

Steeple Talk

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Pastor's Message

In the rest room across from the Ladies' Parlor, there's a diapering table. It's an amazing thing. It has all the instructions for using the table in printed English and in Braille! It's hard enough for me to imagine caring for an infant day and night—dealing with her need for food, attention, nurture, guidance, all the very basic, nitty-gritty needs that occupy so much of a parent's time and energy. It's hard enough for me to imagine caring for an infant day and night, but imagining a person who is blind doing this, a person who would need a diapering table that has instructions embossed in Braille—it absolutely boggles the mind! The things a human being is capable of, the feats of love, the mountain-moving faith, the incredible adaptability God has given each of us is simply astounding.

Above the diapering table, someone has put a sign that makes me laugh every time I notice it. In lettering that is the print equivalent of a perfectly straight face, it reads: "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:51

Change. It comes in all sizes and forms. It can throw us; it can trigger all kinds of emotions; it can fill us with delight, fear, anger or joy. It's good to have a sense of humor about it. Whether it has to do with worship, our new technology, music, communion or preaching style; or with the changing shape of the congregation as new people join our ranks and share their gifts; or with the way we are restructuring in order to meet the needs and opportunities of the present—everywhere we look, from the cradle to the day we are lifted up in glory, change may just be the only constant we'll ever know in this world. So I guess it's probably a good thing to have a sense of humor about it. "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed."

Recently, the deacons asked me to make a change—not a big one this time, just a small change in the way I arrange my time and announce my office hours. I'd been posting the regular daytime hours I planned to be "on the job" each week, with the understanding that much of that time I'd be in my study at the church, but some of that time I'd be visiting people in the hospital or in their homes, attending meetings with other church leaders here in town, taking part in the work of the larger church and making community connections that could result in growth for our congregation.

It turns out I didn't do a very good job of communicating what I meant, and that has led to some frustration. I apologize to anyone who came by to see me, thinking I had promised to be in my study all those hours.

Let me say what I mean more clearly. I do intend to be "on the job" during all the hours I've been posting. I also intend to continue doing all the things I've been doing on evenings and weekends: taking part in the church's committees and task forces; making visits that can't be made during the day; studying, writing and preparing for classes, and all that wonderful jazz. If you want to spend time with me one on one, I'm always delighted to sit and chat. As some of you have discovered, even when I'm in my study, you're taking your chances if you drop in without an appointment. Someone else may be with me already, and we may not get to visit. So, if you want to talk with me, it will always work best to make an appointment. You can see me after church or call me on my cell phone. My number is 603-991-0535. If you forget this number, you can always call Pat. Her number is 603-444-3376. Still, for those of you who'd like to have a couple of times you can drop in and find me, not just on the job but in my study, I'm making the following announcement:

Except when I've been called away by an emergency, I'll make a point of being in my study on
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

As always, there will be lots of other times you can find me in my study and lots of times when I'll be doing the work you've called me to do in other places. As always, making an appointment is the best way to be sure of getting the time and attention you deserve. I look forward to the times we will share with one another as we walk together through the wonderful new things God is doing among us.

*blessings,
david*

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Pastor's Open Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Music Director's Office Hours: Wed. 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>*Future choir rehearsal days and times to be announced.*</p>	<p>** note change in days and times- see Pastor's Message for explanation- page 1.</p>		<p>1</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship with Communion</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></p> <p>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:00 pm Property Committee</p> <p>7:00 PM-Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:45 pm Choir pizza supper</p> <p>6:30 PM-Choir Rehearsal*</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30 PM-OA – Ladies Parlor</p> <p>7:00 PM-Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 AM-Men's Breakfast Krill's</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:15 AM Choir practice</p> <p>10:00 AM Worship/CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RALLY DAY</p> <p>11:15 AM-Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30 PM-SLLC Board</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM-Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30 PM-Ladies Society Meeting</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 AM-Ladies Ecumenical Breakfast</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30 PM-OA – Ladies Parlor</p> <p>4:15 PM-Finance Committee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00 PM-Hesseltine Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2:00 PM-Hesseltine Wedding</p>  <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM-Adult Bible Study / 9:15 am- Choir</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>11:15 AM-Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 AM- ACTS Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM-Ballroom Dancing</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 AM-Riverglen Worship</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:30 PM-Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM-Anon/Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM-Clergy Group/Ladies Parlor</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>8:00 PM-Weds. Night AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30 PM-OA– Ladies Parlor</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:30 AM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30 PM-AA - Fellowship Hall</p>
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Food for the body



