



Pine Echoes



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Snapshot - July & August 2024

- Thursday, Jul. 25 Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt, 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Thursday, Jul. 25 The Chosen Season 3, 7:00 pm in Jesse Lee
- Friday, July 26 The Muppets Christmas Carol, 8:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Jul. 27 Duathalon & Breakfast, 8:00 am in Jessie Lee House
- Saturday, Jul. 27 Bouncy House, 1:00 pm next to the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Jul. 27 Youth Christmas in July Dinner, 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Sunday, Jul, 28 Hymn Sing. 7:00 pm in the Coffee Shop with Ruthie Perham
- Monday, Jul 29 Ladies Aid Meeting, 7:00 pm in Jesse Lee
- Thursday, Aug. 1 The Chosen Season 4, 7:00 pm, in Jesse Lee House
- Friday, Aug. 2, Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream, 10:00 am
- Saturday, Aug. 3 International Food Festival, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, Aug. 3 Illuminations, 7:30 pm meet at the aater pump in front of 15 Lee Park
- Sunday, Aug 4 Worship in the Vesper Circle with Pastor Joanne Hus. 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 4 Camp Meeting Kick Off, 7:00 pm Mark 209 in the Tabernacle
- Monday, Aug. 5-Friday Aug. 9 Camp Meeting Week**
- Saturday, Aug. 10 Lobster Bake, 6:00 pm
- Friday, Aug. 16 Game Night, 7:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 17 Pie Social, 6:30 pm in the Dining Hall
- Friday, Aug 23 Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park, 10:00 am
- Saturday, Aug. 24 Chili Cookoff, 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall
- Saturday, Aug. 31 Joint Cottage Owner's and Corp Meeting, 10:30 am in the Chapel
- Saturday, Aug. 31 7:00 pm Bon Fire and Sing Along, near the Ball Field

2024 Ice Cream Social

The annual ice cream social and presentation of the Asbury Grove Historical Society Talk & Awards was held on Saturday the dining hall. The event was a great success, combining delicious treats, a fascinating sports presentation, and the highlight of the evening—the Cottage Restoration Awards.

Ice Cream Social and Fundraising

The ice cream social featured an array of ice creams and toppings, all generously donated, ensuring that all proceeds from the event went directly to the Chapel rehabilitation project.

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Historical Society
Ice Cream Social



Special Service - Wednesday, July 31 at 7 PM in the Tabernacle

This special service will be a combination of prayer, anointing prayer for healing, Holy Communion, and the blessing of the Tabernacle for Camp Meeting week. The service will be conducted in the contemplative form of Taizé. There will be prayer candles to light as well. The service will last an hour and will be held in the Tabernacle. Rev. Bruce (Chaplain) will lead the service.



Illuminations Light Hanging

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 7 PM in Jesse Lee

This week, the topic is "It's a Good World with Issues." The study is designed so you can drop in for a session or attend all sessions and still walk away feeling you have learned something new. All are welcome. A reminder that the week of Camp Meeting there is no class on Tuesday night.

Share and Prayer - Wednesdays at 6:30 AM in the Coffee Shop

Every Wednesday morning, except Camp Meeting week, we gather in the Coffee Shop for a time of sharing scripture and prayer. Our gathering ends at 7 AM. So come join us. The coffee is on.

From the Chaplain

Our vesper services this year have been blessed with some amazing preachers. The focus or theme for this summer has been the Lord's commandment, "...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Our vesper preachers have helped us look at this commandment in ways that we can apply in our daily lives. This past Sunday, Rev. Nizzy Santos Digan shared how we can travel from rest through storms to God's peace. Peace is the gift of Christ, and in that gift, we know the foundation is love. Being loved and loving in the name of Jesus.

I want to thank everyone who has been coming out each week to support our vesper experience.

Peace,
Rev. Bruce

Opportunities to Serve

We have some opportunities to serve at the Grove.

