

GLAD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS
PRESENTLY UNSTAFFED UNTIL
A SECRETARY IS HIRED**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Good news for our Pastoral Leadership

Rev. Dennis Plourde is our new Interim Pastor.

He and his wife Diane moved from Washington state and into the parsonage. It was something of an adventure. Dennis arrived on October 15 and preached his first service here on October 17. Diane arrived the following week.

The moving van with the bulk of their possessions did not arrive until November 10!

The (newly repaired) church phone is also ringing in the parsonage so you may get an answer at any time.

Dennis' cell phone is 425-530-6460

He is "officially" working three days per week. His calling seems to be for whenever needed.

Please make the opportunity to introduce yourself to them.

Please pray for his ministry & their life here in Whitefield

His message is later in this newsletter..

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Technology is my friend?

The church phone is finally working as of November 8!
Thanks to Pat Every & the Trustees for persisting in this project.

The church website is up and available online.

There is much work yet to do on it.

Try it out: WWW.CBC1816.CHURCH

~CALENDAR of Events for November/December 2021 ~

Regular Occurring Events:

- ✓ Prayer Meeting – is presently suspended
- ✓ Sundays at 9am – Adult Sunday School Bible Study at the church
- ✓ Sundays at 10am – Morning Worship service in the Sanctuary
- ✓ Sundays – Fellowship & snacks follow worship
- ✓ Third Saturday – Men’s Bible study & breakfast at Whitefield Christian Church

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

November

- 11 Dieter Dehne, Richard Green
- 16 Susimarie Swenson
- 19 Kathie Westby – Gibson
- 21 Daniel Bissonnette
- 27 Jacob Boivin

December

- 7 Lois Stiles
- 10 Holly O’Neil
- 27 Amber Bissonnette

Happy Anniversary to:

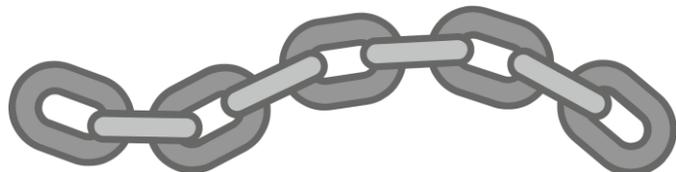
December 24 Dieter & Ursula Dehne

Did we miss you?

If so, please let us know so that you may get older!

CBC PRAYER CHAIN:

Are you linked to others in our church family for the sharing of prayer? If not, please join us! You will receive notices of prayer needs by e-mail or by phone – whichever you choose. Leave a note on the church office desk or speak to any Deacon to be added. To share a prayer need, contact Pat Taylor (603)636-1303 OR Tom Ladd tal29106@gmail.com



If you use Facebook please join the church’s closed Facebook page. E-mail or phone the church for an invitation..

The Sunday service is video-recorded each week and available on our YouTube channel by Sunday afternoon. This is open for anyone to watch & worship with us at a time that works for them.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5khjndoAoamnDGw7BjVg>

HYMN OF THE MONTH

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

Author- Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Composer- George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts." NIV

One of the finest harvest hymns is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come". It first appeared in 1844, with the title "After Harvest", the British version of the American Thanksgiving holiday. It was written to be used at harvest festivals in villages throughout England. Each village observed a celebration whenever it brought in the harvest.

This hymn is not just about giving thanks, but it is also about work completed, a job well done. It is about aching muscles and full barns, sun-reddened faces and meals of plenty. Of course, the text is not just about the work we humans do. It is also about God's work,--- providing growth to the crops and also causing growth in us.



Henry Alford

The author of this marvelous hymn, Henry Alford was born on October 7, 1810, in the Bloomsburg area of London. Even from

childhood he showed remarkable promise. At six, he wrote a biography of the apostle Paul. When he was ten he wrote a pamphlet titled, "Looking unto Jesus: the Believers Support under Trials and Afflictions."

When sixteen, Henry penned a note in his Bible describing his rededication to Christ: " I do this day in the presence of God and my own soul renew my covenant with God and solemnly determine henceforth to become his and to do his work as far as in me lies." This committed young man made a mark on Cambridge University as he studied there for the ministry. One of his deans said, " He was morally the bravest man I ever knew. His perfect purity of mind and singleness of purpose seemed to give him a confidence and unobtrusive self-respect which never failed him."

When he was ordained, Henry wrote in his journal: "I went up to town and received the Holy Orders of a Priest: may I be a temple of chastity and holiness, fit and clean . . . O my beloved Redeemer, my dear Brother and Master, hear my prayer."

Henry was a powerful preacher and a brilliant scholar. He served in the village of Wymeswold for eighteen years before accepting the pastorate of a large London church in 1853. In 1857, he was appointed Dean of Canterbury, an office he held until his rather sudden death on January 12, 1871.