Announcing new Sunday School Program

Food for the soul



The Christian Education committee is so excited to present the new Sunday school program entitled '**Nourishing Acts**' based on Acts 2:44-47. We are engaging the adults and children together to discover what it means to be a part of the Christian church. Our new format will be seven units of four weeks each being led by a team of adult volunteers. We invite all the church family and friends and guests to join us on **Rally Day** for an exciting worship for all ages with a very special coffee fellowship to follow. We will be available at that time to answer your questions about the upcoming program. There will be e-mails to all families with children letting you know what to expect in the next few weeks beginning with the first week of September, but here is just a quick summary or what to expect. Please share this information with your friends.

Here is what is coming:

September 9: **Rally Day** with special worship and coffee fellowship for all ages- and a few surprises too!

September 16: After children's time in worship, children and parents are invited to join the CE committee for orientation to '**Nourishing Acts**' activities that include T-shirt silk screening.

September 23: After children's time in worship, children and volunteers are invited to join the CE committee for continued orientation and T-shirt silk screening and other activities.

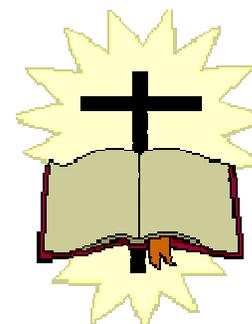
September 30: Unit 1 of '**Nourishing Acts**' begins during regular Sunday school time. We're looking forward to learning about God's Harvest, which will include cooking, a trip to a local orchard/farm, stories, songs, and crafts.

The CE committee continues to look for volunteers for each of the remaining units. Remember the most important gift you can share with our children is your time.

In other CE news- our annual **Cake Walk** to raise money for missions is planned for October, date to be announced. Bakers be forewarned. Starting this fall, Pastor David will be leading a Bible study on the book of Acts. See below for more details. Also remember that Erma Shelley will once again lead her Bible study group in depth and in person Sundays at 9:00 AM. As in our mission statement, we offer to nurture and support through Christian Education for all ages and stages of spiritual growth with our vision of Christian faith formation.

The Book of Acts:

A New Adult Bible Study Led by Pastor David



The Book of Acts is the story of the very first churches, churches where everything was new, churches where the Spirit of Jesus was active, leading the church, one day at a time, through challenges they'd never faced before. It was a time when God was doing a brand new thing, creating a community of life-giving power in a world that was a lot like our own: a very secular and cynical world where most people didn't know the story of Jesus, and couldn't imagine why they'd want to hear it—until a small handful of hardy souls decided to answer the call of Jesus and risked everything to share the story of Jesus with the world. The study we'll be using was written by people who truly believe that God is still speaking, still working, still moving, still acting in the world, and they want to help people like you and me find ways to tune in to the still speaking God so we can be a part of the never ending story of God's amazing Acts in the world.

The study I've chosen is divided into three six-week sections. I'm sure we'll have a Sunday section so I'll start with that. We'll begin with soup and then study for about an hour. All told our Sunday sessions will run from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. If we have folks who want a weekday section, we'll follow the same pattern, just a few days later. So the Sunday class schedule will look like this:

Introduction: September 16

First Section: September 23, 30; October 7, 14, 21, 28

Second Section: January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17

Third Section: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, [skip April 28]; May 5, 12, 19

While you'll want to attend as many classes as possible in order to stay in touch with the conversation, the lessons are pretty easy to work through on your own if you have to miss a session.

You can sign up for the first section on the easel in the back of the church, in the fellowship hall, or by talking with Pat or me. We'll want to order books by Monday, September 10. So sign up soon. I look forward to exploring the story of the very first churches with you and with our still speaking God.

Pastor David

“Classifieds and Notices”

“We have learned a bit too late in the day that action springs not from thought but from a readiness for responsibility.”

Letters and Papers from Prison
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Explore the possibilities!

An invitation to join in worship planning

- ✓ Do you have special music you enjoy in worship?
- ✓ Do you have creative ideas on how to present God’s holy word?
- ✓ Do you love traditional worship services?

