

People in the News



Amherst Garden Club Evening Meeting, November 13

Becky Stoughton, Sue Alger, and Deb Ferrelli do a final check on the succulent planters that will be the topic of the Amherst Garden Club evening meeting on November 13 at 7:00 PM at Parkhurst Place in Amherst. Sue Alger will be demonstrating how to make the planters. Visitors are welcome to attend.

► Many Reasons To Attend Holiday Fair

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glass, vintage jewelry and old and new collectibles. Delicious and varied homemade baked goods are perfect for your Thanksgiving table or as hostess gifts.

Tickets for the Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour on December 13 will be available at the Fair; plan ahead and purchase your

tickets to enjoy this special Amherst tradition.

Luncheon of homemade soup, bread and cookies will be served. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. The church is handicapped accessible via the side door by the driveway. Visit www.ccamherst.org for more information.

Congregational Church Youth Travel to Tennessee for Service Project

By MAUREEN FRESCOTT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR, THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST, UCC

Five vans. Four travel days. Eighteen hundred miles. One night at a very sketchy hotel. Six nights sleeping on a church floor. Four showers, all outside with cold water.

Five families. Five homes. Five days of hard, hard work. Five days that changed lives.

On Saturday, June 21st, a group of 27 teens from the Senior High Youth Fellowship and ten adults packed up rental vans and began a two-day journey down to the northeastern corner of Tennessee to work with the Appalachia Service Project. ASP is an organization that serves impoverished families by helping to make their homes livable and safe.

On Monday, the group split into five work teams and with tools in hand drove to the work sites to meet the families that they would be helping. In five days of work under the hot Tennessee sun the Amherst group went through gallons of water, dirtied a pile of T-shirts and jeans, and learned that wearing safety goggles and dust masks is not only fashionable, but necessary. In five days, teens who had never held a hammer before discovered that they had the skills to reinforce a foundation, install siding, build a deck, mud and tape drywall, and replace a roof.

The teens also learned a lot about gratitude. As one of the teens said on the final night, "We aren't down here fixing houses because of the thank yous and warm hugs we get in return. We are here to serve others, because it is the right thing to do and the loving thing to do, and we do it regardless of what we expect to receive in return."

Back in Amherst, the group shared their experiences with the church congregation and expressed gratitude for the church support that helped make the trip possible.



Five days. Five families. Five homes repaired. And countless memories and lessons learned to carry the young people forward.



Girls on the Run

"Love Rocks"

One of Amherst's Girls on the Run teams is making and hiding "love rocks" around the village for our community impact project. We are doing this to give people a smile when they find one and to spread love. If you find one, feel free to take it home and every time you look at it remember how special you are and that you are loved!

Souhegan Valley Quilters Celebrate 30th Anniversary



Original member Peg MacEwen attended the celebration with former member Jan Madigan.



Quilters President Sue Livsey presents Jeannine Rigney with a framed lifetime membership.

AMHERST – At a special dinner meeting in October, the Souhegan Valley Quilters' Guild celebrated their 30th Anniversary. Founded by Marjorie Johnson, Peg MacEwan

and some friends in 1984, the group has grown from the days of meeting in homes and currently meets three times a month at the Messiah Lutheran Church at 303 Route 101

in Amherst. The goals of the Guild are education, friendship, outreach and fun. For information, please go to nhquilts.org. In addition to unveiling a special quilt challenge to

commemorate the thirty years, we also bid farewell to Jeannine Rigney, a longtime and very active member, who moved to Ohio.



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Bring Holiday Magic to a Child

The Holiday Toy Store is a special organization dedicated to bringing some holiday cheer to the less fortunate children of the Souhegan Valley. This will be our twenty-third year participating in their Toy Drive. The Toy Store is anticipating, again, more requests for assistance than ever before.

Drop off your unwrapped toy under our Christmas tree.

Anyone interested in joining our effort, simply stop by our office at 102 Ponemah Rd. in Amherst between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holiday Greetings

from Dr. Clark, Dr. Leighton, Karen, Jeanne, Debbie, Robert, Sherry, Lisa, Trisha, Linda, Amy, Laurianne and Sandy.