Perhaps Henry Alford's one fault was that he refused to rest. Driven by a force within himself, he spent his days moving from one activity to another, ministering to the needs of the cathedral, always working on a new project, never taking time to relax. In the end, his unrelenting work ethic prevented him from fulfilling one of his greatest dreams... making a trip to the Holy Land. When he died at the age of sixty-one from what his physicians called a "physical breakdown," the inscription on his tombstone was an acknowledgement of this unfulfilled dream. It

read: "The Inn of a Pilgrim Traveling to Jerusalem."

Henry Alford is remembered for his scholarly books, including his classic *Greek New Testament*, the fruit of twenty years of labor. His two-volume set of psalms and hymns was published in 1844, while he was laboring among his flock in the little farming village of Wymewold, where he was beloved. He visited every home, loved every soul, taught the Bible simply, and helped the people render thanksgiving. He wrote many hymns. In deed, he prepared a hymn book to which he contributed fifty-five hymns of his own. Of these, one of the finest is "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand."

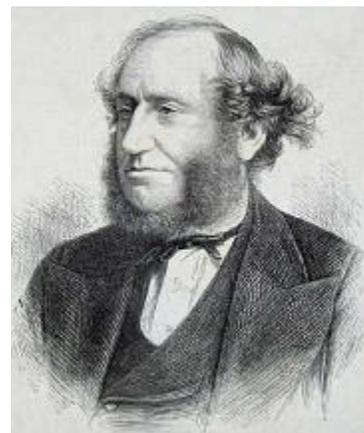
It would be logical to assume that a man of so many personal achievements and such wide-spread fame might be arrogant and self-important, but those who knew Henry Alford noted that he was neither. Biographers have described him as a "pious young student, an eloquent preacher, a sound biblical critic, a man of great learning and taste, one of the most gifted men of his day, and an affectionate man, full of good humor." He consistently gave credit for his accomplishments to God. And it was commonly known that the Dean of Canterbury stood at the end of each meal and again at the end of the day to offer thanks to God for the many blessings of life. In all things he strove to demonstrate an attitude of gratitude.

Our early American leaders wisely realized the importance of having a special day each year in which people could recount their blessings and express gratitude to God for all of His goodness.

The first thanksgiving was decreed by Governor Bradford in 1621 to commemorate the Pilgrims' harvest. Later George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789, as a national day of thanksgiving, but the holiday was not repeated on a national basis until Abraham Lincoln named it a national

Harvest Festival on November 26, 1861. After that time, the holiday was proclaimed annually by the President and the governors of each state. Finally in 1941, Congress passed a bill naming the 4th Thursday of each November as Thanksgiving Day.

The first stanza of this harvest hymn is an invitation and exhortation to give thanks to God in his earthly temple.. our local church.. for the heavenly care and provision of our earthly need. The following two stanzas are an interesting commentary on the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as recorded in Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43. The final stanza is a prayer for the Lord's return... "the final harvest home."



George Elvey

The composer of the music for "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" was George Elvey. He was born March 27, 1816 in Canterbury, England. He was a boy singer at Canterbury Cathedral, and later became choir director there as well as organist at St. George's Chapel in Windsor. He also composed the tune for "Crown Him with Many Crowns."

Closing Thought: After you sing this inspiring hymn, rededicate yourself to a life of thankfulness. Learn to see and appreciate the little things that you so often overlook.

Compiled and submitted by Pat Taylor

RESOURCES

Amazing Grace Kenneth W. Osbeck
A Treasury of Hymn Stories Amos R. Wells
Devotionals from Famous Hymn Stories
 Lindsay L. Terry
Hymns Of Praise Pamela J. Kennedy
Near to the Heart of God Robert J. Morgan
The Complete Book of Hymns
 William J. & Ardythe Petersen
The One Year Book of Hymns
 Robert K. Brown & Mark R. Norton
Then Sings My Soul Robert J. Morgan



Pastor's Ramblings — November/December 2021

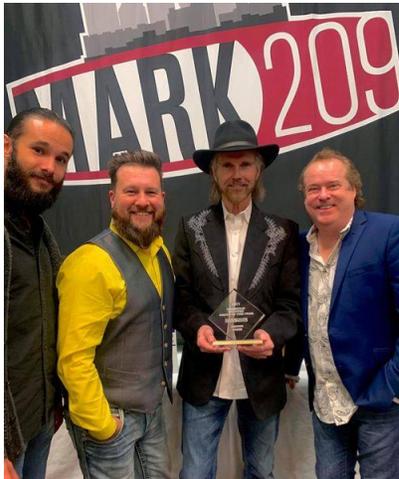
There is a song from The King and I titled, "Getting to Know You". Now, Anna in the show, is experiencing a whole different land and culture which is not always easy. It would have been harder for her in the days of no internet, television travel shows, etc. Today, we can search the web and discover customs, etc. before we travel to distant lands. But, we still experience some "cultural shock" as we visit new places. And, it takes time to get to know each other.

