

REFLECTIONS



I am taking a break from waterproofing the decks around my home on Lake Michigan in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. Some of you like to think I am from Minneesootuh, but I am not. As I work on the decks that surround the house, trying to refrain from inhaling the fumes that make me a little sick and trying to keep from getting too much on my ungloved hands, I have time to think about many things.



Colebrook Congregational Church

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I wonder when it is I will be able to put a roof on the house, one it needs very badly. I hope I will be able to keep the house, which I have managed to hang on to by guess and by golly for many years. I also hope that tomorrow I will be able to tackle the deck on the road side of the house and paint a door that sorely needs it.

I reflect on things that are far more life-determining, too. I think of my brother-in-law, Jim, who is fighting lung cancer and my sister, Ruth, who is sustaining him in this struggle. They are both almost 80 and had never imagined this might happen to them. I think of my niece, Nancy, who has been a rock for them through this time of trouble. I think of those of you engaged in similar struggles and understand, more than you may know, what it takes to be so courageous.

I think of my own children and the ways in which they have learned to handle life and its many challenges. I am grateful for them and for their husbands.

I think of the life I have here and the life I have among you. I do not regret one moment of living and moving and having my being in Colebrook. I am pleased to see that we are coming together better as a community of faith. The essential thing we need to remember is that every one has value and that everyone has good ideas (yes, I know there are those times when I roll my eyes, forgive me). Learning to work together is vital for our survival. We are getting better and better at it every time we tackle a project. Thank you for all you do.

Peace and love, *Pastor Alice*

SERVICE IN MEMORY OF JOHN FERRIS

On October 5, during the regular time of worship, we will be holding a service in memory of John Ferris. John, as most of you know, was our dear choir director. His kind nature and gentle humor will be remembered. He moved our choir and its members to levels of excellence. They still reflect on "How John would have us do this." The service will be one of music and words of remembrance. Please plan on attending.



COLEBROOK FAIR

AUGUST 30, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

We need helpers for the Bake Sale Table and baked goods. If you are able to give an hour or so to work at the table or will bake something for the sale, please let Debi McKeon (738-0850) or Pastor Alice (379-2517) know. Pickles, jellies, jams, etc. are also very welcome. Pies and breads are our best sellers but don't forget the brownies, chocolate chip cookies, Rice Crispy Treats. We usually do very well at this sale and need all the bakery we can get. Items may be dropped off at the parsonage on Friday and need to be at the church between 8-9:30 Saturday morning.

Astrid can also use help with the White Elephant table. Donations may be dropped off at the church on Friday, August 29, between 2 and 4 at the front door of the church. Books, DVDs, small electric appliances, dishes, glasses, toys, jewelry, pots & pans, tools, etc. are all needed.

We will also be selling Rada knives, a very popular item.



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TAG, BAKE SALE, CAFÉ & BLESSING *of the* ANIMALS

SEPTEMBER 27, 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

As you do your fall cleaning please remember to save items for our Tag Sale. Linda Farnham will chair this endeavor. Please make sure your donations are clean and in good condition.



We will have another Bake Sale. There are people who come early to have the best choice of bakery. Abrah Carroll and Pastor Alice will chair this effort.

Our Café will be managed by Debi McKeon. Last year's popular baked potato bar will appear again. Yes, there will be apple crisp and a selection of pies that will be featured at our Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

The Blessing of the Animals is scheduled for 2 p.m. on the Green all pets are invited.

More details about these events will follow in the September newsletter.



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