

# The Spire

## United Church of Penacook

American Baptist Churches of Vermont/New Hampshire  
United Church of Christ of New Hampshire

21 Merrimack Street  
Penacook, NH 03303

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## February 2012

### Property Busy as Usual!

The Property Committee shoulders a huge responsibility and caring for a large, old building calls for many skills. Property is looking for general and skilled workers as well as a secretary to record meetings. You don't have to join the committee to offer your help. Contact Lee Colby at 753-2602.

The committee will be doing a walk through the building to inventory things that need attention. For example, the balcony ceiling and the front of the church both need repairs.

### Requests for Property

All requests to the Property Committee must be submitted to Lee Colby in writing. Verbal requests will be forgotten according to Lee. It's a big building and the list of repairs grows ever longer.

### Seeking Renters

During Council, potential rental of several rooms in the building was discussed as a means of income for the Church.

One-time events such as weddings and showers can be scheduled by Donna Rae Whitcher and approved by Property after submit-

ting a rental form. New agreements for long-term, regular use of the building need to be reviewed by Property and approved by Council. Issues such as insurance, scheduling, cleaning, pricing, and security must still be researched for long-term rentals.

### Fellowship After Worship

Kelly Thompson has agreed to schedule people to provide the snacks and beverages as well as set up and clean up for the after-church fellowship in the Narthex. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can contact Kelly.

### Nominating Hard at Work

The Nominating Committee has filled two openings: Kennetha Marshall as Vice Moderator and Liz Blanchard as UCC Delegate. The

committee continues to work to fill more openings. If you are interested in joining one of the committees listed on Page 4, contact Donna Rae Whitcher (753-4110), Ethel Furlong (753-6542) or Alice Colby (753-2602).

### General Fund Report

The bookkeeper has provided year-end reports for 2011.

Total Income	\$76,817.52
Total Expenses	<u>\$87,828.00</u>
	-\$11,010.90

### Investments

In 2011, \$355.92 was gained in quarterly interest on investments. Discussion about whether interest from the Money Market should be reinvested or moved to the general fund was tabled until next month.

### Public Supper Chili Cook Off

with President's Cherry Pie and Hearts of Jello

February 11, 2012

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$8.00

8 and under, free

## Diaconate Reports

Diaconate will meet two times a month, once for prayer and a second to plan services. Deacon duties and other elements of the Worship Service such as Lay Leader and Greeters are being charted to coordinate Sunday morning activities.

More get-togethers for the whole congregation will be scheduled for fun and fellowship.

Donna Rae Whitcher and Charlotte Keenan have been recruited to help the Diaconate make phone calls.

## Christian Education

An additional Sunday School class may be offered for school age children soon. Christian Education is looking for people to help with this age group. Contact Shari Greenleaf (491-5642) if you are interested.

## Neatness Does Count

At the January Council meeting, Moderator Rob Whitcher asked that the Choir Room not be used as a storage area. Rob's message can be expanded to the whole building. There have been discussions about seeking more rentals to increase our income. Clutter will not attract groups; a clean and orderly space is what they will be seeking. When you use supplies or equipment, please put everything back where it belongs as soon as you are done using it.

## Food Pantry

In December the Food Pantry served 38 families with a total of 127 people. The Food Pantry received a \$1500 charitable donation

from the K & R Norman foundation. This donation will help keep the Pantry supplied through the months of greatest demand.

## A Thank You to All of Us

The Christmas Gift Tree program gave gifts to 37 children. The Missions Committee wishes to thank all of those who helped provide 111 gifts plus many extras that were generously added --- a pair of gloves to match the requested hat, socks to go with some boots, two books instead of one, etc.



During the gift distribution, many parents expressed their appreciation for UCP's help during a very difficult time in their lives. One parent sent a handmade card with the message:

To all the Pantry People  
Just wanted to say thank you all so very much as the only gifts my children are receiving this year is from all of you. I don't know what I would have done so thank you all so very much.

God Bless You All

Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year! Thank you over again.

Sincerely,  
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A special "thank you" goes to a Christmas angel couple who prefers to remain anonymous. The wife volunteered to pick up gifts for all the tags that had not been taken by the deadline using funds Missions set aside for this purpose. Her husband then insisted on paying for all those gifts instead of using Missions funds.

