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End of Season Calendar

August 24th	Chili Cookoff 6pm
August 25th	Hymn Sing
August 27th	Ice Cream Shop 6-7:30pm
August 31st	Cottage Owners Meeting 10am
Bon Fire and Sing Along 7pm	
September 2nd	Cookout 12 noon and Last day of the Pool
September 14th	Croc Walk 8am
	Slide Show and Covered Dish Supper 6pm



Annual Asbury Grove Chili Cookoff! - Mild to Mouthwatering

Get ready for a sizzling night of flavor and fun at the annual Asbury Grove Chili Cookoff on Saturday. This much-anticipated event will bring together 12 talented chefs, each vying for the coveted chili crown. With a diverse lineup of chilis ranging from mild and flavorful to fiery hot, there's something for everyone.

The cookoff will take place outdoors behind the dining hall, weather permitting, and the festivities kick off at 6:00 PM. For just \$5.00 per person, you can indulge in mouthwatering chili with all the fixings. The menu features a wide variety of options, including a delicious vegetarian chili packed with

beans, hearty tomato-based chilis featuring pork and beef, traditional meat lovers' chili with mild flavors, and Texas-style chili for those who enjoy medium heat. For the adventurous, there will be spicy options rated on a 3-pepper or 2-pepper scale, so be sure to bring your own milk if you need to cool down!

But that's not all—there will also be a full dinner to complement the chili, including a Mexican salad, cornbread, crispy chips, and a delightful dessert to round out the meal.

The competition is fierce this year, with three judges ready to taste and announce the winners.

It's going to be a night full of flavor, friendly competition, and community spirit that you won't want to miss.

So bring your appetite, and join us for a night of culinary excitement at the Asbury Grove Chili Cookoff! We can't wait to see you there!



Worship News

- **Chapel Prayer Time** - The chapel is now open every morning for prayer at 9 am. All are welcome
- **Vesper Service** will be led this Sunday by Pastor Stephanie Foster. Stephanie and husband Sean are renovating a seasonal cottage in the Grove. They serve at Crossing Life Church and Community Center in Windham, NH, a non-denominational, Christian church dedicated to loving God and loving people. They foster an atmosphere where people can worship God, know Him better, grow in their gifts, and be able to share with others.
- **Hymn Sing** will be Sunday evening in the chapel, led by Pastor Bruce and Ruthie Perham at the keyboard
- **Closing Program** is Sunday, September 1, 7pm, in the Tabernacle. *Learn More on page 4*

Weekly Programing

- **Bible Study at Jesse Lee House** -Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM in Jesse Lee House.
- **“Share and Prayer” at the Coffee Shop** - Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 AM in the Coffee Shop.
- **Ladies Prayer Group at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.** - The group meets every Thursday at 10:00 AM at 'All is Well' on Mudge Ave.
- **The Chosen TV Show Screenings** - Starting this Thursday “The Chosen”, season 4 will be shown in Jesse Lee at 6:30pm. We will be running episodes 1-3 this Thursday, then episodes 4-6 next Thursday, the 29th, (same time) and the final two episodes on a date to be determined, but sometime over the Labor Day weekend.
- Any questions please text Joyce at (508) 246-8083.
- **Men's Class at the Coffee Shop** - Join us every Sunday at 8:00 AM in the Coffee Shop.

Alpha This Fall!

Are you looking for a place to explore life's biggest questions in an open, friendly environment?

We invite you to join Alpha, a series of group conversations where everyone is welcome, no matter your background or beliefs.

Starting on Monday, September 16, and running weekly until December 2, 2024, Alpha will be held at the First Congregational Church of Hamilton from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Each session includes a free dinner, a short video exploring a different question of faith, and a table discussion where you can share your thoughts or simply listen. There's no pressure to return, and you're free to engage as much or as little as you like.

Alpha is renowned worldwide as a space where people can have honest, open, and judgment-free conversations about faith. It's a place to invite friends who have questions or are seeking a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. Whether it's in homes, cafés, or even prisons, Alpha creates safe spaces for meaningful dialogue. We also welcome volunteers, especially those interested in serving as table leaders or small-group helpers. A training session for volunteers will be held on Monday, August 26, at 7:00 PM. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Robin Davis at redrobindavis@gmail.com.

