

REFLECTIONS



As the old song reminds us, "Oh, it's a long, long while from May to December, but the days grow short when you reach September." I am sure

we all have noticed the earlier sunsets that seem to have come along a little too quickly this year and the occasional nip in the air. Tomatoes are still pretty green in my garden and I am hoping that they manage to ripen before the first frost that is certain to come.

Fall is my favorite season of the year. Spring is nice and full of promise, summer can be a bit too sultry and winter, well, need I remind you of winter? Fall brings a fruition of all that has gone on before. It is the

season of harvest and the time when we begin to think of nesting for the rest of the year. We all store things up for what we know will come along as the leaves begin to turn their beautiful shades of red and orange and gold.

Autumn is the perfect time to reflect on the days of our lives that lie before us. Of course, the only time we can be certain we have is the present moment. We never know when our days will be over. So, it is important to make the most of each and every day. To live as if it is our last, to "love wastefully," to forgive continually, to accept others where they are and who they are in life without trying to make any alterations in them (we can only change ourselves), to support one another in times of trouble and to applaud one another for jobs well done. The abundance of life Jesus told us about is around and within us. Cherish it as the days grow short this September.



Love and peace, *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.



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COLEBROOK FAIR

A special "Thank You" to everyone who worked so hard to make our part of the Colebrook Fair a success.

Between the Bake Sale and the White Elephant Table, the Auxiliary earned over \$1000. A donation will be made to the church.

WORSHIP TIME RETURNS...

to 10:30 a.m. September 7. We have had very nice attendance at the earlier hour this summer. Thank you to all the "early birds" who enjoyed having a larger portion of Sunday for summer activities. Thanks also to everyone who provided such special music.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School begins on
September 28 at 9:30 A.M.

Questions? Please contact Jennifer Hodgkin (738-7393).



THURSDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Thursday morning Study group will resume meeting on October 2 at 10 a.m. We will begin by reading and examining papers on the "Origin of the Bible" by Bishop John Shelby Spong. Pastor Alice will supply copies. Anyone who would like to attend these sessions is always welcome.

TREASURER'S CORNER

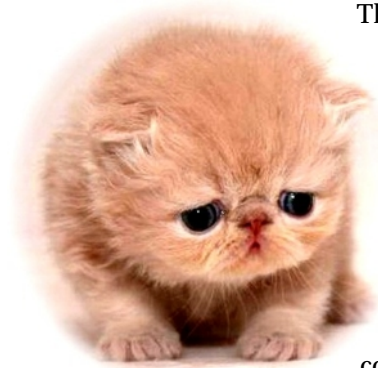
July 2008 Income	\$5,137.77
July 2008 Expenses	<u>\$9,956.17</u>
Net balance	-\$4,818.40
2008 Year-to-Date Income	\$31,192.98
2008 Year-to-Date Expenses	<u>\$46,895.98</u>
Net balance	-\$15,703.00

We continue to see increased expenses particularly for oil. During July, expenses were especially high because the insurance for the church and parsonage was paid. Income is reduced as a result of a decrease in interest rates and a decrease in donations, although we did receive a generous contribution from the Church Auxiliary. We will have to find ways to work together to manage expenses and raise money during these difficult financial times.

Submitted by,
Alison Jassen
 Treasurer

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TAG, BAKE SALE, CAFÉ & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



The Church will hold its 3rd Annual Tag & Bake Sale on the Green on Saturday, September 27th from 9:00 to 3:00 with the Pet Blessing at 2:00.

Items are needed for the Bake Sale: please contact Pastor Alice (379-2517) or Abrah Carroll (379-4089) to let them know what you would like to donate or sign up at church. In years past we have had an "apple theme," but all baked goods, jellies, pickles, etc. are welcome. Rada knives will be available.

Join us again this year for our fabulous baked potato bar, featuring a wonderful assortment of toppings, our famous chili, hot dogs with sauerkraut, and our specialty warm apple crisp topped with or without vanilla ice cream. Of course we will have water, coffee and tea.

The Colebrook Congregational Church Auxiliary will also be baking pies for Thanksgiving, Pumpkin, Apple, Pecan and, of course, Chocolate Cream. Pies will be \$12.00 with all proceeds going to the church. Samples will be available for tasting in the Café. Order forms are available at church and online. If you are interested in

making a donation to the Café or the Pie Sale, please do not hesitate to call Debi McKeon at 738-0850

or Pastor Alice at 379-2517. We look forward to seeing you there!

Items are also needed for the Tag Sale: household items, books, movies, toys, clean clothing in good condition. No large items such as exercise equipment please. We will need volunteers to accept the donated items during the designated times. Drop off times for donated items are as follows:

Monday, September 22: 2:00 - 4:00
Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 - 8:00

Volunteers are needed to prepare for the Tag Sale and Cafe':

Sorting and Marking:
Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00
Thursday 6:00 - 8:00

Set-Up for Tag Sale and Cafe'
Friday 6:00 - 8:00

Table Set-Up and Item Carry Out
Saturday 7:00 - 9:00 A.M.

Clean-Up
Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Please contact Linda Farnham at 379-9308 if you can help out in any way or if you have any questions.

Looking forward to another successful Church and Community event!



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