Call or email Pastor David if you would like to join him in planning one, two or more worship services.

PIZZA and a PARTNER NIGHT at the LITTLETON CO-OP Friday, Sept. 28



Get your pizza at the Littleton Food Co-op and \$1.00 for each pizza sold will be donated to the Friends of Grafton County Drug Court. Donation jars will also be at the checkout counter.

Financial Report

July 30, 2012	YTD
Member support:	\$ 77,727.95
Scheduled w/d from trust funds	\$10430.62
Transfer from Missions Capital Camp. fund	\$3200.00
Other income:	\$7289.17
Total Income:	\$ 98,647.74
Total Expenses:	\$94,486.16
Net:	\$4161.55

Shining Lights Learning Center

We have openings in the Toddler program for the upcoming school year.

If you know of anyone interested in a Christian Day Care and Pre-school, please let them know.



Contact Dianah Hale at the center for more information
444-7379

Food Collection Sunday - September 30, 2012

The Food Cupboard suggests the following items:

Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/bath soap, toilet tissue, baby diapers, coffee, teabags, hot chocolate mix, canned milk. Dry milk, Jell-O puddings & gelatins, soups, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, tuna corned beef, Spam). Dry cereals, instant oatmeal, rice mixes, pasta, canned beans, canned vegetables, cake mixes, frostings, crackers. Dog and cat food- canned and dry.

Make a joyful noise!



The choir will start the new church year off by gathering on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:45 for pizza and salad followed by a rehearsal at 6:30. We have a lot of new music to read through, new ideas to talk about and some fun new rhythm instruments to play. It is very important that all choir members be present at this first rehearsal.

We need a few more voices, particularly altos and tenors. This is an exciting time in the life of our church and singing in the choir is a great way to be a part of it all. If you think you might like to give it a try please let me know. There are no try outs. All we ask is that you have a pleasant voice and you love to sing. It's that simple!

Dottie Morton, Music Director



Mission Spotlight on CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

Charlene Aldrich, my invaluable civil and equity department head at the Grafton County Superior Court, retired from state service the same day as I did and we both said that we wanted to pursue certification as court appointed special advocates. Charlene got out of the starting block before I did but I'm finally working on my application. Over the past few months, I've been communicating with Attorney Jessica (Pancoast) Storey, who grew up in Littleton and is now the Plymouth Regional Coordinator for CASA. Jessica is interested in speaking to the Littleton clergy group or to individual church groups with a goal of recruiting and training new advocates. As an interim step, I suggested to Jessica that she forward me some information to serve as the basis for a SPOTLIGHT article. This is what she sent~

CASA of NH trains concerned citizens to advocate for abused and neglected children in the courts. There are many children waiting for someone to speak on their behalf. Your common sense, commitment to children, and a contribution of 8-10 hours a month will help ensure a child grows up in a safe, permanent home. In the words of one CASA volunteer in the North Country:

In light of recent events in our New Hampshire community it is important to know that children have a say in what is going on in their lives but children do not always know this. I chose to be a voice for children by joining CASA of New Hampshire. CASA stands for court appointed special advocate and that is what we do, we advocate for abused and neglected children in court situations. I am a mother of five grown children and a grandmother of five and I feel that children should be heard and their feelings matter. When situations go wrong for whatever reason children are often times left without an avenue to be heard and that is where CASA comes in. As a CASA volunteer I am in communication with children and a consistent resource for them throughout the court process. When I first checked into CASA I knew it was for me because they represent all those children who may be afraid to speak out or maybe just do not know that they can. I am able to volunteer for CASA as well as work full time and go to school. Training for CASA is conducted with the working person in mind. Volunteering to be a voice for a child can make a positive impact on a child's life.

State and town employees, professors, retired educators, health care workers, manufacturing professionals, business owners, stay-at-home moms and more, serve as the voices of these children in court. CASA's local volunteers live all over the region and come from a variety of educational and professional backgrounds. Most of them are employed and only a fraction of them have experience in the law or in child advocacy work.

Child abuse and neglect is very real for many children in Northern Grafton County. Unfortunately there aren't enough CASA volunteers willing speak for all of them. Please consider joining us to help NH's neglected and abused children be heard.

