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Lamplighter Homeschool Theatre is made up of a talented group of 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders from across southern New Hampshire and Maine. Please contact lamplightertheatrenh@gmail.com or 603-664-5890 for more information.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**NORTHWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

The Northwood Congregational Church will be hosting their annual "Christmas By Design" Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 9 am to 1 pm. Popovers (fresh and hot from the oven) will be available all day, and a variety of homemade soups and bread will be available for lunch. The fair will also have a Greens table; Dominican Republic coffee and vanilla; SERRV and Heifer Project tables; second time around jewelry table; raffle baskets; bake sale; and some tables of local craftspeople offering their hand/homemade items including maple syrup, knitted mittens, jelly, pickles, and jam. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while you browse two rooms of table offerings. The Church is located next to Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, 881 First

NH Turnpike/  
Route 4. We hope you will join us on December 6 for some fun and unique shopping.



**HOLLY FAIR AT ST. STEPHEN'S**

St. Stephen's Church will be holding its annual Holly Fair on Saturday, November 22, 2014, from 9 am to 2 pm at 50 Main Street, Pittsfield. The Fair spotlights an incredible Silent Auction that grows more popular every year; Bake Sale table; and Gift Boutique table. Homemade food for sale in the Café includes breakfast and lunch items featuring meatball sandwiches, corn chowder, squash soup, desserts, and hot & cold beverages—eat in or take away. New this year is a Christmas stocking raffle—a little red wagon filled with items that everyone would love to get in their Christmas stocking. The proceeds from this raffle will go towards the restoration of the rose window at St. Stephen's. Don't miss this fun-filled Fair, a great opportunity for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

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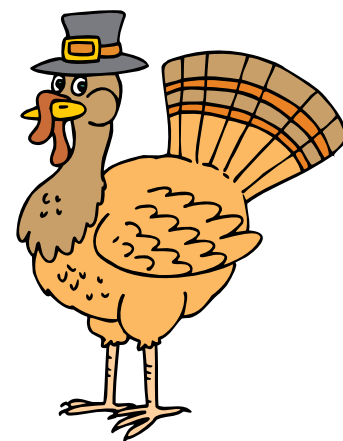
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**TURKEY SUPPER**

All are welcome at Crown Point Church, First Crown Point Road, Strafford, on Saturday, November 8, 2014, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm for our famous turkey supper—turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, rolls, beverages, and a variety of homemade desserts. Takeout is available. Donations appreciated; all proceeds will be used for repairs needed at Crown Point Church.



### BSA TROOP 23 HAPPENINGS

Your local Scouts in Strafford have jumped right in to a new year this fall. In addition to fundraising efforts, the Troop is involved in the Scouting for Food annual campaign. On the first Saturday in November, the Scouts will be distributing the door hangers around Town. On the next Saturday, Scouts will return to collect the donated non-perishable food items left outside and take them to our Food Pantry at Third Baptist Church Christian Center. Please be sure to leave your donations in a visible location outside your front door or by the mailbox (please do not hang on the mailbox) by 8:30 am on Saturday, November 8.

If you have ordered popcorn this fall, be on the lookout for deliveries. The Troop is scheduled to pick up their orders from the distribution center on Friday, November 7. Scouts should be making deliveries during the following week. If you have not yet paid, Scouts can accept cash or checks made payable to "Troop 23".

Please join us for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Sunday, November 30, starting at 5 pm. Christmas Carols will be sung and refreshments served!

If you need more information, please contact us at [StraffordTroop23@gmail.com](mailto:StraffordTroop23@gmail.com), and someone will get back to you right away. Please watch this space each month for updates on Troop activities, and thank you for supporting Scouting in Strafford!

### CBNA HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair is to be held at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm. Crafts from all over New England will be represented along with an amazing Cookie Walk and huge raffle. Start your Christmas shopping early!



