

In The Region



Church members Irene Labomarde and Ed Ikerd viewing the historical display at the Anniversary reception.

Church Celebrates Women's Association 150th Anniversary

AMHERST – On Sunday, April 12, the Congregational Church of Amherst celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Woman's Association (WA) with a special worship service and reception afterwards.

Because of the close relationship between the town and church in Colonial times, the history of the women of the church is reflective of the history of Amherst women. In researching the role of the Woman's Association, WA historian Claire Choiniere, describes the church women's early emphasis on practical work, raising money and making and collecting goods for the needy and for missionary families in North America and abroad.

There were several short-lived women's organizations that predated the 1865 founding of the Ladies Charitable Association, which evolved into The Woman's Association of the Congregational Church. These well-organized groups that met in each other's homes, had Constitutions describing the duties of officers, collected dues, kept ledgers and minutes and raised funds for their missionary or other projects.

The key figure in the founding of the Ladies Charitable Association/WA was Abigail Atherton Spald-

ing Davis, known by her nickname Abba. She was a lifelong Amherst Village resident who in 1848 married the new minister of the Congregational Church, The Reverend Josiah Gardner Davis.

At the April 12 reception, present-day church members enjoyed viewing many of the WA historic documents on display. Senior Pastor Dick Leavitt said, "Throughout history women have always found a way to share their ideas, their talents and gifts, and to act on their desire to serve God Faithfully. Even when they were historically excluded from the structures of power and the chambers of decision-making, they found a way to express themselves and to contribute meaningfully to the welfare of the church and community."

WA President Adrienne Topcliffe commented, "The Woman's Association is familiar to our congregation and community through our twice yearly rummage sales and Holiday Fair. The money raised by these events is goes to local agencies, world needs, and our Church. We are always open to new members, whether inside or outside our congregation." More information is available on the church website: www.ccamherst.org.

Milford Rotary to Host Free Chicken BBQ for All Area Seniors

MILFORD – The Milford Rotary Club will be hosting its 37th Annual Senior Citizens Chicken BBQ on Wednesday May 6, beginning at 12 Noon located at the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club, 56 Mont Vernon St. Milford, NH.

All area senior citizens are invited to attend. No reservations are required, and it is free for senior

citizens. The menu will include barbecue chicken, potato salad, rolls, fruit, brownies & ice cream. There will also be live entertainment and door prizes.

Milford Rotary Club thanks area businesses who worked with us to provide this special luncheon including Yankee Chef, Frederick's Pastries and County Stores.



Rebecca Goldman



Dr. Sanders Burstein

Congregation Betenu to Host End of Life Issue Discussion

AMHERST – Congregation Betenu will host a discussion on the topic of advance care planning and issues related to end of life care on Saturday, May 16th at 11:00 A.M. The discussion will be co-lead by Betenu's Rabbinical Intern Rebekah Goldman and Dr. Sanders Burstein, a member of Betenu and Medical Director of Dartmouth Hitchcock Nashua.

Most people will lose their ability to speak for themselves at some point before they die and most feel that it is very important that they discuss their choices with both their physician and their loved ones. However, very few people actually have this discussion and most people do not have an advance directive. Eight percent of people would prefer to die at home surrounded by loved ones, but eighty percent actually die in a medical setting. Having an advance directive does not guarantee that your choices for future health care or how you die will be honored; the directive is only as good as the conversation you have with your loved ones, your physician and your chosen spokesperson. Good advance care planning allows you to choose someone who knows what your goals and values are and is willing to act on your behalf

even if they don't agree with your choice. It also involves discussing what your choices might be for an expected health condition or for an unexpected serious event and it can involve considering how your personal or religious beliefs may need to be considered in making your choices.

Rebekah Goldman is a fifth year student at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. Prior to coming serving at Betenu, Rebekah has been the Rabbinic Intern at Wheaton College, Emerson College, Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington, Temple Beth Israel in Winsted, Connecticut, and Temple Sinai in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She has taught in a variety of religious school settings in Brookline, Newton and Wellesley.

Sanders Burstein joined Dartmouth-Hitchcock in 1984, pioneering a new site in Milford, NH and subsequently serving as Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine for over a decade. He is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine with a Certificate of Added Qualification in Geriatrics.

Congregation Betenu is located at 1 Northern Boulevard in Amherst, New Hampshire. For more information call 603-886-1633.

