

# Colebrook Congregational Church

The friendly church on the green



## The Messenger

October/November  
2005

### REFLECTIONS

I don't think I have ever told you how much I admire the members of our church. So many serve and have served this community of faith with strength and courage all the while nurturing the Spirit which has moved within them. We face challenging days ahead, but, I have no doubt that we face these days together with new strength and energy and a new dedication to make all things new again. All the new faces in all the new places on our committees will give us fresh new insights and direction.

The website developed by Frank Thompson, with assistance from Sheila Postelthwait, Linda Farnham and all those who have so generously shared pictures of the church and its activities and ideas they would like to see on its pages, is a great start for a new way of communicating. For those of us who are online, the site provides a steady source of information. We will continue to keep everyone in touch by snail mail as well as through the website. The calendar pages online should be of special interest as they are updated as needed to advise us all of upcoming events and opportunities to serve our church and our community. ([www.colebrookchurch.org](http://www.colebrookchurch.org))

Our budget is not what we may want it to be, but we are planning some fundraising activities that will help carry us through. We have also been blessed by an anonymous donor who is willing to match us dollar for dollar up to \$8000 providing a possible \$16,000 in new money outside of our pledge income. More information about how you can help meet this goal will be forthcoming.

Your help and cooperation in maintaining the level of giving you have for the past year for the next four months will help us meet this year's goals. We are working through a 16 month pledge year before the new fiscal year begins in January 2006. We will be asking for new pledges for 2006 soon. Please prayerfully consider the value the church has had for your lives and then give of your time, talent and treasure accordingly.

As we move into the beautiful season of autumn and head toward winter, let us walk forward in the love and warmth of one another as we seek to understand and do God's will as perfectly as we are able.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Alice

### JUMBLE TAG AND BAKE SALE

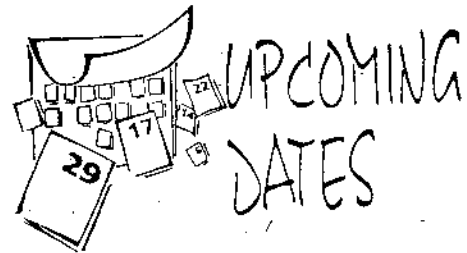
On October 15 from 9-3 on the Green and in Fellowship Hall, we will be holding a Tag and Bake Sale. If you have donations for the Tag Sale, the church will be open on Tuesday, October 11 from 5 -7 PM, Wednesday, October 12, from 3-5PM and on Thursday 4-7PM. If these times do not work for you, call Pastor Alice 379-2517.

We need baked goods of all kinds. We hope to have a variety of apple goodies to sell. If you would be willing to make a pan of apple crisp or dip a few apples in caramel, it would be appreciated.

Pets will be blessed on the Green at 2PM.

The Colebrook Consolidated School will be holding its annual Pumpkin and Scholastic Book Sale the same day at the same time.

If you would like to lend a helping hand during or before the sale, please call Linda Farnham, 379-9308, Liz Blum 379-5007, or Debi McKeon 738-0850.



**October 11, Tuesday, Deacons' Meeting, 7PM**

Building & Grounds, 7PM

**October 15, Saturday, 9AM-3PM, Jumble Tag and Bake Sale, Colebrook Consolidated School's Pumpkin and Scholastic Book Sale, Blessing of the Animals at 2PM**

**October 18, Tuesday, Church Committee, 7PM, all members of the church are invited to attend**

**October 27, Thursday, Christian Ed. 7PM**

**October 29, Saturday, 9-11AM-Colebrook Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall**

**November 1, Tuesday, Deacons 7PM**

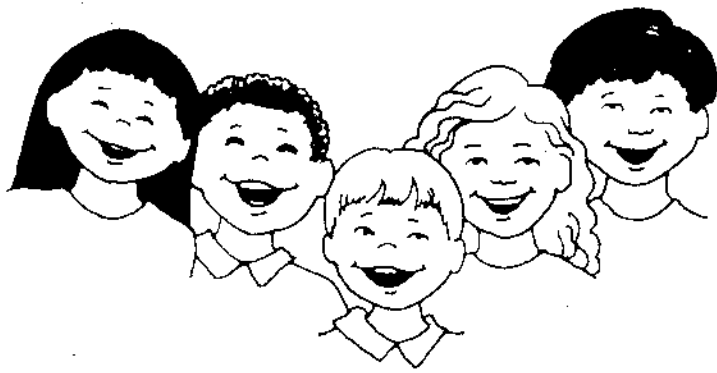
**November 8, Tuesday, Building & Grounds, 7PM**