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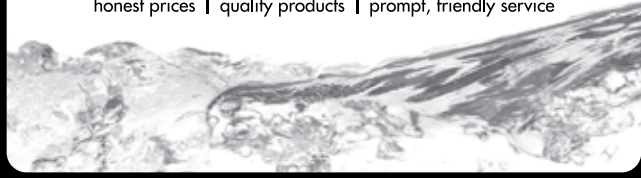
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**BOW LAKE COMMUNITY CLUB  
FOR THE BOW LAKE GRANGE HALL**

The Winners Are! The Bow Lake Grange Hall. What a wonderful turn out at the Chili & Chowder Challenge last month. Friends and family enjoyed a tasty feast. The first place chowder winners were Karen & Julio's Diner, and second place went to Bill Trotter. The first ever first place tie in Chili was broken by the toss of a coin with first place going to Bev Nemetz and second to Cindy Lavigne. Congrats to all the cooks for a job well dishd out! As ever, we have the Boys Scouts to thank for their wonderful assistance at the C&C Challenge. The young gentlemen were more than just "gophers". They helped to set up the hall, direct people throughout the building, and to clean up. Their very presence in uniform was proudly displayed as they are a tremendous asset. Save the date for next year as it is an Anniversary year of the Challenge.

This month we look forward to the annual voting luncheon. A new Executive Board will be voted in for next year, and we begin to plan on a list of projects and events. By Spring the new balusters on the stairs and the ramps will match. Midwinter we plan on refinishing the upstairs hall floors. We are also thinking of sprucing up the kitchen with new paint and countertops. The Lakeside Players are planning a Spring dinner theatre and a Fall show. The plan for the summer show is to revive the Little Lakeside Players. Stay tuned.

To round out this year, we still have *Christmas in Strafford*. Remember to visit the Grange Hall for lunch and the many crafters in the Hall.

Thankful for the warm, friendly community of Strafford we call home. Happy Thanksgiving. For an affordable event rental, call Sherry at 664-2487 for more information.

**EVENTS AT THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Third Baptist Church will host a Coffee House on Saturday, November 1, at 6:30 pm. This is a free event. Please join us for coffee, tea, punch and finger foods while enjoying music, poetry, skits and fellowship.

On Wednesday, November 26, at 7 pm, please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service. For more information, please call Pastor Muzzey at 664-7750.



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## CONSERVATION NOTES

The Strafford Conservation Commission has a busy fall this year. We are trying to keep up with our new conservation lands and the Town Forest. Right now our efforts are focused on the Town Forest. The lower portion that you can see from Parker Mountain Road (Route 126) near the Town Forest Marker is in danger of being over taken by Norway Maple. That maple, as you may know, is considered invasive. It may look pretty, but it is very prolific and tends to take over an area to the detriment of all the other native species. The dark red maples that people loved to plant on their lawns are Norway maples. We just find it hard to tell how fast they are spreading because their offspring revert to saplings with green leaves.

A group of Commissioners met one Sunday to pull all of the saplings at the Town Forest, but soon gave up figuring that our arms and backs would give out before we made very much progress with clearing the patch. We need to come up with a better plan. The problem is that the mother tree (the one that is spreading all the seeds) is not on Town Forest land.

Norway Maple is not the only invasive in this section of the forest. Burning bush is present and has been the subject of a "pull" led by our Town Forester, Charlie Moreno. Burning bush can be readily seen at this time of year because of its pinkish-red leaves that everyone loves. But, as with the Norway Maple, it spreads with vigor blocking out our natural plants. Birds eat the berries and deposit the seeds far and wide. This would normally be a good thing, but the berries are not as nutritious for our birds as the berries of local plants. It is like eating at a fried food joint vs. the health food store.

Other projects at the Town Forest are fun ones. Since the new forest access road was put in, we have needed a connecting link to the lower section of the Neil Mooers Trail. This trail starts at the lower field mentioned above and can connect to a link taking hikers to the top of the Mountain or continue to a parking lot half way up Route 126. Commissioners will meet to cut and mark this new section.

Continuing the work of Eagle Scout Matt Dustin, the Commissioners and any interested folks can join the biennial walk up the Spencer Smith Trail to clean the leaves out of the water bars. Water bars are those little ditches or logs put across a trail to take flowing rain water off to the side to prevent it from eroding the Trail. As many of you know, the Spencer Smith Trail was badly eroded when Matt stepped in to help rectify the situation. Now that the trail is in better condition, we need to keep it that way. This Trail gets a lot of use. Most any day that you pass by, there are cars in the parking area. So we know that there are a lot of hikers out there; and if any of you are interested in helping with this (or other trail projects), please let one of the Commissioners know.

