernon Congregational Church United Church of Christ

4 South Main Street

Mont Vernon Worship: Sunday at 10:30 a.m. For information, call the church office: 673-3500 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or check the website: montvernonchurch. Email: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.

Unitarian Universalist Church,

20 Elm St. Milford

Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister. Worship Services: are held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. led by Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord. Children's programming is held each Sunday as well. Childcare is available and coffee hour and fellowship follows each service at 11:45 a.m.

Meditative Chant services are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 8 p.m. Come join the circle for a short service of chants, rounds, and songs from many world spiritual traditions. Information: 673-1870. Email: uucm1870@gmail.com. Website: www.uumilfordnh.org.

Holy Trinity Southern Episcopal Church

58 Merrimack Road Amherst

Fr. Griffin: 654-5741

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.

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Holy Eucharist, 1928

Prayer Book (sanctuary) 9:15 a.m. Sunday: Spiritual Formation class

Website: www.ccnh.org

First Congregational Church, UCC

10 Union Street Milford 673-3713

The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ resumes 10a.m. Worship time. The Church School will begin at 10a.m. on September 13th "Rally Day". Sunday evening Bible Study at 6:30p.m. resumes on September 13th and Sunday morning book study (for adults) begins at 9a.m. on September 20th. The "Come to the Light" Contemporary Praise Worship Service resumes on September 26th at 5p.m..

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Regular Mass times are: Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 7:00; 8:45 & 10:45

Holy Day of Obligation: 7:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

First Church Of Christ, Scientist

103 South St., Milford Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meeting: 8 p.m.

Christian Science Reading Room

42 South Street, Milford Mon. through Fri. 11a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wed. 7 p.m. to 7:45

First Sun. of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

Telephone - 673-5274 Email - readingroom@csmilfordnh.org

The Bridge Community Church

65 West Street Milford, NH 03055 603-673-5191 email: info@bridgechurchnh.com web: www.bridgechurchnh.com Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. M-F Pastor: Rev. Dr, Ronald Bouthillette Schedule: Sunday 10:30am - Morning Worship & Adventure Zone (Children)

New Hope Assembly of God

The Meeting Place, 199 Rt 101 Amherst

672-2434 e-mail: newhopeag@hotmail.com Website: www.newhopeag.net Pastor John Rotch

SUNDAY

Morning Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship after the service Awakening Connection Services: 2nd & 4th Sunday 6 - 8 p.m.

MONDAY

Prayer: 3rd Monday every month - 7 - 8 p.m..

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study: 7 p.m.

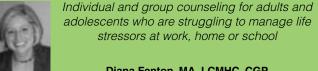
First Unitarian Congregational Church, Wilton

Isaac Frye Highway Wilton Center Minister: Reverend Jeanne Nieuwejaar

Phone: 654-9518 Web: www.uuwilton.org/ Email: admin@uuwilton.org

Church Services: 10:30 a.m. on Sunday followed by coffee hour at The Red House. Our society offers rentals of "The Red House." For information, Email: admin@uuwilton.org or phone Joyce at 654-9784.

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Harding

Sarah Elisha Bell and Aaron Jacob Harding were married February 28, 2009, overlooking Tampa Bay at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Tampa, FL. Michael DePrisco officiated at the late-morning ceremony. A luncheon followed in the Herring Gull function room. In July, an outdoor reception in the couple's honor was held at the bride's parent's home in Amherst.

The bride was escorted by her parents. She is the daughter of LTC. (USAF, Ret.) Kenneth and Charlotte Bell of Amherst.

The groom is the son of Joy Blomquist-Oliver and Dave Oliver of Tampa, FL.

Attendants to the bride were Heather Bell-Henkel, sister of the bride, Melissa Lewis, sister of the bride and Lt. (USAF) Amanda Harding, sister of the groom.
Flower girl was Evelyn Lewis, niece of the bride and Mario Hen-

kel, nephew of the bride was the ring bearer. Groomsman were C.J. Canton, friend of the groom and Charles

Bell, brother of the bride. The bride is a 2004 graduate of Souhegan High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Tampa, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science and Biology. She is an Environmental Risk Assessor for Mactec Engineering and Consulting

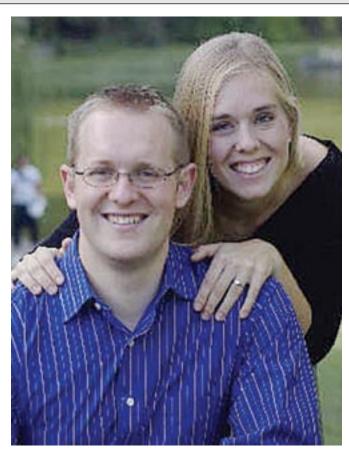
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The groom is a 2001 homeschool graduate and a 2007 graduate of the University of Tampa, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. He is an Environmental Consultant for Environmental and Turf Services, Wheaton, MD.

The couple honeymooned at a later date in the Outer Banks, NC, Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA. They reside in Westminster,

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at www.amherstcitizen.com) to Editor: The Amherst Citizen, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031. Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos.

ENGAGEMENT



Minev – Niederberger

Walter and Barbara Niederberger of New Ipswich, formerly Mont Vernon announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Niederberger to Yordan Minev, son of Maria Mineva of Gorna Oryahovitsa, Bulgaria and the late Dimitar Minev.

Ms. Niederberger is a 2003 graduate of Souhegan High School, Amherst. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Multi-Languages from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY in 2007. She is currently pursuing a Masters' degree in International Education from the World Learning/SIT Graduate Institute, Brattleboro, VT. Ms. Niederberger is employed at Solebury School, New Hope, PA as a French and English Second Language teacher.

Mr. Minev graduated in 2003 from the Vasil Drumev High School of Mathematics, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria. He is also a 2007 graduate of St. Lawrence University, with a Bachelor of Science combined degree in Mathematics and Economics. Mr. Minev currently works for Deloitte Consulting LLP in New York City as

an Actuarial Consultant. A wedding is planned for 2011.