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The Visitor



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“We got this.”

A few weeks back we went to dinner with some family friends. It was a nice dinner, refreshing to spend time with these folks. At the end of the meal the waitress came with the check and our friend grabbed the check and looked at his wife, then to Traci and I. He said, “We got this.” Quickly I countered, “You don’t have to do that”. He said, “we want to”. “Can I at least get the tip?”, I pleaded. “No, we got this”.

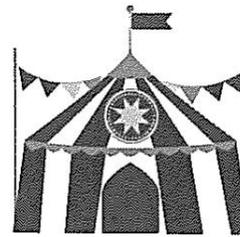
I didn’t know what to do, I didn’t know how to accept this generosity. I was thankful, grateful for this act, and this kind act hasn’t left me for several weeks when I reflect on that time together. There were two things going on that evening: an act of generosity and a heartfelt receipt.

Giving and receiving come from the heart. As givers, we follow God’s command to love one another and to put the interests of others above our own interests. As receivers, we need to accept graciously and not to allow our pride and self sufficiency steal the givers’ joy.

To both, give generously to others and receive graciously when the gift is given to you. Gracious receipt is the core of Christianity. The greatest gift we have been given is Jesus- our response is to follow his ways, to love and care for one another and to be grateful for the love of God by accepting God’s love and showing God’s love to others.

Practice generosity. Receive graciously.

Be grateful,
Pastor Kevin



**70th Anniversary of
the MVCC
FAIR & AUCTION
Saturday, July 9th
2022**

**Flea Market,
Games, and Food
9am-2pm / Live Auction at 12 noon**

(See full article on page 5)

**MELVIN VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
2022 AUCTION & FLEA MARKET**



2022 Melvin Village Community Church Fair and Auction Honorary Co-Chairs:

It is our pleasure to announce that Cindy and Dan Barnard have been chosen as the 2022 Fair and Auction Honorary Co-Chairs. Debi Lynch sat down with them earlier this month and, not surprisingly, they wanted to focus primarily on their connection to Melvin Village and the church.

Their Melvin Village connection dates back to 1913 when Dan’s grandmother rented a room in a boarding house, close to the Melvin Village

Community Church, owned by Bertha Shephard. Dan's grandmother was recently widowed with two small boys, and it was suggested to her that she should come to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee during the summer to help recover from her grief. She returned for many years and Dan's father continued the tradition by bringing his two small sons to the Village every summer. Around 1959, Bertha sold Dan's father the land behind her boarding house which included two houses – the property where Dan and Cindy currently live and the one next door where Dan's brother and wife reside in the summer.

Dan and Cindy married and continued the tradition of bringing their two sons, Matthew and Miles, to the Lake every summer and returning to Merrimack, NH at the end of the season. As they were packing up to leave in 1976 Cindy turned to Dan and asked "Why are we commuting back and forth. We love it here." Cindy enrolled their oldest son in elementary school. Dan, who owned his own company and was a manufacturer's rep of electrical products could do his job from anywhere. They immediately became full-time residents of Melvin Village and full-time members of Melvin Village Community Church. Dan continued on with his own company and Cindy returned to college at 35 and began a new career as a teacher. She taught second grade for many years in the Sandwich area. Today, Cindy and Dan's grandchildren enjoy the lake every summer. What a wonderful family tradition!

Cindy and Dan became "official" church members in 1977. They had so many great stories to tell Debi about the history of the church and the many wonderful pastors (we counted eight), choir directors, and parishioners they have worked with over the last 45 years. Cindy taught Sunday school and soon became the head of Christian Ed. Dan became a Deacon and chaired the major church building project in the late 1980s/early 1990s. It was very interesting to hear about that project. The choir room and the pastor's office, along with the Gribbel Room and much of the downstairs was added during that renovation. Even the horse barns were moved. Dan said it was quite a project! One of my favorite stories was of Dan joining the church choir for a year or two. He claims he could not, and still can't carry a tune, but the choir consisted of all women and he thought he could be

an inspiration for other men to follow. Dan continued to be the token male and soon moved on to other church experiences! Speaking of music, Nickie Hunter relayed how one Easter morning many years ago she played the trumpet with Dan and Miles at the sunrise service by the lake. Nickie has been playing the trumpet at sunrise service ever since that day!

It is so fitting that Dan and Cindy are this year's Honorary Co-Chairs as they have contributed so much to the Fair and Auction over the years. They chaired the Fair with Duke and Barbara Southard. Amazingly Dan was our Auctioneer for 30 years – a record that is going to be hard for his successor Chris Coulter to beat! Cindy was also an integral part of the live auction every year. She still has that role. How many of us will forget her riding that small child's bike across the auction stage last year! They both agreed that those were fun years at the church and they have a lot of fond memories of their Fair days.