## A Zero Budget Year

If you study the budget, you will discover that Missions and Outreach operates with a zero dollar line item in the budget. With your generous help and some donations from outside resources, the Pantry has been fully stocked all through 2011, 37 kids got presents under the tree, blanket Sunday was a success, and UCP met the goal for health and school kits.

After all the Missions goals were met, a balance of \$742.67 remained from fundraising and donations. In late December, \$700 was donated to the Concord Homeless Resource Center which includes Penacook in its service area. This center assists people who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless so they can work on immediate and long term issues which will improve their life circumstances. In addition to meeting immediate needs, this Center addresses a way to a better life. The remaining \$42.67 was used for supplies at the Food Pantry.

Missions committee members wish to thank everyone for helping them through a zero budget year. With your help, they can make 2012 another successful UCP missions year.

## Kitchen Clean Up

The Open Door Community Kitchen agreed to pay for a professional cleaner to take on the worst jobs in the kitchen - cleaning the two ovens, dealing with the build up of - well, never mind what was under the sinks and dishwasher! -- and scrubbing the floor twice before you could tell what color the tile was. Since the kitchen is the Church's responsibility, Lynne Raleigh represented the Church and

Donna Ciocca represented ODCCK in supervising this project. The 'supervisors' cleaned the refrigerator, counters and coffee station while Gary did the hard work.

**Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild held a budget meeting to map out the recipients of donations which in turn sets the goal for fundraising events for 2012. The first event - the second annual Spring Fling - is an indoor yard sale. Start gathering those items around the house that you no longer want but someone else might just treasure. You will be able to rent a table to sell your own treasures or you can contribute items to the church table. A date will be announce in an upcoming Spire.

The following donations were made by the Guild in 2011:

Open Door Community Kitchen	\$750
UCP Food Pantry	\$250
Diaconate Fund	\$500
Postage for Church World Service kits	\$600
Christmas Gifts for Kids	\$100
Christmas gift for Pastor	\$100
Blanket Sunday	\$50

**Generous Donation**

The church has received a generous donation of \$15,000 to be used only towards building maintenance and repair.

**February Council Meeting**  
**February 20 at 6:30 pm**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

**Transitional Issues**

Transitional issues that will be addressed by the Pastor in 2012 include

- a) Organize a Transition Team in February.
- b) Write more complete directions for calling and dismissal of a pastor.
- c) Discuss Rev. Lou George's recommendations.
- d) Work with chairs of committees, as opposed to attending every committee meeting, provided committees remain positive and productive.

**Birthdays**

- 02/09 Emily Thompson
- 02/16 Ben Danko
- 02/17 Clarabelle Hilyard
- 02/17 Madison Thompson
- 02/17 Connor Thompson
- 02/23 Sandy Harvey
- 02/26 Lloyd Wiley
- 02/28 Jerry Greenleaf
- 02/28 Chris Rodgers
- 02/28 Ricky Tewksbury



**Diaconate Greetings List**

Eben and Hazel Barnett, PO Box 6143, Penacook, NH 03303; 603-753-4851

Clarabelle Hilyard, Merrimack County Nursing Home, Rm 2109, Boscawen, NH 03303; 603-796-2165

Virginia Irwin, 310 Woods Avenue, c/o Jane Courtenary, Tavernier, FL 33070

Donald Locke, 7385 School Street, Loudon, NH 03307; 603-783-4604

Mildred Otto, Merrimack County Nursing Home, Rm 3101, Boscawen, NH 03303; 603-796-2165

**Ushers Report**

Dec. 18	89
Dec. 24	124
Dec. 25	54
Jan.1	60
Jan. 8	69
Jan 15	50

**PVA Annual Meeting**

UCP opened its doors to the Penacook Village Association on January 14 for their annual meeting. Representatives from the City of Concord shared information about the tannery site development and design plans for Rt 3 road improvements in the Penacook Village phase. This affects UCP as our new neighbor is sought across Canal Street and traffic patterns are altered on Village, Canal and Merrimack Streets.

