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August 22 – August 28, 2009

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday,	August 22nd	5:30 PM	Red Lily Pond Dinner – Craigville Green and Inn
Sunday,	August 23rd	9:45 AM	Tabernacle Worship Service
			Preacher: Rev. Robert Witham
		11-12 Noon	Tidy Town Day – Village clean-up - gather on Green
		4:00 PM	Craigville Cottage Owners Assoc. Meeting - Lodge

Looking ahead:

Friday,	August 28th	7:30 PM	Red Lily Pond Project Annual Meeting - Tabernacle
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RED LILY POND PROJECT DINNER SOON

By Valerie Lane

Just a little reminder that Saturday evening is the Red Lily Pond dinner. So far, we have 50 people coming and I will save a few extra places for anyone who calls at the last minute. We are anticipating a wonderful time with a silent auction during the cocktail hour and a live auction after a delicious Italian dinner catered by David Barrows of Cape Cod fame and coordinated by Grace DiPrete Horton, manager of Jack's Restaurant. Wine and cheese will be offered on the green at 5:30 and dinner in the Inn dining room at 6:45. See you all then!

TABERNACLE WELCOMES MAINE MAN

By Dianne Carpenter

Our preacher this week is The Rev. Robert D Witham. Currently living in retirement in Portland, ME, Bob completed his active ministry in October 2000, after serving for many years as a UCC pastor, author and adjunct professor. He finally served four years in Cleveland as the Executive Coordinator for Structural Transition for the 1.4 million-member United Church of Christ. In this position he guided the reorganization of the national ministries of the church, as called for by the UCC's 1995 General Synod.

A Massachusetts native, Witham began his active ministry as pastor of the UCC of Northfield, VT and continued to serve the UCC as a Conference Minister and as a consultant and staff member at the national and state levels in several locations including Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New York.

A 1970 graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, Rev. Witham was a member of the Adjunct Faculty from 1988-1995. He taught UCC Theology, History and Polity, and has published numerous articles on faith and ministry. He also helped compile the worship resources included in the UCC's The New Century Hymnal.

In 1991 he was an Accredited Visitor at the 7th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches which was held in Canberra, Australia.

Bob still chairs and serves on a wide variety of UCC committees and functions, and we welcome him to our Tabernacle pulpit this Sunday, August 23rd, 2009. He is married to Carol Sandstrom Witham and they are the proud parents of two grown children and two grandchildren.

We also welcome the return of our friend Thom Goux, and this is the third week that Janna Bruene has been our organist.

Honoring Skip “the Silver Bullet” Danforth

By the Danforth family

Let’s honor a great man and legend of Craigville Tennis. We would like to purchase a bench with a plaque with Skip’s name on it to place alongside one of the courts – one of Skip’s favorite places to sit and watch tennis.

If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to Craigville Tennis Club and give it either to Monica Stevenson or Lisa Packard.

Quotation of the week: “The day will come when after harnessing the ether*, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.” -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (from Eunice Kennedy Shriver's funeral Mass)

*Refers to “the concept of the “anima mundi”, the old anti-Aristotelian battle cry that the cosmos is dynamic, interconnected, and animated by human desire and action.” and the “...substance through which humanity unfolds itself, thus contributing to the shape of the cosmos...” From Ether: the nothing that connects everything By Joe Milutis

More about Teilhard de Chardin:

“THE SYMBOLISM OF FIRE was to occur in his writings again and again in the years to come. Nowhere is this vision more radiant and empowering than in the description of his mystical experiences. They truly express a vision of fire which filled him with wonder and amazement, ecstasy and joy, and made him see the world burst into flames. It is this fire which he wanted to pass on and kindle in others. His vision of fire was one of spiritual transformation drawn from the insides of both science and religion. The universe in evolution, studied in great detail in his scientific work, stimulated his zest for being. His Christian faith made him see the universal presence of Christ in all things.

