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The Visitor

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Spring Cleaning

How do I give God my best?

"..be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2

April is here and with God's Creation awakening from winter, new life is all around us. Springtime offers an opportunity to "spring clean" - opening windows and smelling the fresh air to cleaning old things out of our homes collecting dust. Spring is also a chance to quietly ask: "Am I giving God my best?"

Easter reminds us of the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for our salvation and inspires us to want more God in our lives.

We give God our best, when we spend time with Him in prayer. We pause before we rush into the day. We set aside Sunday mornings, as a time of worship to God and fellowship with our church family. We read God's Word to encourage and get to know God on a deeper level.

Charles Spurgeon once said:

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

Take time to read God's word. Enjoy conversation with God through prayer and desire church and the fellowship

with believers Sunday mornings with great excitement to encounter God. Then you will be able to test and approve what God will is- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

More of you in my life, oh Lord,
Pastor Kevin

From Our Musical Director:

I have been thinking about harmony recently, but not only musical harmony. You know how there are times when you and someone else just clash? Nothing personal - you just clash, like gears or sounds that don't mesh.

Earlier today, I was reminded of the deep power and lesson of harmony when I had a rehearsal with a cello player. He had been working on his part, and I was reading mine for the first time. We each made some missteps and mistakes. But when the cello and piano parts were fitted together, I felt the harmony in my chest as a great relaxation.

In times of trouble, personal or national or world-wide, moments of harmony are not only a great relief and comfort, they are also a beacon and a lesson. This is what we are seeking in relationships and representatives and neighborhoods and international relations: simple harmony. You know it when you feel it, and it is good.

Hymns pop to mind, of course: 596, *Help Us Accept Each Other*, and 428, *When Peace Like a River*, and 631, *There Is a Balm in Gilead*. Each is a reminder of that peace which passes all understanding - like sunlight after rain, we know it when we feel it.

Peggy

Willing Workers Hall Update –

The Willing Workers Hall Visioning Implementation Committee continues meeting on a monthly basis. Currently, the committee is investigating returning the kitchen to full functionality. In addition to a fire suppression hood over the large range, we are considering a dishwasher, commercial refrigerator, relocating work stations, adding or replacing cabinets, new or additional counters and updating the floor. Our objective is to better support traditional kitchen uses and provide for future needs. It's exciting to consider the possibilities and we are mindful that getting it right is more important than getting it fast.

Scheduled improvements are underway! During March, the secondary piers and floor support columns were replaced. As Spring progresses, our contractor will be investigating and restoring the sill and wall support structure, beginning with removal of the lower clapboards. Location and design for a secondary exit from the main hall has been completed and we hope to schedule installation to coincide with the sill project. Later in the year, the main hall will be reroofed.

We welcome all thoughts, ideas and suggestions as we move forward with this project. Please join us at a monthly meeting or reach out directly to a member of the committee.



SAVE THE DATE!!!
MVCC Fair and
Auction
July 20, 2024

VISITOR DEADLINE

Apr 15, 2024

Here's what's happening in the Christian Education Committee

Men's Breakfast: **Saturday, April 6th** 8am (SENTINEL LODGE 29 Sentinel Lodge Road- full breakfast, invite a friend) RSVP to pastorkevin@mvcn.org so we have a count for breakfast.

Men's Fellowship: **Saturday April 20th** 8am at the church.

Women's Fellowship: **Thursday, April 25** 4pm at the church.

A great time was had by all at Game Night on March 12. Jenga, Banana Gram, and several card games delighted all that participated.

Next Game Night is Tuesday, **April 9 at 6PM** at the Church. Come one and come all. Bring your favorite games and enjoy fellowship with other members of the Church Community.

The Christian Education Committee is now accepting applications for Christian Camp Scholarships with a deadline of April 30, 2024.

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of local camps for your consideration:

- Camp Sentinel (Ctr. Tuftonboro, NH)
- Camp Calumet Ossipee Lake in Freedom, NH)
- Camp Brookwoods —boys only & Camp Deer Run - girls only (on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, NH)

An application is enclosed. You can also find the application on our website.

<https://www.mvccnh.org/church-life>

From our Friends:

Dear MVCC Members, Thanks so much for your kindness and support during these difficult days! We feel so blessed to live in such a caring community!!!

Sincerely, Lil & Jim Shepard

From the Finance Committee

Financial Snapshot As Of February 29, 2024

	2024 Full Year Budget	2024 February YTD Actual	Percent of Full Year Budget
Member Pledges, Plate Offerings, Donations	\$149,885	\$17,850	12%
Other Income ¹	\$52,040	\$957	2%
Total Income	\$201,925	\$18,807	9%
Total Expenses	\$201,925	\$31,258	15%
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$0	(\$12,451)	

¹Other Income includes interest, trust distributions, and fundraisers

- Pledge payments and plate donations continue to be lower than expected; expenses were on budget.
- The result is a deficit of \$12,451 year-to-date which we should recover over the next few months.



Spread the word!~ - or consider your qualifications for the newly posted Family and Youth Coordinator position within the Melvin Village Community Church.

The Family and Youth Coordinator is responsible for enriching discipleship in the life of the church through Christian Educational programs and activities. Job duties include overseeing Biblical curriculum that span multiple age groups. The coordinator will also work with the members of the church’s Christian Education (CE) Committee to ensure that the discipleship programs of the church match the philosophy and theology of the church. The coordinator will also work closely with the Pastor by being willing to provide occasional pulpit supply and pastoral care.

See attached for complete details on the position and reach out via email to secretary@mvccnh.org with any questions or interest.



April Celebrations:

Birthdays:

- 2 Alex Lapar
- 3 Eugene Blabey
- 5 David Smith
- 7 Elizabeth McKenna, Susan Price
- 11 Steve Arinello
- 15 Paul Hunter
- 17 Bill Lapar
- 22 Pam Silcox
- 23 Brian Hastings, Hannah Silcox
- 26 Ann Clarke
- 27 Molly Lynch, Allison Wood
- 29 Ethan Johnson

Anniversaries:

- 2 Doug & Sheila Skelley, Bill & Sonya Lapar
- 7 Bill & Rachel Donovan
- 25 John & Betsey Vinton



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