Sunday Vesper Service Set Up/Take Down Team: This involves coming to the vesper circle 30 minutes prior to the service to set up the sound system, piano, flags, and hymn books. It takes about 10-15 minutes. Take down happens after the service, putting everything back in the cabinet.

Camp Meeting Week: Various opportunities to help throughout the week. Everything from helping with setup in the Tabernacle, Bible Study in the Chapel, Prayer Circle, and cleanup after meals in the Dining Hall. If you are interested in helping, please see the Chaplain, and he will direct you to the coordinator responsible for that task.



Meet Dennis Gill: Vesper Speaker on July 28th

Dennis Gill, Associate Pastor at Hope Community Church in Newburyport, will be our

Pastor Dennis Gill



vesper speaker on July 28th at 4 PM in the Vesper Circle. Dennis has been an associate pastor at Hope for the past 12 years, bringing a wealth of experience from his 35 years of ministry. Throughout his career, he has pastored and planted churches in Massachusetts, North Carolina, and New Jersey. In addition to his pastoral duties, Dennis is actively involved in

connecting pastors and church leaders across New England. He lives in Wenham with his wife, Nancy. At Hope Community Church, Dennis provides pastoral support and leadership in ministries focused on group life, family life, and outreach. Join us to hear his inspiring message and gain insight from his extensive experience in ministry.

Camp Meeting Week - Plan Ahead!

Plan to attend our annual Camp Meeting, a time of worship, fellowship, and growing together in the Lord. This year's theme is "Love One Another."

Sunday, August 4

- 10 AM: Worship in the Vesper Circle with Hamilton Methodist Pastor Joanne Hus. This annual tradition brings the UMC Hamilton congregation together with our Asbury Grove family. (*No afternoon Vespers*)
- 7 PM: Camp Meeting Kick-off with music from the country praise band Mark 209, and introductions from our speaker Ken Steigler and Bible Study teachers Dan and Gina Blaze.

Monday - Friday

- 9 AM: Outdoor prayer with Dan & Gina at Vesper Circle.
- 10 AM: Bible Study with Dan and Gina in the Chapel (fans will be cooling us off).
- 6 PM: Nightly community suppers in the Dining Hall; Stay tuned for menus & prices.
- - 7 PM: Evening Service in the Tabernacle.

Join us for a week of spiritual renewal and community connection. We look forward to seeing you there!

An Extra Blessing: Maurice Sklar's Performances in the Asbury Grove Chapel

Last week, the Asbury Grove Chapel was graced with the beautiful violin music of Maurice Sklar, an extra blessing for our community. Born in New Orleans to a Russian-Jewish family with a rich musical heritage, Maurice began playing the violin at the tender age of four. His early start and exceptional talent have led him to become a world-renowned violinist, performing with numerous orchestras across 40 countries. Maurice and his wife, Carolyn, who are friends of summer resident Nan Wisner, have recently returned from Israel where they operate a House of Prayer overlooking the Golan Heights. Following God's call, they have embarked on a mission to visit churches throughout the USA to share the Good News, reminiscent of the circuit rider pastors in Asbury Grove's history. Their visit and Maurice's performances were a true highlight for the Grove, filling the chapel with divine music and uplifting spirits. We are deeply grateful for their time with us and the joy they brought through their music and message.



Maurice & Carolyn

A Johnson House - Huge Thank You

Those who worked on the last few fundraisers for the Johnson House would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ed Mimmo and Larry Fogerty, who have donated far more hours than they charged for their time and talents given to improve the Johnson House. This is the building where our youth come to know Jesus, and it is now a quality space.

Many thanks to you both for your faithful generosity to this community building and our youth!

Face of Tomorrow - Youth Outreach

Christmas in July: Let the Holiday Fun Begin!

The festive spirit of Christmas is coming early this year with our exciting "Christmas in July" celebration! We're continuing the series of fun-filled events to bring the magic of the holidays to the heart of summer. Here's what you can look forward to:

Thursday: Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt

Kick off the festivities on Thursday at 7 pm with a thrilling Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the Dining Hall to form teams of 3-5 adults and children. Together, you'll scour the scavenger hunt space, competing to accumulate the most candycanes and claim the title of scavenger hunt champions.