Teilhard loved the Earth and its peoples. He loved his church and his order. And he was filled with the fire of love for the ever-great Christ. For him, the symbol of fire meant the warmth and radiance of love and light, the energy to fuse and transform everything. But fire is, of course, ambivalent. It can destroy as well as transform. In Teilhard's understanding, it is the transforming power of the energies of love which alone can create a truly human community and provide it with its strongest points. Thus, the fire of love may be the only energy capable of extinguishing the threat of another fire, namely that of universal conflagration and destruction.” (From “Religion, Science and Mysticism in Teilhard de Chardin” by Ursula King)

And Now, to the More Mundane: Craigville Cottage Owners Association Meeting

To reward you for taking an hour and attending this Sunday’s important August CCOA Meeting, your very own copy of a Craigville Cottage Owners Association Address List will be available to you to utilize for Christmas cards or to contact committee members and Craigville friends throughout the year. We will be discussing Village roads and security, lighting and landscaping, pond embankment and culverts and community activities for next summer. We hope to see you at the Lodge at 4:00 PM on Sunday, August 23rd.

Great Summer for the Tab/Bab

By Don Overlock

This season’s Tab/Bab [Take a book/Bring a book] was among Craigville’s most successful and popular. Warm weather usage continues unabated. Perhaps Ed Lynch’s very professional signage and Damon’s faithful daily opening of the Tab’s front doors have contributed to our success; but for whatever reasons, the books have flown off the shelves. Our experiment with used magazines fizzled big time and won’t be tried next season; but one loss has been a children’s and youth section, which was previously very popular. With but a few seasonal weeks left, WE ENCOURAGE ANY READERS TO SELECT VOLUMES THAT INTEREST THEM FOR WINTER READING. Please feel free to steal them today, tomorrow, and right up until Mary Woodbury decides that retreat groups may not wish to use the TAB/BAB, at which Fall point, her staff schleps them up to the Centerville Library’s ongoing book sale, where they are very well-received and appreciated. Then, the process begins all over again, with village folk putting aside books they have read and enjoyed and tuck away with the beach towels for Summer 2010!

THE OLD CRAIGVILLE POST OFFICE: Christmas Shopping Time

By Debbie Almy

Just a reminder to everyone, there are only two weeks left for you to get a Craigville Village Christmas present to remind us all of our wonderful little village. Stock is getting low on some items, so do please drop in and pick up that little something from the PO shop. Willie Shoemaker and Debbie Almy will be minding the store for the last week, so do come in and give us your ideas for next year. Two suggestions are already a given: wine glasses and a door mat will be offered next summer.

CBA Beach: Lifeguards to Resume Winter Lives

By Dom Botolino

It's almost time for our lifeguards to head back to high school and college. We are very grateful for their dedication to the C.B.A.!

A reminder that our last day will be Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, so please make sure belongings are out of your bathhouse and locks are returned to the office by 5:00 PM on that day. Also, all guest fees need to be paid by that time; you can take care of these any day between 9:00 and 5:00.

Red Lily Pond Project: Return on Your Investment

By Steve Brown

Welcome! To the Red Lily Pond Annual Dinner this Saturday, and to next week's Annual Meeting! The dinner is your chance to raise funds and have fun; and the Annual Meeting is your chance to prioritize the use of these funds for the coming year—maybe not as much fun, but equally important.

Last year's dinner raised a bit over \$3,000, of which about \$2,000 was "profit." Major expenses in 2008-2009 included the beginning of the restoration of the herring run (\$9,291) and the ongoing embankment maintenance, which runs about \$200 per month. These expenses, together with insurance and outreach, were all covered by charitable contributions to the Red Lily Pond Project. We are grateful to the CCOA and the CCMA for their continuing partnership in preserving the ponds and the river.

The good news is that the Town of Barnstable continues to promise to invest the remaining matching funds from our Federal Grant, received many years ago, in weed-raking of the middle and north basins to "buy time" until these neighborhoods are connected to the Town sewer system.