Film Documentary, The Peace Treaty of Portsmouth – A Spiritual Perspective

Thursday, April 30, 7:00-8:30 pm
5 Northern Boulevard, Unit 8, Amherst

Due to limited space, please register for this free event by April 25 at toltemplenews@tolit.org

Tree of Life Interfaith Temple is showing Amherst's Don Alusic's documentary on the 1905 Portsmouth Peace Conference and Treaty that ended the Russo- Japanese

War and won President Teddy Roosevelt the Nobel Peace Prize. The conference and treaty have been called a key turning point in modern history. Don's inspiring film highlights the remarkable community and spiritual setting that accompanied the conference.

Mont Vernon

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books are made possible through inter library loan and are available at the library.

The dates and list of books for the remainder of the year are as follows:

* **May 4** - historical fiction – "*Moloka'i*" by Alan Brennert

June 1 – NH poetry – "*Be That Empty*" by Alice B. Fogel

June 29 – fiction – "*The Bluest Eye*" by Toni Morrison

NO MEETING IN JULY

August 3 – non-fiction – "*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*" by Isabel Wilkerson

September 14 – fiction – "*The Daring Ladies of Lowell*" by Kate Alcott

October 5 – fiction – "*The Burgess Boxy*" by Elizabeth Strout

November 2 – fiction – "*Emily, Alone*" by Stewart O'Nan

December 7 – fiction – "*Wishin' and Hopin': A Christmas Story*" by Wally Lamb

* Title change because of availability

The program is suitable for adults and open to Mont Vernon residents at no charge. For bookkeeping purposes, non-residents wanting to borrow a book will need to join the library, annual fee is \$15. Questions call the library at 673-7888.

Museum Passes – Passes to TWO More Museums Available SOON!

Passes to three museums are currently available at the library to library patrons. Two museums are free and one has a small co-pay. Two are in NH and one is in Boston. Passes to two additional museums will be available soon. These

are The Fells established in 1891 in Newbury, NH, which became the summer home of Secretary of State John Milton Hay, and the Children's Museum in Dover, NH. Details in the next Amherst Citizen.

Check the websites listed below for further details on passes now available for locations, days and hours open.

Currier Museum of Art
www.currier.org

Two passes – each pass admits two (no co-pay)

Current special exhibit: "Still Life: 1970s Photorealism" through May 3, 2015

Coming up: "From Birds to Beasts: Audubon's Last Great Adventure" May 23 through August 30, 2015.

SEE Science Center
www.see-sciencecenter.org
Three family passes (no co-pay) (Without the library pass, the ticket price for ages three and up is \$8.)

Museum of Fine Arts
www.mfa.org

Take away FLEX pass – one pass admits two adults

NOTE – there is a \$10 co-pay for EACH adult. Some special exhibits require a ticket with an additional charge. (Without the library pass, the ticket price is \$25 (\$23 for seniors).)

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away and FLEX passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 fine. Please call the library at 673-7888, or stop by to reserve a pass. The Fells passes made possible by the generous donation of a library patron. Other passes are made possible through the fund raising efforts of the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library.

Bedford

The Craftworkers' Guild Opens the Spring Shop, April 30, 2015 – May 9

BEDFORD – The Craftworkers' Guild announces its Spring Craft Shop from Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the historic Kendall House, Bedford, NH. Just in time for Mothers Day and graduation gifts, the seasonal shop will be open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Spring arts and crafts range from floral arrangements, photography, fine art and prints, cards, hand-turned pens, stained and fused glassware, fiber and fabric, knitted and sewn specialties, doll clothes, gourmet treats, jewelry, woodworking, and much more. Craftwork presented in the shop is juried by the Guild to maintain a high standard of unique, best quality offerings.

The shop will be filled with arts and crafts from more than 80 arti-

sans and craftspeople. "The Guild offers a whole new meaning to buy local," says member Betsy Houde, "Everything in the shop is hand-crafted by artists right in our own backyard."

The Craftworkers' Guild special Spring Fling Night will be Thursday, May 7th, from 4 to 8 pm at the Kendall House, with treats and surprises for shoppers that evening. Special homemade goodies and gourmet items will be for sale the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd, and May 9th.

The Spring Craft Shop takes place in the Kendall House at 5 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, just behind the Bedford Public Library. Parking is free and plentiful. Website: www.craftworkersguild.org or Facebook for updates and contact information.

Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

25 1/2 Middle Street
Pastor: Mike Sacco
Church Office: 673-4063
Website: www.amherstfirstbaptist.com
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
For the children
Nursery: to age 3;
Super Church: ages 4 thru grade 4;
Puppet Ministry: grades 5 through 7

Congregational Church of Amherst UCC

11 Church Street
Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt
Associate Pastor Maureen Frescott
Church office: 673-3231
Web site: www.ccamherst.org
// The church is located at 11 Church Street in Amherst Village. For more information, go to ccamherst.org or call the church office at 673-3231.