Friday: Movie Night

On Friday, gather under the stars for a special Movie Night at 8 pm. We'll be screening the beloved classic, The Muppets Christmas Carol. Bring your blankets and chairs, and get ready to enjoy an evening of family-friendly entertainment. Popcorn will be available while supplies last, and candy will be for sale to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Saturday: A Day of Festive Activities

Saturday promises a full day of holiday-themed excitement: 1 pm: Let the kids bounce to their heart's content in the Bounce House. It's a perfect way

to burn off some energy and enjoy the summer weather. 6 pm: Join us for the Youth Holiday-themed Dinner. This special dinner invites everyone to dress in their best Christmas attire. Whether it's a festive sweater, Santa hat, or a complete holiday costume, dressing up could win you a fabulous prize!

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to enjoy the joy and magic of Christmas in the middle of summer. We can't wait to celebrate with you and create unforgettable memories together!

- Sunday School: Sunday School has started during Sunday vespers for all Elementary school age children. Children are dismissed from the service after the first hymn.
- Youth Chapel: Drop-in program for youth ages 8-13. through-August 23, 10AM-12PM at the Johnson Youth Center. Parents must complete a registration form for each child.
- Teen Nights: Teen Night is every WEDNESDAY night 7-9PM in the Johnson Center
- **No Movie Night Aug 2nd**

Special Dates:

- August 2: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Richardson's Mini Golf/Ice Cream (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)
- August 23: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)
- Youth Fundraiser--
- Youth will be selling cold drinks and snacks outside the pool deck to raise money for a trip to Canobie Lake Park. We will begin with Mondays 2-4PM and may expand our days and hours as the summer goes on.

Decorating for Camp Meeting & The International Food Festival

Light Up for Illumination Night and Camp Meeting

We invite all cottages to dress up a bit for Illumination Night and Camp Meeting by adding extra lights in celebration of the upcoming events. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your creativity and bring a festive spirit to the community. Let's make our neighborhood sparkle and shine in anticipation of these special occasions.

Join the International Food Festival

The International Food Festival is a delightful celebration of diverse cuisines, taking place at the center at 6:00 PM on Saturday, August 3rd. We encourage everyone to participate by bringing a dish to share or sell. You decide the price and are free to deduct your costs or donate all proceeds. While the theme is international, American foods are also welcome. If you inform Linda Young ahead of time about the country of origin of your dish, we will provide the appropriate flag to represent it. Stay tuned for more details coming next week!

Volunteer to Hang Lanterns

At 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 3rd, we will gather volunteers at the front gate to start hanging lanterns. This task involves decorating all the main buildings and the Dining Hall lawn with beautiful lanterns to enhance the festive atmosphere. We especially welcome strong volunteers to join this crew and help make our community look its best for the celebrations.

Join us in these activities to make the run up to Camp Meeting and the International Food Festival memorable events for everyone!

Ask A Local



Tips from Tea Time

As we have many guests/seasonal residents from outside the area, I am often asked for local suggestions!

This weeks tips!

Old Ipswich Days - Annual festival of fine artisans from all over NE! Fri 7/26-Sun 7/28! 10-5 (Fri/Sat). South Village Green, in Ipswich... can't miss it! Free

Ipswich Downtown Tuesdays FREE

TakeOut Terrace Truss and Stage in Ipswich (on the river, put Ebsco in gps)

July 30: Jambalaya Horns -

August 6: Wangari Fahari Trio

Enjoy! Any questions or suggestions: text Katie Krathwohl at 978-790-7052

At the Maurice Sklar performance, we danced the Hava Nagila.



Standing for Israeli National Anthem

In the News!