Red Lily Pond Project membership dues are \$10 per year (a bargain!) and, as always, we rely on our members for support and consultation throughout the year. We hope to continue to provide a beautiful pond filled with healthy water. Thank you, thank you, for your investments in the stewardship of these precious resources!

WeatherWize

MICRO BURST

BY DOPPLER DEBBIE (ALMY)

Recently there have been a number of storms where "micro-bursts" weather has been labeled as the damaging source. So what is a micro burst? It is very much like a tornado in severity, but usually tornadoes do not occur in the New England area. Technically a micro burst is a very localized column of sinking air, producing damaging divergent and straight-line winds at the surface that are similar to, but distinguishable from, tornadoes, which generally have convergent damage. Now in simple terms, the wind direction of this fast moving sinking air storm is moving away from the center of the column (divergent) as opposed to the air moving towards the center (convergent) of a massive swirling mass of air called a tornado. In order to tell if the storm was a tornado or a micro burst, the weather experts have to examine the damage to see which way the wind was blowing, either in or out from the center. Now why do we not usually have tornadoes here in New England? Tornadoes need flat, open spaces to get the energy going in a swirling column, gaining strength in that circular motion. If you have ever seen a "dust devil" swirl around a dusty area like a ball field, then you have seen a mini tornado which just didn't have the space to gain momentum to become a big storm. In the Midwest, where there are thousands of miles of flat wide open land space, it is the perfect brewing ground to allow that circulation to get going, thus creating a tornado. Here in New England we have too many "things" that get in the way of the circulating air - like mountains, forests and buildings - which create a block for that energy to ever get going. In this part of the country, we don't have to worry about tornadoes, just the occasional hurricane, which is enough to think about!

DO BIRDS MATE FOR LIFE?

Yes and no! Some species, such as eagles, cranes, swans, geese and ravens have strong bonds with their mates that may last for life. Why birds mate for life is not as romantic as one may wish. When you consider the time needed to migrate, establish territories, incubation and raising young, you'll realize that the extra time and energy needed for attracting a mate would minimize reproductive time. The Bald Eagle, for example, spends just over a month incubating the eggs and 2 1/2 to 3 months raising their young in the nest. Establishing lifelong pair bonds works to their advantage. Most North American birds pair up to reproduce, then go their separate ways after nesting. The Ruby-Throated Hummingbird's bond is very brief, for after mating, the male has nothing to do with the incubation or raising of the young, and he takes off for greener pastures.

Most of our most common birds do not mate for life. Rather, most pair bonds are formed for a single season and migratory songbirds find a new mate every year. Those birds that pair for a season are referred to as monogamous pairs. Monogamy is one male bird with one female bird through a single nesting cycle. The pair may stay together raising a single brood and then change partners for a second brood in the same season, but they are still considered monogamous.

Other pair bonds may be formed and last over several seasons. Doves, Robins, and others are on this list. Often times, these birds are considered as mating for life, even though their average life spans may range from a year and a half to several years. For us, having a mate for life means marriage for 50 - 60 years, our partner passes, and the surviving mate lives with fond memories until death, never to partner with another. In bird life, if mating for life means one partner in a lifetime, there are few birds that fit into this category!



Again this year, The Tabernacle Worship Committee is leading a Craigville-wide collection for CHAMP HOMES. The CHAMP HOMES is a unique, faith-based, residential group home that houses over 50 men and women in a multi-generational family community, located in Hyannis. More than 1,000 previously homeless individuals have been sheltered, fed, clothed, respected and loved since it opened its doors.

Monetary contributions are being accepted.

In addition, CHAMP HOMES could use the following items:

COLLECTION OF GOODS: paper products, green cleaning supplies, flashlights, calendars, shower curtains, bath towels, kitchen towels, tube socks, shampoo, toiletries, razors, bar soap, band-aids, silverware, cereal bowls (micro and dishwasher safe), canned soup, coffee, tea, sugar

For more information about CHAMP HOMES visit, www.champhouse.org

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