

Minister of Hospitality

I have enjoyed being on the Hospitality Team as I love to send cards and write. Cards are sent for birthdays, anniversaries, sympathy, get well, thinking of you, etc. if the church office has "the special date" on file and a current mailing address. With the hundreds of cards that are sent, I could not have done it without the awesome help of Ron Mertens.

My term is complete but I've offered to continue one more year, if voted "in" by the congregation and a volunteer does not come forward at the Annual Meeting.

We want to also thank those that have donated both stamps and all occasion cards. They are much appreciated.

In September we had a wonderful Homecoming Celebration and where it was also "Grandparents' Day" we celebrated that also. Sue D'angelo provided a beautiful cake which was cut and served by Ruth Gilford, the oldest grandparent in attendance and Lucas Hart, the youngest grandchild in attendance. Ruth and Lucas were given small token birthday gifts. Members of the congregation brought photos of their grandparents and exchanged marvelous stories of "days gone by". In addition to the cake, an ice cream sundae buffet and chocolate fountain was available (for fruit, marshmallow and pretzel dipping). A special thank you to Bette Neumyer, Barry Lay, Lisa, Brendan and Cassandra Spencer, Sue Harnden, John Demmer, Laurel Puchalski and others for their assistance.

In November for the Snowflake Fair, the Hospitality Team placed over 25 fair signs in Groveland, Georgetown and West Newbury.

In December we celebrated in grand style the 10th Anniversary of Pastor Chris' ordination. A buffet of cheese, crackers, fruit, veggies, desserts and POPCORN (the pastor's favorite snack!) was shared by all. Pastor Chris was presented with a gift of a personalized stein from the congregation as well.

Visitations are made throughout the year to members that now reside permanently in nursing homes. Thoroughly enjoyed visits with Ruth Gilford in Haverhill and CDR Henry "Bud" Watts in Salem, NH.

So that we can be hospitable to all who wish to join us for worship or participate in any other activity, we are working with "Team Access" to make our church complex accessible for all.

In the near future, we, along with the Ministry Team and the Pastoral Search Team are going to be very busy as we will host the following events:

- Appreciation and a "Hartfelt" Farewell and congratulations to Pastor Chris and his family.
- Meet and Greet of our new pastor, once the Search Team has made their selection and recommendation and we are able to meet together again.
- A special Coffee Hour once we are able to meet together again so that we can welcome our new pastor and family.

We look forward to welcoming Dean Everson to the team and other others who wish to join. Dean has agreed to be the Hospitality Shepherd this year and the new Hospitality Minister next year.

I love our church! Thank you for allowing me to serve in this way. I've shared the following with others in the past... when I was a child, if I did anything wrong or upset my parents the worst punishment that they could give me was to NOT ALLOW ME TO GO TO CHURCH!!

May God continue to watch over, guide and abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

In Christian Love,
Carol A. Hurn
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