CASA of New Hampshire plans to hold a forty-hour pre-service training for new volunteer Guardians ad Litem in the late fall/early winter in Littleton. Led by local case supervisors as well as senior CASA staff from other parts of the state, this intensive training gives ordinary citizens the necessary skills and resources to work as an official advocate of the court. To learn more about CASA of NH and to join a training class, please visit www.casanh.org, call 800-626-0622 or call the Berlin Regional office at 752-9670, the Colebrook Regional office at 237-8411, or the Plymouth Regional office at 536-1663.

Contributed by Bob Muh

~Spiritual Gifts~

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

[Romans 12:4-8 \(ESV\)](#)

Mission News

“Hand in Hand”

The inaugural “Hand in Hand” project, led by NH Catholic Charities, was held June 25-29. The program, patterned after last year’s highly successful Profile Work Camp, saw 55 area teens, with adult mentors, undertake seven painting, home repair and renovation projects for elderly, disabled or low-income homeowners. The program was supported by a coalition of area churches, businesses, contractors and civic organizations. The First Congregational Church committed \$1,000.00 from capital campaign mission funds to help make this initial effort a success. Bob and Judy O’Leary and Bob and Alice Muh helped serve at a kick-off luncheon at St. Rose of Lima Church on June 24. Special thanks go to Judy O’Leary, who represented our church in mentoring several WMRHS students at a week-long project on Washington Street in Littleton. Greg Winn, a Shining Lights board member, was one of the local contractors providing technical expertise.

Horton Center

The UCC Outdoor Ministries Program camp, Horton Center on Pine Mountain in Randolph, was closed this past summer but will reopen for the summer 2013 season. During July and August, teams of volunteers were hard at work on a variety of repair and renovation projects. Many thanks to Su Schott, Mary Menzies, Dottie Bailey, Judy O’Leary and Bob and Alice Muh for preparing delicious meals to fortify the volunteers during one of the work weeks.

Neighbors in Need

The annual Neighbors in Need offering will be taken on Sunday, October 7, in conjunction with World Communion Sunday. Neighbors in Need is a UCC special mission offering (one of four conducted on an annual basis) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds raised supports the Council for American Indian Ministries; the remaining two-thirds is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need envelopes will be placed in the church bulletin on September 30 and again on October 6.

Food Offering

The food collection for September will be on Sunday, September 30. In addition to canned goods and other household items, donations by cash or check are always welcomed because they enable the food cupboard staff to round out their stocks with needed items.

Dinner Bell

The Dinner Bell community meal will resume on September 11. Representatives of the mission committee will attend the reorganizational meeting and orientation at All Saints Episcopal Church on August 28.

contributed by Bob Muh

Meet Our New Members

On Sunday, August 19th, we were privileged and pleased to welcome Carrie Leigher and Judy O’Leary as members of this congregation.



Carrie Leigher on left with sponsor, Glenda Iles

Carrie, who now lives in Littleton, was born in California, but graduated high school in Bethlehem, NH. From there she boldly moved to Hartford CT and got a ‘Rosie the Riveter’ job working the night shift. She met her husband John there and, following the war, they settled in Manchester, CT. They lived there for years raising a son, Norman and a daughter Nella. Carrie was raised in the Congregational church and brought her husband into the fold. Over the years she and her husband served the church in many ways. In 1983 they moved part time to Florida where they started a Congregational church with only 12 members. The church has grown so much they had to build a new building! Carrie is also an avid golfer and has won many trophies.



Judy O’Leary with husband, Bob

Judy lives with her husband in Twin Mountain in log cabin on the river where they were living part time until Judy’s recent retirement from her job in Manchester, NH as a labor and delivery nurse. She has been on the forefront of new innovations in labor and delivery practice in the Manchester area. She was born in Ohio, but has lived in New England since 1965 and southern NH since 1984. Judy, who grew up in the UCC church, has been attending our church for a while and says she really loves this church and is so excited to join. Judy’s husband, Bob, is Catholic, but will be attending with Judy on Sundays. Judy and Bob have four children and 12 grandchildren. Judy loves to ski, cook, sew, and read.

Please take time to introduce yourself and make our new members feel welcome.



