

Week of January 14, 2024



From Woody: Many thanks to all who helped with our Martin Luther King Service. It is always one of my favorite services of the year. It is especially moving when we join hands, encircling the sanctuary, and sing WE SHALL OVERCOME. I believe that is our continuing goal, to overcome racism, religious bigotry, hatred and oppression of anyone. This is what we need to continue the work of Dr, King and all who joined him on the streets of America. A special thanks to Dr. Joel Gill, his daughter Mary Katherine and, of course, his wonderful mother, Judi. And as always a big THANKS to Sam, Karina and our wonderful choir.

I thought I would share a brief story of the connection of Dr, King's family to New Hampshire. After he was murdered in April of 1968, his wife Coretta and his children faced a very difficult financial situation on top of their grief. They had very little money and Coretta decided that one way to get some resources was to write a book. But with four saddened young children to care for, how could she find time and strength to do it? Help came from New Hampshire in the persons of the Dunfey family. They were friends as well as loyal supporters of Dr. King's work and were owners of several hotels. They had a summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee and invited Mrs. King to come with the children for the summer and they would care for the children during the day, giving her time to work on her book. The children had a great summer on Lake Winnepesaukee and Mrs. King was able to complete her book. It is a story worth sharing that good people here in our state were able to help a family who had given so much to our country.

Announcements



Annual Meeting: Will be held after church on **February 4**. This is a time when major decisions are made for the next fiscal year. We encourage everyone to come and bring a dish to share for lunch.



Valentine Serenades: Members of the choir are again offering Valentine Serenades for your valentines. The offering includes 1-2 songs by members of the choir, a box of handmade chocolates by the Trzepacz family, a flower, and a card. This will be offered February 3-14, 5-8 pm. Cost is \$35. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Barbara Woodland 603-487-3643 or barbarawoodland@comcast.net. This is a fun and wonderful fundraiser for the church.



Peace Quote .. We must come to see that at the end we seek a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience..... *Dr. Martin Luther King*