**November 15, Tuesday, Church Committee, 7PM**

**November 20, Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday**

featuring members of the congregation

**November 27, Sunday, First Sunday of Advent, Decorating the Christmas Tree, potluck lunch. Please bring an ornament from home.**

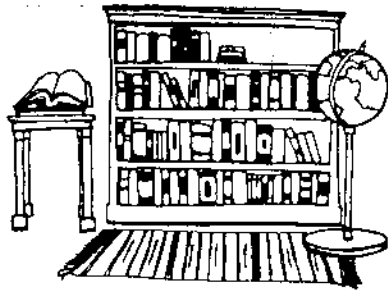
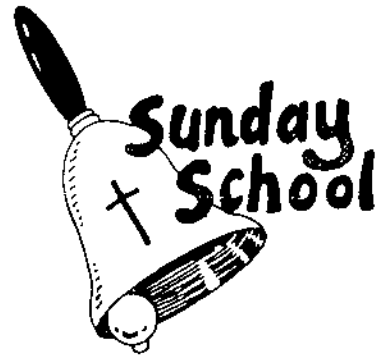


## NEWSLETTERS and the WEBSITE

If you are willing to receive your newsletter on the website just go to [www.colebrookchurch.org](http://www.colebrookchurch.org) and email Pastor Alice [revmum645@aol.com](mailto:revmum645@aol.com) to tell her. We save 37 cents for each newsletter we do not send by snail mail. Anyone who prefers hard copy will still receive the newsletter in that form.

## CONFIRMATION/COVENANT CLASS

Confirmation/ Covenant Class is meeting at 9:35AM on Sunday mornings beginning on October 9 in Fellowship Hall. This class is open to young people in sixth grade and above. A schedule of classes will be handed out at the first meeting. The course of study includes a review of the Old and New Testaments, a brief look at world religions, a study of Christianity and a look at Congregationalism. The young people attending this class will be welcomed into membership at CCC on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2006.



## *THIS IS MY CHURCH.*

*It is composed of people just like you and me. It will be friendly if I am friendly. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into fellowship if I bring them. Its seats will be filled if I fill them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with God's love, I dedicate myself to the task of being. All these things I want for my church.*

## STUDY GROUPS

The morning Study Group meets at 10 AM Thursday mornings. The book the group is studying is Church History in Plain Language by Bruce Shelley. Books are available from Pastor Alice.

The evening study group is not meeting at this time. Everyone's schedules is so stretched that a hiatus was decided upon.

The Prayer and Meditation Group is presently meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday evenings at 6PM. This is a time of group—prayer and a time of silence.

Anyone interested in taking part in these groups is always welcome



# The 10 Commandments

(Exodus 20:1-17 NIV)

God brought the Israelites to Mount Sinai and God spoke to Moses from the mountain. This is what God said:

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant... you will be a . . . \_\_\_\_\_ nation."  
(Exodus 19:5,6)

The Israelites agreed to obey. God had Moses come up the mountain where he gave him the 10 Commandments.



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| <p>1. You shall have no other gods before me.</p> <p>2. You shall not make for yourself an idol</p> <p>3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God</p> <p>4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy</p> <p>5. Honor your father and your mother</p> | <p>6. You shall not murder</p> <p>7. You shall not commit adultery</p> <p>8. You shall not steal</p> <p>9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.</p> <p>10. You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.</p> |
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Write the number of the Commandment in the blank in front of their meanings below.

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| <p>___ Use God's name only in ways that honor Him.</p> <p>___ Be satisfied with what you have.</p> <p>___ Do not kill anyone.</p> <p>___ Worship God only. Do not worship things that people make.</p> <p>___ Do not take what belongs to</p> | <p>___ Love only your own husband or wife.</p> <p>___ Do not worship or serve any except me.</p> <p>___ Keep one day a week for God.</p> <p>___ Love and obey your parents.</p> <p>___ Do not lie about other people.</p> |
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# Blessed Attitudes

Matthew 5:3-10 (NIV)

Jesus traveled around the area of the Sea of Galilee and taught the people about God. He also healed many of their diseases. One of these times he went up on a mountainside and taught a large group of his disciples about the things that we should do and attitudes that God would bless. Read about them in Matthew 5:3-10 and complete the crossword puzzle below.

**Across:**

- 2. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (vs.3)
- 3. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be called the sons of God. (vs.9)
- 5. Blessed are those who \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be comforted. (vs. 4)
- 7. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_, for they will see God." (vs.8)

**Down:**

- 1. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after \_\_\_\_\_, for they will be filled." (vs.6)
- 2. Blessed are those who are \_\_\_\_\_ because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. (vs.10)
- 4. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ for they will be shown mercy. (vs.7)
- 6. Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ for they will inherit the earth." (vs.5)