Sunday worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship time follows the service.
Sunday School (Sept. - May) Children 2 and older attend the first part of the worship service and then go to their classes. Nursery care is provided for those under 2. Please join us on Sunday mornings and for other activities!

Christ's Church of Amherst

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
673-8292
www.ccnh.org
Pastor Darin Shaw
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. with Nursery Care up to age 3 years and Children's program 3 years to grade 5.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. Tom Teichmann, Pastor
303 Route 101
PO Box 488
Amherst,
673-2011 (office)

673-7707 (meeting and fax)
messiahnh@comcast.net

Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School (Sept-May) 10:45 am

St Luke Anglican Church

St. Lukes Anglican Church
3 Limbo Lane, Amherst
Rev. Dr. Alexander H. Webb
Church office: 672-6054
Website: www.st-luke.amherst.nh.us
All welcome and invited to attend Sunday Worship and Celebration of Holy Eucharist using the Traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer weekly at 8:30 and 10:00 AM
Church School at 10:00 AM
Refreshment & fellowship following the service.
Weekly Bible Studies:
Tuesday Evening Soup & Study, 5:45-7:00PM
Saturday Morning 11:00 AM ~ Noon.

Amherst Christian Church

Corner of Patricia at 134 Hollis Rd. Amherst
Phone: 672-1541
Website: amherstchristianchurch.org
Sunday Discipleship classes 9-10
Children's class (Grades 1-6) 10-10:30
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Small groups: 9 a.m.
Small groups and youth meet evenings.
Women's ministries meet Thursday, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Children's church for ages 2 thru 5th grade during service
Childcare provided for infants
Office Hours: Tues – Fri, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Craftsman Lane, Amherst
Pastor Peter Korthals
821-9891
pastor@stpaul-amherst.org

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church welcomes you to join us each Sunday for our worship service. Our Sunday Service begins at 9:30 a.m. with our Sunday School at 10:55 and adult Bible study at 11:00. Nursery service is available. Please be our guest as we celebrate the Lord and all he has done for us. Pastor Peter Korthals 821-9891 pastor@stpaul-amherst.org

Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal

10 Amherst Street
Milford
Phone: 673-3309
E-mail: office@coosmilford.org
Website: www.coosmilford.org
Interim Rector: Rev. Hays Junkin

Sundays – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Wednesdays – 11:30 a.m. Lectionary and Lunch
Eucharist followed by bring-your-own-lunch (coffee provided) and a discussion of the week's lessons.

We strive to live the message of Christ, in which all are welcome.

Mont Vernon Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
4 South Main Street
Mont Vernon
Church Office: 673-3500 (open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
Web site: www.montvernonchurch.org
E-mail: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org
Pastor: Rev. Judie Bryant – office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or at other times by appointment.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is available for children aged 6 and old. Child Care provided for children under 6. All are invited to coffee hour in the Round Room following

worship.

House of Prayer every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7 p.m. – everyone is welcome.

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Website: www.ccnh.org
Phone: 673-1311
Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

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.- Child care available.
Christian Science Reading Room
87 Union Square, Milford
Mon. through Fri. 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Wed. 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
First Sun. of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Telephone – 673-5274
Email – readingroom@csmilfordnh.org
Website – www.csmilfordnh.org

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

20 Elm St.
Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.
Johanna Seale, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.
Office Hours
Tues 10:30-5, Wed & Thu 1-5 and Fri 10:30-2:30

UUCM is a liberal religious community and a voice for social justice drawn from diverse traditions. Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, Minister; Cyn Fennelly, Director of Lifespan Religious Education. Sunday services begin at 10:30 AM. Childcare (infant to two years) and

children's programming is available. Fellowship hour follows each service at 11:45 AM.

Worship Service – May 3

Unity in the Variety, Kali Fyre, Intern Minister
Kali Fyre is a student at Meadville-Lombard Theological School in Chicago and our Intern Minister. She is currently engaged in Community Ministry at the YWCA in Manchester while engaging in her theological studies at Meadville-Lombard.

The community dinner every 3rd Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm is free and open to everyone.

We are located at 20 Elm St. just past the oval. For more information, visit www.uucm.org or call 673-1870. Please call ahead to ensure availability. Building is secured; ring bell for entry.

St. John Neumann Catholic

708 Milford Road - Rt 101A
Merrimack
880-4689
www.sjnnh.org
Fr. Chris M. Martel

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am
6:00pm Labor Day through Memorial Day
Weekday Mass: 12:15pm
Holy Days: 5:30pm vigil, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

Household of Faith

30 Merrimack Rd.
Amherst
www.hofonline.org
Household of Faith is launching a new Saturday evening service at 6:00pm. The Saturday service is in addition to regular Sunday services at 9:00 and 11:00am.