HARVEST SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION



WANTED: SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Even though the Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction are not until October, NOW is the time think of creative ways you can provide items for the auction such as craft items, lawn or yard care, babysitting, car detailing, gift certificates, gift baskets, homemade baked goods or other food items, catered dinners and professional services.

In the past, we have had many items which were not appealing to bidders. Think about what types of items you yourself would be interested in bidding on. Do you have a hobby that can be made into an auction item? Gift baskets can be made up by selecting a theme then picking items and filling the basket. Will your item bring the highest bid and the most bidders? Let your imagination lead you to something new and different! We have forms for you to indicate your donations and need them returned no later than September 9th and the items to church or to Rachel or Karen by Sept. 30.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Rachel Clark (869-5862) or Karen Morneau (444-6595).

The 33rd Annual Harvest Supper, chaired this year by Bob Muh and Su Schott, will be held on Saturday, October 6, with seatings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The menu consists of an appetizer of cider, cheese and crackers, followed by baked ham with raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, peas, rolls and beverages. For dessert there will be dozens of delectable homemade pies to choose from. Both take-out and free deliveries within Littleton are available. Tickets may be reserved by calling the church at 444-3376 or they may be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and teens, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Children under 5 are free.

Donations of pies and rolls are requested. A variety of volunteer positions need to be filled, to include food prep, set-up, kitchen crew, dining room staff and clean-up crew. To volunteer, look for a sign-up sheet at the church or contact Su Schott (869-5797/208-2864).

As in many years past, the harvest supper will also feature a silent auction, chaired this year by Rachel Clark and Karen Morneau. The success of the auction depends on the quality of the items as well as active bidding. Donated items can include a wide array of goods and services: SEE ARTICLE NEXT COLUMN.

The Harvest Supper and Silent Auction have long been important fundraisers for the church and its missions. Please volunteer to help and donate items for the supper and silent auction but most importantly, come and enjoy good food and good fellowship - AND BRING ALL OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Ladies Society Announces Annual Pecan Sale

As in years past, the Ladies' Society will be selling pecans as a fundraiser this fall. The cost is \$8.00 for a 12-ounce bag of choice "Best of Atlanta" award-winning Mascot Pecan Shelling Co. pecans. You may contact any member of the Ladies' Society or speak to Pat Whipple in the church office. This is the perfect time to stock up on pecans for holiday baking, or perhaps to enhance your favorite stuffing for that Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey. Pecans are an exceptionally versatile food; think, for example, of pecan pie, praline candy, pecans in granola, pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, pecan-crusted fish, and the list goes on! Not only are they tasty, but pecans are high in protein, high fiber, a great source of twenty essential vitamins and minerals AND recent clinical studies show that pecans significantly lower cholesterol. Try the following recipe and visit www.ilovepecans.org for more recipe ideas:

"Karen's Spiced Pecans"

2 c. pecans	1 t. vanilla	½ t. salt	1-1/2 t. cinnamon
1/2 t. allspice	1-1/2 t. nutmeg	1-1/2 c. sugar	1/2 c. water

Combine sugar and water. Stir constantly, making sure all sugar crystals dissolve. Allow to boil until heavy syrup forms a thin, wispy thread (about 10 minutes). Stir in vanilla and spices. Remove from heat and add nuts. Stir mixture until nuts are well coated and syrup begins to crystallize. Turn coated nuts onto foil sheet. Let cool a few minutes, then separate with forks. Let stand until coating hardens. Keep in an air tight container.

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READ INSIDE THIS ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

- **CHOIR** resumes Sept. 5th at 5:45 PM for pot luck dinner and rehearsal to follow. Please join us!
- **RALLY DAY**- Children's programs resume Sunday, September 9th- come and bring your friends!
- **MENS BREAKFAST GROUP** Sept. 10th at the Krill's. All men of the church invited and bring a friend.
- **LADIES SOCIETY** resumes Sept. 12 at 1:30 pm. All women of the church invited and bring a friend.
- **FALL BIBLE STUDY** on Acts-Starts Sept. 16th after church- sign up now!
- **FOYERS** fall dinner groups begin- call Dottie Bailey for information or to sign up.
- **HARVET SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION**- October 6st-

For more information on any of these activities, call the church office at 444-3376.
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