Cindy has been a wonderful addition to the Outreach Committee this year and she chairs the Fair jewelry booth – a perennial favorite. She is a member of The Hikers and loves to play pickleball. Cindy stays out of the limelight but anytime you need anything she is there to quietly get it done! Dan enjoys curling and has been a member of the Kingswood Golf Club since 1981. We all know that Dan recently "retired" as Town Moderator after 20 years and we thank him so much for all he did in that role.

We are honored and thrilled to have Cindy and Dan as our 2022 Honorary Co-Chairs!



JUNE / JULY SERVICES

Worship Services, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

June 5, 2022 *Communion Served/Heritage Sunday*

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 2:1-13

Sermon: "One Big Sandbox"

June 12, 2022

Guest Speaker: Betsey Vinton

Scripture: Matthew 15:39-39

Sermon: "Compassion"

June 19, 2022 *Father's Day*

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 2:14-26

Sermon: "A Call to Action"

June 26, 2022

Guest: Teen and Adult Challenge

July 3, 2022

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 3:1-12

Sermon: "Power of Words"

July 10, 2022 *Worship Outside*

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 3:13-18

Sermon: "Wisdom of the Heart"

July 17, 2022

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 4:1-12

Sermon: "Prioritize"

July 24, 2022

The Rev. Kevin Van Brunt

Scripture: James 4:13-17

Sermon: "Making the Most of Right Now"

July 31, 2022

Guest Speaker: Betsey Vinton

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon: "Chosen"



**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Throughout the month of June, Outreach will gratefully accept discretionary offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes will be available in the pews at church. Checks should be made payable to MVCC with OGHS in the memo line. One Great Hour of Sharing began seventy-three years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, a national broadcast titled "One Great Hour" featured a remarkable assembly of national leaders and celebrities. President Harry S. Truman gave a rousing radio address about the plight of so many in the world. Part of his speech said this: *"We know that we enjoy these great blessings not because of any special merit on our part, but because of the bounty of God. It is to His Providence that we owe the richness of our country and our heritage of freedom. Since these good things come to us from Him, we know that we must use them for the good of others in accordance with His will."*

The broadcast concluded by asking Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. More than 75,000 churches responded!

Today, One Great Hour of Sharing serves people in over eighty countries around the world. Sponsored by eight Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, One Great Hour of Sharing makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development. OGHS provides immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equips churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offers assistance to displaced people; and supports global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive.

This year's global theme for One Great Hour of Sharing is *Love Remains*, based on 1 Corinthians 13:13. Natural disasters, civil wars, and the effects of the pandemic continue to fester at home and around the world. Amid all this uncertainty *love*

remains with the help of grants through our One Great Hour of Sharing donations. It is our tangible expression of love – walking with communities in times of crisis. Details about the numerous grants provided by OGHS in 2021 can be found at www.abc-oghs.org. Information will also be posted on the Outreach board in the Gribbel room.

Outreach Committee Members: Debi Lynch (chair), Cindy Barnard, Doris Hearty, Kim Reed, Jennifer Whalen



2022 Spring Outreach Connections

The MVCC Outreach Committee wants to share opportunities to participate in community events through the organizations we support. It is a wonderful chance to contribute, learn more about the organizations and have some good cheer

Granite VNA

The Granite VNA returned to an in person gathering this year for the Annual Passion for Caring Silent Auction and Raffle. The event was held this year at Belknap Mills on May 4. Volunteers reached out for donations from community support from sponsors, businesses and local artisans for the event. There were over 100 supporters at the gathering, who enjoyed the evening and celebrated raising over \$40,000 at the event. Proceeds support healthcare efforts for both the young and old in New Hampshire. Please consider joining the event in the spring of 2023.

Habitat for Humanity

The 2022 fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity is a scheduled Cornhole Tournament at Hobbs Tavern in Ossipee on Saturday May 21 from 11 am to 3 pm. Donations of \$75 for admission of two adults is requested. Proceeds from this event will support building a home in Freedom NH for a local family. If this event is of interest, please contact Bill or Diane at 603-569-5664 or email fundraising@ossipeehabitat.org.

A Note from Outreach

Words can not express the generosity of our church community. To date, \$4,228 has been donated for Ukraine relief. These funds are being sent directly to ABC Vermont New Hampshire where 100% of the donations go to relief efforts. We will keep Ukraine in our prayers and thank you so much for your kindness to those who have lost so much.