Katherine DeSilva, the publisher of Pine Echoes, has been making waves with her unique passion for greenhead flies. DeSilva, a resident of Ipswich and Asbury Grove seasonal cottage owner, has authored six books, the most recent of which focus on these notorious marsh dwellers. Her works include "Every Critter is Part of the Plan," a children's book, and two adult books: "In the Light of a Greenhead Moon," which blends facts, poetry, and whimsical stories, and "Kelly the Greenhead," a picture book for adults.

Billy Baker of the Boston Globe recently highlighted DeSilva's work in an article titled "She Wants You to Love Greenheads. Then Smack Them." The piece delves into DeSilva's fascination with greenhead flies, her efforts to educate the public about them, and her goal to change the way people perceive these pesky insects. DeSilva's dedication to her subject is evident, and her books are both informative and entertaining, shedding light on an often-dreaded part of summer on the North Shore.

Congratulations to Katherine DeSilva for her creative contributions and for bringing attention to the importance of greenhead flies in our ecosystem!



Boston Globe Photo by David Ryan



2024 Asbury Grove Historical Society Ice Cream Social *(continued from page 1)*

Attendees enjoyed their sweet treats while supporting this worthy cause, contributing to the preservation of an important community landmark.

Sports Presentation

This year's talk, "Sports Throughout the Years in the Grove," was a hit, featuring pictures and anecdotes about various sports activities, including croquet and tennis tournaments, baseball teams, basketball, the building of the pool, and pool events. The presentation brought back fond memories and highlighted the rich sporting history of the Grove.

Cottage Restoration Awards

An anticipated part of the evening was the Cottage Restoration Awards. This year's winners for restoring cottages that had been sorely neglected were John and Gillian Ross for 1 Wesley Park, and

Richard "Rick" and Pauline Rockwell for 12 Mudge Avenue.

1 Wesley Park has a storied history, having been owned by Robie and Shirly Annis, grandparents of Steve and Ken Walsh and Brad Tilley, who sold the cottage to Steve and Eva Zagorski, grandparents of Lorrie Kulhavy, Kathy Kirlis, and Sandra Meade.

12 Mudge Avenue was previously owned by Rev. Bernard and Gussie Graves, parents of Linda Young, Leslie Fairbank, and Laura Zoldak. The awards were presented last week at the Historic Society Fundraiser for the Chapel rehabilitation project, celebrating the dedication of these families to preserving the heritage of Asbury Grove.

Join us in celebrating these accomplishments and supporting the ongoing efforts to preserve the rich history of Asbury Grove.



Brad Tilly at Historical Night



Illuminations Light Hanging

Weekly Round Up

Saturdays

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with a made to order menu
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm
- 10:00 am Library Open till 1 pm
- TBD Historic Cottage Visits
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5pm

Sundays

- 12:30 pm Pool Open till 3:30
- 4:00 pm Vesper Services at Vesper Circle or Chapel (depending on weather)
- Sunday School t Johnson Youth Center (After the first Hymn)

Monday - Friday

- 10:00 am Youth Chapel at Johnson Youth Center
- 1:00 pm Pool Open till 5 pm

Mondays

- 6:00 pm Foot Races
- 6:30 pm Library Open till 7:30

Tuesdays

- 6:00 pm Ice Cream Shoppe
- 6:00 pm Library Open till 7:30 pm
- 7:00 pm Bible Study at Jesse Lee House (Starting July 16th)

Wednesdays

- 6:30 am "Share and Prayer" at the Coffee Shop

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.
- 6:00 pm Library Open till to 7:30 pm

Friday

- 8:30 am Coffee Shop Open with coffee & Pastries
- 8:00 pm Movie Night at the Dining Hall
- 9:30 pm Thrift Barn Open till 1pm



The Watchful Eye

Look Twice! Save a Life!
Asbury Grovers are everywhere and enjoying time cooler weather walking, running, jogging and biking throughout the Grove.

The Barn is Open!

Visit Every Fri & Sat 9:30-1



Request for Submissions

The Pine Echoes Editor asks that all submissions for the Thursday printing be in by Monday. Please make sure to mark your calendars and get submissions in!
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