Face of Tomorrow - Youth Outreach

- 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.
- Special Event: August 23: 10AM-12PM Youth Chapel Outing to Canobie Lake Park (Ages 8-13, Parent Drivers/Chaperones Needed)
- **Donation Request:** The youth program is in need of 18-20 gallon storage containers to store supplies over the winter months. If you have any extra tubs available to donate to the program, please bring them to the Youth Center porch. We will put them to good use.
- **REMINDER:** All youth programs will end August 24th. There will not be any Friday night movies for the 2024 season.



Big turnout in the dining hall to honor Roger Perham for his many years of service to Asbury Grove. AG president Steve Farley and longtime Grove resident Brad Tilley shared thoughts

Christmas Fair

Planning is in motion for this years Christmas Fair scheduled for November 22nd and 23rd. This event has been a fundraiser for many years supporting the restoration of our historic facilities. We are currently collecting gift items, toys, decorations and jewelry. Volunteers are also needed to prep for this event. Starting in September we will be meeting every other Monday night to work on fair items. More information will be coming soon. Contact Kathy or Sandy with questions at (978) 998-9749.

A Note from Roger

Thank you for all the kind words and cards of appreciation at the reception on Sunday for me in the Dining Hall. It was truly heartwarming to see the Dining Hall filled. Pictures from the day are posted on my Facebook page. I was a memorable 4 years. A time to serve the community with Christian love in a capacity that few see. I will not completely withdraw from the other opportunities to participate and contribute to the Grove community. Subbing in the local schools is also still possible.

Blessings,
Roger Perham

Leave a Lasting Legacy: Sponsor a Memorial Brick Today

It's not too late: During the summer, several people have asked about buying a brick(s) for the walkway in Wallick Memorial Park behind the Vespers platform. Bricks can be In Memory of, In Honor of, or simply feature a name. Brick lettering can include up to three lines, with a maximum of 14 letters, punctuation marks, or spaces per line. Brick ordering forms can be obtained from Steve Walsh. Each brick costs \$100, and checks should be made out to the Asbury Grove Historical Society and given to Steve Walsh at 17 Hedding Ave. by September 9, 2024.



End of Summer at Asbury Grove

As we approach the end of another memorable summer at Asbury Grove, we are excited to come together as a community to celebrate the Labor Day weekend with a series of special events. Labor Day weekend promises to be filled with joy, reflection, and shared memories as we bid farewell to the summer season.

Saturday, August 31st - The weekend kicks off with the Joint Cottage Owners & Corporation Meeting at 10:00 AM, a vital gathering where we review the season's accomplishments and discuss plans for the future. Later that evening, at 7:00 PM, we invite everyone to gather around the bonfire for a Sing-Along. The warmth of the fire, the sweetness of S'mores, and the camaraderie of shared songs make this an evening to remember. Volunteers are encouraged to lend a hand by providing or serving hot beverages, ensuring that everyone stays cozy as we sing the night away. In the past some creative community members have brought hot dogs or sausages for the camp fire.

Sunday, September 1st - Our traditional Closing Program takes place at 7:00 PM in the Tabernacle. This cherished event sends us off with a blessing and a challenge, marking the official close of our summer season. Pastor Rob Parady will deliver an inspiring message, while Beckie Smith leads us in heartfelt music. As we conclude the evening, we'll gather around the pump in the Center for a moving candlelight circle, a symbol of our unity and the light we carry with us into the fall.

Monday, September 2nd - On Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd, we will come together for a Cookout at 12:00 noon, celebrating the contributions of American workers and the strength of our community. This also marks the last day of the pool for the season, so be sure to take a final dip and enjoy the water before we say goodbye until next summer.

Labor Day often marks the unofficial end of summer, and for many, it signals the start of a new school year the following day. But here at Asbury Grove, it's a time to reflect on the wonderful memories we've created together and to look forward to the exciting possibilities of the seasons to come.

We can't wait to see you at these events and celebrate the end of another beautiful summer at Asbury Grove!



The 2024 Pie Social

Reminder

The Grounds Committee requests that if you need assistance from Bruce or the Grounds Committee that you send the request in writing to grounds@asburygrove.org or leave a written request in the mailbox at the office.



Family Game Night Winners 2024



Game Night 2024



The Watchful Eye

Open Fires Prohibited:
Remember that open fires are not allowed on Asbury Grove property. Use of gas or charcoal grills should be done safely and with adult supervision.

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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