



**Gorham Ecumenical Commission**

# NEWS

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Your Church is a member of the **Commission**, and we wanted to keep you fully informed of our helpful programs and ministries together in our community. We hope to share information with you several times this year through worship inserts. Please direct questions about the **Commission** to your Pastor.

The Commission will host a **Service of Christian Unity** at First Parish Congregational Church (UCC) on Sunday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. Clergy from our local churches will lead the service and an ecumenical choir will provide the music. Please join us to celebrate our Christian service and unity in our community! Let us all keep the work that we are called to do together in our prayers during a week set aside in the calendar

Next month, on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the Commission will be starting up **The Community Dinners** once again. The Commission volunteers will provide the food, and we hope you will participate to provide food, fellowship, and fun! The Dinners will be served quarterly this year in the Fellowship Hall at First Parish Congregational Church (UCC) on the fourth Monday of the month.

For our first Dinner, people from First Parish will provide meats/casseroles; salads will be provided by the people of St. Anne's; volunteers from The Methodist Church will provide rolls and drinks; Little Fall Baptist Church folks will bring the desserts.

Of course, all are welcome to the Community Dinners and we hope that you will join us for each occasion.

The GEC **Food Pantry** (at St. Anne's Church), and participating churches, put together over 70 Christmas baskets for families with need. 78 households were served by the Pantry in December, including 112 adults and 90 children. 10 of these families were new to the Food Pantry. The needs continue to grow! Please consider contributions of canned meats and tuna, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter and jelly. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Here is a list of Food Pantry Needs for January and February: Dry Cereal, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner, kid snacks, macaroni, dry pastas, canned pasta, and paper towels.

(Thank you to the North Gorham, UCC, for volunteering at the Food Pantry the month of December. A special award goes to the crew who showed up on December 20<sup>th</sup>, in the middle of the snow storm).

### *Dates to mark on your calendar...*

*January 20<sup>th</sup>* – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, 7:00 p.m., First Parish Church.

*Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>* – GEC Meeting, 6:30 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church UCC.

*Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>* – Community Dinner, 6:00 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church UCC.

*Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>* – GEC Meeting, 10:00 a.m., West Gorham Union Church.

*March 21<sup>st</sup>* – Good Friday Service (location to be announced).

*Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>* -- Spring 2008 5K Race and Walk for Habitat for Humanity.