

## Reflections



Here we are on the verge of spring and ready to change our clocks ahead on March 11. It seems a bit earlier this year and it is. I do not like the fact that the mornings will be darker longer because I am a morning person and I am often awake to greet the rising of the sun. I do like the fact that Daylight Saving Time will not shift into gear on Easter Sunday. I

will always remember a couple arriving an hour late for the service a few years ago, just in time for Easter breakfast.

I hope that during these days and nights of Lent, as we move toward the glory of Easter, we have all managed to set aside a little time to reflect on the life of Christ and all it has meant to our lives. With new discoveries being proclaimed all around us in regard to our religion, I hope that we are able to "sort out the meat from the bones" and take to our hearts that which is most lasting for us. The message of Christianity has survived, in spite of us, for many years. The eternal truth it carries is what is important to us, not the winds that blow across its surface. That message is that the love of God for all creation will overcome even death.

That is what endures for all who believe. God loved Jesus and continues to love us offering us all another chance to get things right in this world and the next.

Grace and love,

**Pastor Alice**

## Auxiliary Update

The March 24 Community Supper has been postponed. Other community activities were competing for the same time slot and the decision was made to reschedule this project.

**Easter Lilies and other plants** need to be ordered **by March 15**. This year a mix of flowering plants will be offered. Order forms will be available online and at the Church and Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office.

**Easter egg decorating** will be going on at the church on **Saturday, April 7 at 2 PM**.

The **Plant and Bake Sale** is scheduled for **June 2**.

The **By-laws** are being corrected and revised and will be considered for approval at the March meeting. Any one interested in assisting in the work of the Church, both members and non-members, are invited to attend our meetings and help with our many projects. There is always enough for all of us to do.

**Next Meeting, March 27, 7 PM at the Church**



## Colebrook Congregational Church

The Friendly Church on the Green

### Important Dates

- March 6, Deacons, 7 PM
- March 6, Building & Grounds, 7 PM
- March 11, Daylight Savings begins
- March 11, Joseph Firecrow, Church, 3 PM
- March 15, Christian Ed., 7 PM
- March 20, Church Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- March 27, Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
- April 1, Palm Sunday
- April 5, Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM
- April 8, Easter Sunday, 10:30 AM worship

## Christian Education

Attendance at Sunday school has been great this winter considering the cold weather! We appreciate all the parents getting their children in on Sunday mornings! Joyful Noises will be singing on March 11th from the choir loft. They will be singing a new song from last year's curriculum. The Sunday school has scheduled a field trip to Lourdes at Litchfield to walk the Stations of the Cross. We will be heading out after church services



on March 25 in our own vehicles. We took the trip last year and the children found it to be very interesting. They all took turns reading the stations. After we walked the stations, we ate our boxed lunches in the cafeteria and shopped at the gift shop. All are welcome to join us!

In the coming months you will be hearing a lot about our field trip on Saturday, May 19th to a Heifer International farm, Overlook Farm, in Rutland, Massachusetts. We will be hiring a coach bus to take us on the trip to the farm. As you may know by now, we are raising funds to cover the cost of transportation. As the teachers and parents of the Sunday school children, we feel this will be an extremely enriching experience for the children, as well as the whole church family. We would love all church members to attend! The children have been collecting and donating to purchase sheep, pigs, goats, ducks and honey bees to help less fortunate families to sustain themselves as well as their communities. Last year, through the aid of the anonymous donor matching funds, we were able to purchase a whole heifer for the cause! For more information on Heifer International, please log onto the church website! So keep your eyes and ears open for more information on our Overlook Farm field trip on May 19th!

**Linda Farnham**  
Director, Christian Education

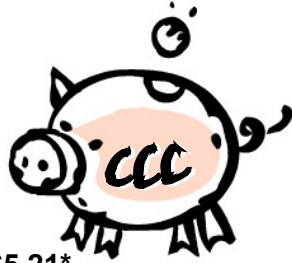
## Grammy Nominee to Perform in Colebrook March 11



Award-winning Native American musician Joseph Firecrow, Jr. will perform on Sunday, March 11 at the Colebrook Congregational Church at 3 p.m. The concert, sponsored by the Colebrook Historical Society, will include drumming and singing of traditional Northern Cheyenne songs, as well as flute music. The performance will also include an explanation of how the music relates to Native American culture, both past and present.

Firecrow has been nominated for a Grammy, and is a three-time winner of the Native American Music Award. He has also won the Indian Summer music award. His music was featured on the soundtrack for the Ken Burns documentary, "Lewis & Clark: Corps of Discovery." Tickets are \$10, and are available through the Colebrook Historical Society. Children under 12 are \$5. To reserve tickets, call 379-7786. There are no reserved seats. A reception will follow the concert in the Church Fellowship Hall.

## Treasurer's Corner



### January Results

Church Income           \$5165.21\*  
Expenses were           \$5575.04.

Net result -               - \$409.83 -    deficit

\*Includes a \$1,392.00 deposit made in January from the Auxiliary for fundraiser in 2006.

### Pledge update

The total Pledges received through February is **\$28,400**. If you have not made a pledge for the coming year (2007), please consider doing so. If you did not receive a pledge card or if you cannot find your pledge card, more are available at the church or you may call me and I will be sure that you receive one.

### Budget Income Goals

Pledges	\$36,000
Gifts and Fundraising -	\$15,000
Institutional Gifts	\$ 8,000
Interest and Dividends on	
Permanent Fund	<u>\$17,000</u>
<b>Total Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>

It is important to remember that the Church relies upon the Permanent Fund (also called the Endowment) to provide Interest and Dividend Income on a monthly basis. The Church needs to maintain the Permanent Fund so that it can provide a dependable source of income for the future as well as for this year.

The Church has received a generous bequest from the Estate of Harry Pinkham. While I will present more information on his donation next month, it is a good opportunity to remind us all to think of the Church as we make our wills.

**Alison Jassen**  
CCC Treasurer  
Phone - 379-1782

## Armchair Travel



On Sunday afternoon, February 18 at 4:00 at the Church, Lynn Whelchel gave a slide presentation of pictures taken during the recent trip he and Sue took throughout China last

fall. It was a wonderful presentation and over 30 people gathered, listened and asked questions as Lynn and Sue gave an overview of China culturally, historically, politically, and spoke about the food, faces and ways of this wonderful country. The room was decorated with Chinese lanterns and the table held other Chinese ornaments as well as items that Sue had brought home from China. The afternoon ended with tea, punch and cookies made by Sue from a Chinese recipe.

*Elizabeth Vergo*



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