A series of follow-up meetings over the next six months is being planned. Notices will be posted at the Church for these meetings. You can visit [www.penacook.org](http://www.penacook.org) for project updates and schedules.

**Do you Have a Story to Share?**

Concord is fast approaching its 250th birthday. A new website has just been started to stir up interest in celebrating this birthday in 2015. (It takes a lot of time to plan a birthday party for a city!) Visit [Concord250.org](http://Concord250.org) for more info.

Stories of the 200th birthday are being added to the website and may also be featured in local publications. Do you have a story to tell? Some pictures to share? Contact Lynne Raleigh (753-9246).

**Deadline for the March Spire**  
**February 20**

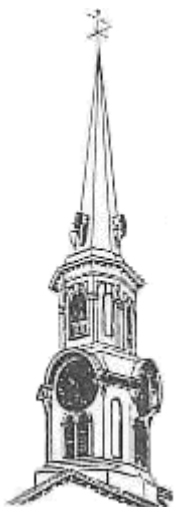
<b>2012 Committee Members</b>			
<b>Moderator</b>	Rob Whitcher	753-4110	
<b>Vice Moderator</b>	Kennetha Marshall	796-2779	
<b>Clerk</b>	Donna Rae Whitcher	753-4110	beautyhut@comcast.net
<b>Financial Investment Mgr</b>	Anita Hanson	753-9094	kenita3@comcast.net
<b>Financial Data Entry</b>	Lynne Raleigh	753-9246	lcrdesigned@msn.com
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	David Anderson	753-6347	andersondw@comcast.net
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<b>Historian</b>	Donna Rae Whitcher	753-4110	beautyhut@comcast.net
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<b>Delegate, ABC</b>	Alice Colby	753-2602	northerncross42@yahoo.com
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	Goldie Anderson	753-6347	
	Ethel Furlong	753-6542	
<b>Diaconate, Emeritus</b>	Walter Howard	783-4106	
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	Cheryl Rodgers	753-8471	ucpcheryl@hotmail.com
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	Donna Rae Whitcher	753-4110	beautyhut@comcast.net
	Ethel Furlong	753-6542	
<b>Property</b>	Benjamin Danko	753-9483	
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	Art Bigelow	344-0680	
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	Jane Huxtable	753-8109	
	JoAnn Thureson	753-8315	
	Poppi Tong	867-6336	oouxkjxxo@gmail.com
	Alice Colby, Chairperson	753-2602	northerncross42@yahoo.com

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 pm ODCK 6:15 pm TOPS weigh-in 7:00 pm TOPS meeting	2	3 4:30 pm ODCK	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	6 4:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 4:30 pm ODCK 6:00 pm Property Mtg	7 9:30 am Food Pantry 10:00 am Lazy Kates 5:00 pm Spinning Grp 7:00 pm Piano Recital Boy Scouts	8 10:00 am ODCK Mtg 4:30 pm ODCK 6:15 pm TOPS weigh-in 7:00 pm TOPS meeting	9	10 4:30 pm ODCK	11 5:00 pm Public Supper
12 <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Choir practice 10:30 am Worship Noon Diaconate Prayer 6:00 pm Bible Reading	13 4:30 pm ODCK	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 6:30 pm Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	15 4:30 pm ODCK 6:00 pm Mission Mtg 6:15 pm TOPS weigh-in 7:00 pm TOPS meeting	16	17 4:30 pm ODCK	18 6:30 pm Game Night
19 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Choir practice 10:30 am Worship Noon Music Mtg	20 <b>Presidents Day</b> 4:00 pm Finance Meeting 4:30 pm ODCK 6:30 pm Council Meeting	21 <b>Mardi Gras</b> 9:30 am Food Pantry 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	22 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 4:30 pm ODCK 6:15 pm TOPS weigh-in 7:00 pm TOPS meeting	23	24 4:30 pm ODCK	25
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Is your meeting or event missing from this calendar? If committee events are not included in monthly meeting minutes, event information should be submitted by the Spire deadline. [See Spire Deadline on calendar above.]

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Fall/Winter Hours: 9:00 AM Sunday School  
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