

THE CONCORD CONNECTION

Church Picnic



photo: Kevin Hart

BY KEVIN HART

What a day of fellowship and fun for the seventy plus individuals who came for our church picnic. September 19th 2021 was the first district event since the beginning of COVID...and it will certainly not be the last. Families from both churches began arriving at the 10 am mark indicating their enthusiasm for the day. One member showed up with five windsurfers strapped to the top of their car, several came with a canoes and kayaks, another with paddle boards, and one member came with a competition ski boat to sling the kids around on the crystal clear waters of Newfound Lake.

It was veggie burger heaven with all the available fixins, potato salad, mozzarella salad, chips as far as the eye could see, desserts that called you back for more, and a ton of other food. And the 3ft x 3ft grill ensured that all the cooking was finished on time.

It was the laughter however, from young and old that made the day. Or maybe it was seeing several members in a state of tranquility as they sat at the waters edge, face in the sun, thinking peaceful thoughts. Blue skies, blue water, and trees hinting of Autumn made everything picturesque. And even though the wind was persistent, it didn't stop the youngsters from swimming and splashing around.

Tara and I want everyone to know how happy we are to be here with such great church families. We also want to thank all those who contributed food or lent a hand setting things up. This won't be the last! This is the stuff that makes life pleasant and gives us a glimpse of the glories await the faithful. Imagine a day like this in a world made new! God is always good, and we praise Him for the time we had this past Sunday.

Pastor Kevin and family

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27 - Church Board Meeting

October 2 - Principles of Personal Evangelism Training

October 4 - School Board Meeting

October 22 - Vespers

Church Improvements

BY KAREN PURBA

The Decorating Committee continues to be busy thanks to the continued generous donations it receives. With COVID restrictions easing, we found it of great importance to revitalize the Mother's Room as it sat vacant for many months and toys had been cleared out because of COVID. We wanted to provide a warm, welcoming environment for mothers and their young children who need a break during the service.

We were able to replace the couch and bookcase while utilizing some of the other existing furniture. New toys were purchased along with wall art that is appealing to young children and families. Lastly, we plan on adding an easy to clean play mat to the floor so children can free play in the center of the room.



photo: Raquel Devost

If you haven't had a chance to see the improvements, stop by and check it out.

Personal Ministries

BY KAREN PURBA

Personal Ministries is hosting a six part training series titled "Living an Evangelistic Life." This DVD series was created by David Klinedinst, an Adventist Evangelist. In his series, we learn the importance of using everyday opportunities for evangelism, how to make personal visits and conduct bible studies.

We recently hosted our first part: Six Steps to a Vibrant Daily Devotional Life where David outlines practical ways

to making daily devotions part of our daily routine.

Join us Sabbath, October 2 right after the church service (bring a bag lunch if there isn't a potluck that day) for Part 2: Principles of Personal Evangelism. In this session, we learn the basics of personal evangelism which include Christ's method of ministry which was mingling with people. Learn how and what we can say that can open doors for spiritual conversations.

Praises

~Darlene's cancer was detected early.

~For all the people worldwide as well as locally that are hearing the call of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus.

~New families attending our church. Welcome Kathy & Karol Pereira, Marco dos Santos and his son Greyson, and the Hoban family.

~For those in our church family that they recovered from COVID

~We received two new requests for bible studies this month from existing bible studies we are conducting with our prisoners

ISAIAH 25:1

O Lord, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things! You planned them long ago, and now you have accomplished them.

Camp Lawroweld Improvements



photo: NNEC Facebook

BY KAREN PURBA

The Northern New England Conference just posted this information this past week. What a blessing to be able to have the Maranatha team here at our conference camp! If you are looking to donate a special offering, please consider this project as Camp Lawroweld is a great ministry for our youth and families.

"Maranatha Volunteers International is beginning a 2 week project at Camp Lawroweld with over 60 volunteers arriving soon! These projects will include a complete overhaul of the medical building, re-supporting the craft building, and many other important projects. They need your help! Camp Lawroweld is needing \$20,000 to buy the rest of the supplies for this project. Please email tschlisner@nneec.org to give."

October Sunsets

October 2: 6:25
October 9: 6:12
October 16: 6:01
October 23: 5:50
October 30: 5:40



Prayer Requests

~Darlene's upcoming medical procedures

~Cori's upcoming procedure

~Riyad's work and living situation

~Those who have ongoing Bible studies

~That our church will stay safe and protected from COVID

~Cori's niece Brianna's health diagnosis

~Our prison ministry bible studies

~Our school for a safe and healthy school year

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.