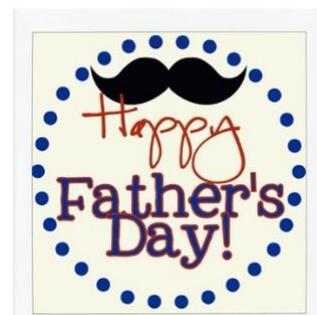


Financial Snapshot As Of April 30, 2022

	2022 Full Year Budget	Received Year-To-Date April	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges and Plate Offerings	\$155,475	\$53,996	34.7%
Other Income ¹	\$44,050	\$10,085	22.8%
Total Income	\$199,525	\$64,081	32.1%
Total Expenses	\$193,834	\$60,612	31.3%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,691	\$3,469	

¹Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, church fund distribution, and fundraisers

- With one-third of the year behind us, pledges and other income are tracking well
- We have a surplus of \$3,469 year-to-date



June 19th



Fair & Auction News

(Assuming you've already read the article on this year's Honorary Fair Chairpersons, Dan and Cindy Barnard)

70th Fair & Auction Day: Saturday, July 9th from
9 AM – 2 PM

Auction Begins at 12 PM

All fair proceeds go toward supporting the outreach
and mission of MVCC.

In addition to the live auction, food, and games; Flea Market and Crafter tables will be available to rent. The Flea Market is open to anyone who has items to sell – families who have treasures from the attic and/or artisans with crafts or art. Space is limited so sign up now! The suggested donation to rent a space is \$25. For more information about the Flea Market, including a Registration Form, go to www.mvccnh.org/fairauction, call Debi Lynch at (484)467-3242, or fill out the registration form included in the Visitor and bring to the church with you on Sunday.

As always, we are looking for Live Auction items including watercraft (boats, canoes, kayaks, sunfish, paddle boards), fine dining gift certificates, golf outings, golf carts, week-end getaways, artwork, sporting event tickets, adventure experiences, and more. For more information on how to donate items to the live auction call Chris Coulter at (603)986-6597.

The barn will be open on the Saturday mornings of June 11, 18, and 25 from 9:00 AM - 12 PM to drop

off any **live auction items** as well as to collect **clean, gently used clothing, puzzles, games, and books (fiction, cookbooks, children's only)**. We will not be accepting “White Elephant” or “Flea Market” type items and encourage those who have these items to reserve a Flea Market space for Fair Day.

Fair & Auction Questions or Comments? Contact the following:

Crafters & Flea Marketers: Debi Lynch
(484) 467-3242, Lynchkg124@gmail.com

Auction: Chris Coulter, (603) 986-6597

General: Nickie Hunter
603) 707-9155, nickie.hunter@gmail.com

General: Church Office
(603) 544-9661, secretary@mvccnh.org

Visit Website: mvccnh.org/fairauction



On May 17th, the Belmont High School Chorus visited MVCC as part of a field trip for the students to discover acoustical settings other than a gymnasium.



A Note from the Music Director

My good news so far, as I write this, is that my case of COVID seems to be in the late stages: I am over 65 and not in the hospital or dead. The parts I don't like are the lingering and underwhelming weakness and fatigue. On balance I am grateful. Apparently I have immunizations and a booster to thank for this, plus masking and distancing - except when I didn't!

Giving thanks in all things is a message we have heard recently. There is so much to be thankful for in our church: the committees who make everything run, from plumbing and heating and painting to scheduling and worship leaders and payroll and electricity and plowing and raking and flowers and fellowship. It boils down to every individual who shows up in their way and does their part. As my "way" has changed recently I think about how we all have to shift in our activities and roles. These songs pop to mind as we all, together and separately, make adjustments to *all things*:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission:

Lord, you call us to your service: *In my name baptize and teach.*

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

Hallelujah.
Amen.

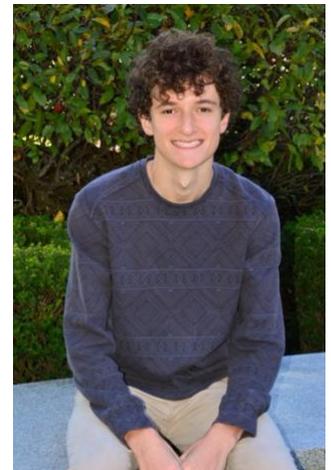


*"I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD...to give you a future and a hope."
Jerimiah 29:11*

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Lou Arinello

Lou will be attending UNH this fall as a Hamel Scholar. He will primarily study journalism, with interests in Spanish language and culture and environmental science. Lou hopes to give a voice to those in need who do not have the resources to tell their stories.



Gabe Arinello

Gabe will study at Keene State College as a member of the Morris-August Honors Program. He found Keene's Sustainable Product Design and Innovation major to be a perfect fit for his interests in product improvement and environmental sustainability.



Congrats to Our College Grads!

Meghan Lapor



Meghan is graduating from Bates College with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Spanish and film and social media GEC. Meghan has been applying for social media marketing jobs

in the Boston area. She will be living in Boston starting September 1st.

Eileen McKenna

Eileen graduated from UNH this year. She is on her way to Tufts University/ Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in September.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

MVCC loves to stay in touch with all the youth as they begin their new journey away from home. Please continue to keep us up to date as to what is happening in their life as we continue to pray for them and wish them well.