Now, having been born in Maine, raised in Maine and New Hampshire and having pastored congregations in both states it is not so much of a culture shock to be back in New Hampshire after almost 23 years. Still, we are in the process of getting to know you

as you get to know us. Adding to this process is the new day in which we live getting used to Covid protocols and all the pertains to the epidemic — it is a process we are in together, learning as we go. As I reflected on this, I thought of the disciples and Jesus. Jesus was not what they expected. He was open to engage with people that they may not have been comfortable with. He ate with both the rich and poor and had far more criticism of the rich and religious leaders than he did of the poor and common folk. He was comfortable talking with Samaritans and with women. He enjoyed a good party (the Wedding at Cana for one). Just as they thought they knew him he would do or says something they did not expect (staying in Samaritan village). The phrase, "we never done it this way before" maybe have started with the disciples!

I write this because the last few weeks we have been "getting to know you" and you getting to know us. We don't mind questions. We don't mind being called by our first names. We don't mind getting our hands "dirty" and enjoy working together with you. Yes, we will have differences. Yes, we will do some things differently and I certainly don't expect you to agree with everything I say...Pastor or not, I may sometimes be wrong or have a different opinion. I won't hold yours against you and hope you do the same with me. We are enjoying these first days. As I write this I answered a call that our things, moving van, will arrive tomorrow! Thank you for your prayers as it comes and for us as we settle in to life in Whitefield and with the great family at Community Baptist. We are beginning a journey together. We are excited about the possibilities and

challenges. We hope to get to know you all better over the coming months — but, a simple thought: If you are not here, working with us, it is harder to get to know you and you us. From us, Dennis and Diane, this is your invitation to come and be part of the wonderful life of Community Baptist.



Our friends “Mark209” have been named 2021 Christian Country Group of the Year!! They will be performing their “Christmas from the Heart of Nashville” concert at the New Life Christian Center on Rt. 116 in Bethlehem, NH on Saturday Dec. 11 at 6pm.

Missions

The mission for September and October was for Samaritan’s Purse – US Disaster relief

The church sent \$628. to this mission thanks to your special giving.



Our church mission for November & December is the Retired Ministers &

Missionaries fund of the American Baptist Churches USA.



Say “thank you” to retired pastors and missionaries who have served American Baptist churches and ministries for 15 years or more through your gift to the 2021 RMMO.

There are pastors who have likely supported you and those you love directly in seeking Jesus Christ, while all missionaries serve as our collective hands and hearts in projects throughout the country and around the world.

The American Baptist denomination is strong today because of those who have devoted themselves to serving our more than 1.2 million members in prior decades.

Special offering envelopes for this mission will be provided in the coming weeks so that your offering goes where you wish it to be directed.

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The Ladies Circle held their annual Candy Cane Bazaar on November 6. Despite short notice & covid concerns, a great time was had and over \$700. was raised



The church subscribes to “Our Daily Bread” devotional and gets quite a few copies so that each family may take one when each 3 month issue comes out. The December – February issue is due soon. If you can’t get to church and want one brought to you (locally!) leave a message at the office.

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Changes!

The After School Kids (ASK) program has ended. We have been unsuccessful finding other organizations that might wish to provide this service.

Since it was founded Friends & Neighbors Thrift Shop was a mission of the Community Baptist Church of Whitefield. It was originally located near the gun store, then on the corner of Elm St. (where Our Corner Store is now located), then at 7 Main. The availability of volunteers to staff it has been decreasing and lately has kept it from being what it used to be. Rather than just shutting the doors & leaving one more

empty storefront in town, the church sought others to operate it - either as a non-profit or a for-profit. Cory and Heather Nearing are the new owners of Friends and Neighbors Thrift Store. They will have to speak for themselves as to their operational plans. We wish them well.

The Friends & Neighbors Food Pantry has been a mission of CBC since 1995. Due to the same shortage of volunteers we sought out another church to take over this vital service for the hungry & food insecure in our area. The Whitefield Christian Church has stepped up to undertake this. It will take a couple of months to complete the move and change all necessary certifications and our folks will continue to help with this process. Praise the Lord!

We hope to re-channel some of our efforts into new forms of outreach in 2022.

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Announcements

The Harvest Supper “to go” was a great success..

The church Quarterly Business meeting was held October 31, 2021 following worship with a pot luck lunch. Copies of the reports are available & the budget for 2021 was adopted.

We mourn the passing of Rev. John Taylor. Please be in prayer for Pat & their family,.

Blast from the Past