Camp Scholarships

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce that they awarded three Christian Summer Camp Scholarships.

Recipients are: **Logan Gil and Owen Van Brunt.** We hope they all enjoy a fun and meaningful time at camp this summer!

ENJOY CAMP!



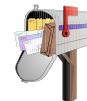
Summer Business Meeting

June 30 2022, 7:00pm

Thursday June 30th is our summer business meeting. We know it is a busy time of year but take a little time and get the update on the Auction and Fair planning, hear what the different committees are up to, how are investments are doing and hopefully some updates on Visioning. Please check announcements regarding possible fellowship time prior to the meeting. See you all there.

Sincerely,
Jane Hunter, Clerk

In the Mail...



Dear MVCC Christian Ed Committee,
Thank you for the scholarship to go to camp this summer. I am looking forward to participating in the leaders Program at Sentinel, and I am excited for the leadership skills I will learn at camp this year.
Thank you,
Owen

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all your prayers, cards and thoughts while I was healing from my broken shoulder. And then to be Friend of the Week too- the notes brought a smile!
I have months of PT ahead of me, and hopefully I will gain all (or most) of my mobility back. As the saying goes: One day at a time!
Thank you again,
Joyce (Wood)



REJOICE and PRAISE GOD...

... for cancer in remission
... for God's mercy that is new every morning

AND PRAY...

... for Abby Coulter's time in Spain
... for Bill and Rachel's son David who is deployed
... for Karen & Pastor George as Karen has cancer treatments
... for Judy House's sister Su dealing with health issues
... for Sonya Lapar's brother George, going through cancer treatments
... for our friends at Sugar Hill and the Taylor Home
... for the people of Ukraine, peace.
... for Lisa Conant's brother in law Bill with cancer
... for Lisa's friend, Pat with dementia
... for Judy Crouse's son, Brian: for continued recovery
... for our young adults and children in the church and in the community
... for Judy Crouse's friend Betty with ALS
... for David; Joyce Wood's brother, Larry Plummer; Bill Rudd (throat cancer), Jeff's mom, Mary; Ali Meserve & parents, Jeffery Johnson, Sam Davis
...for those suffering from addiction; Caitie, David, and others. Join community churches as we pray the 3rd of each month for those suffering from addiction
...for continuing concerns of Church family and friends, including: Doris Chase; Eunice Hodgdon; Gretchen Oakley; Arline Thompson, Mary McCarthy, Donna Conway; Debbie Stroddel, Joyce Wood
...and for those at Mountain View, Taylor Home and other Assisted Living Care Facilities: Millie Calvert; Charlie Coulter; Rebecca DeLuca; Bob Ketcham; Jann Poole; Chuck's brother James, Ann Clarke, Nan & Mort Smith

NewsLetter
DEADLine August 2022

VISITOR DEADLINE
Monday, JULY 15th

Please take lots of pictures and send them to secretary@mvccnh.org of your summer fun at MVCC to share in the August VISITOR.
Thank you

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays:

- 1 - Jennifer Whalen
- 2 - Laura McKenna
- 3 - Ella Johnson
- 5 - Joan Sayce
- 6 - Bob Wood
- 7 - Jeff Hunter
- 13 - Chris Johnson,
Traci Van Brunt
- 18 - Jack Munsey
- 20 - Milly Calvert 100!
- 21 - Heather Cubeddu
- 23 - Katie McCarthy
- 24 - Jack Widmer
- 28 - Jeff Hugel
- 29 - Bob McKenna



Anniversaries:

- 2 - Jim & Sharon Smith
- 6 - Paul & Chris Johnson, 1968
- 7 - Kevin & Traci Van Brunt, 1997
- 8 - Michael & Suzie McCarthy, 1991
- 17 - Eugene & Shirley Blabey, 1966
- 20 - Dean & Kathy Mendenhall, 1976
Steve & Janice Arinello
- 25 - John & Gretchen Oakley, 1955
- 28 - Dave & Pat Williams 2003
- 30 - George & Judy House, 1992



Birthdays:

- 10 - Jesse Mendenhall
- 12 - Paul Johnson

- 13 - Lucy Carlson
- 15 - Janice Arinello
- 20 - Zack Smithwood
- 22 - Suzie McCarthy
- 26 - Andrew Wood
- 27 - Bob Ketcham
- 28 - Sonya Lapar
- 29 - Jared Whiting

Anniversaries:

- 01 - Dan & Cindy Barnard, 1967
- 11 - Jeff & Susan Hugel, 1981
- 12 - Timothy & Lisa Goodwin, 1992
- 18 - Gary & Diane Tepe



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To provide the best environment for young and old together to grow and experience the richness and generosity of Christ.