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## LIBRARY LINES

The Hill Library Board of Trustees regretfully accepted Ken Berry's letter of resignation as Director as of October 16, 2014. Though we were looking forward to having Ken for two more years as Reference Librarian/Historian, he has decided to focus his talents and energies on the Strafford Historical Society. Larisa Molloy will be helping out as Acting Director until a new Director is hired. We will be honoring Ken at a later date. Watch here for details. The Hill Library has posted an opening for Director in <http://nhlibraryjobline.blogspot.com/>.

Next Trustee Meeting is Wednesday, November 5, at 6 pm at Hill Library, and we look for input on Library hours, staffing, and finances. If you need transportation, call 664 2800.

November Preschool Story Time hours are every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Come join Marisa for some fun books and a craft. We hope to see you there.

All Hill Library events are free and open to the public. Come in for these November events: Cartoon & Drawing Club November 4 & 18 from 5-7 pm; Book Club Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 pm; and Sew & Chat Sunday, November 23, at 2 pm.



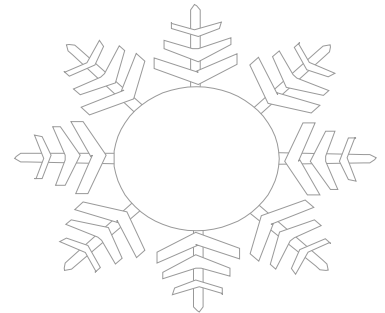
## STRAFFORD SWAMP STOMPERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Our "Pre-Season" season is well under way. Already under our belts are bridge repairs, upgraded information sign and tree trimming at our Park & Ride off Rte. 202A, plus our normal trail work routines. We still have several months of work ahead to prepare our trails for safe sledding.

We meet every Sunday morning at the Bow Lake Grange Hall at 9 am. Can't do Sundays? Contact Shawn Barry at 969-4705 to discuss alternative work parties.

Coming up on December 6, the Swamp Stompers will be camped out at the Bow Lake Grange Hall for the annual *Christmas in Strafford*. We'll have great raffle prizes, Club merchandise, and NHSA Super Raffle tickets for a 2015 Arctic Cat snowmobile.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, from 7 to 9 pm at Nippo Lake Golf Club. Hope to see you there. See you on the trails and...THINK SNOW!!!



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Thanks for a great summer! So many people loved the new Bow Lake Map T. That T could be a sweatshirt!!!! So if I have 36 orders, you can have it by Christmas!

Check out the new art available at the store. Eric's Deli rocks! The food is great, and he has some unusual items—all delicious! Also the beer selection is great. Ice cold beer and something from the deli makes a great combo!!



## STRAFFORD WOMEN'S CLUB

"We count our blessings one by one whatever the time of year, and yet, it seems we count them more when autumn days are here." The beauty of October's gifts of fervent colors of gold, flame and green now rustle and swirl below what once was a canopy of nature's own design. As we enter the time before winter comes a callin', we leave behind the memory of our special, always delicious *Annual Family Pasta Supper* for yet another year. We now look forward to sharing some cookie plates containing a variety of some of the bounty of our collective *Annual Cookie Swap* with several people who are homebound. We will gather for our November 24 meeting at 1:30 pm in the Idlepines Room of the Bow Lake Church. Remember your cookies to share, to swap, and to nibble (and an empty container to fill). If you are not a member, but can almost smell the aroma of freshly baked cookies and would like to share in the fun, consider yourself invited! Beverages will be provided.

Look for information for our ever popular sponsorship of the annual *Coe-Brown Concert* in next month's *Calendar*. In the meantime, mark your own calendar to visit the Women's Club table in the Community Room of the Bow Lake Grange Hall on Saturday, December 6, during the *Christmas in Strafford* event. Come and see what we have to offer and support our scholarships at the same time with your purchase! We will look forward to seeing you. The Club wishes a warm and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## NORTHWOOD MEMORY CAFÉ

The Northwood Memory Café meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 am to 12 noon at Ma's & Mine Restaurant, 188 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood (just west of Hannaford supermarket). Memory Cafés are grass roots gatherings where people with questions about memory issues can share information or just laugh about their own observations. Join us on November 19. For more information, call Lucy Silva at 603-942-9848. Contact person: Lucy Silva P. O. Box 170, Northwood, NH 03261.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Bow Lake Church continues to extend an invitation to all community women to come together for a once-a-month pot luck breakfast. This gathering is designed for women of all ages to enjoy the fellowship of one another as well as giving the opportunity, through the easy channel of food, to become better acquainted. There is no charge, no homework, no deadline and no lists, but we do ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. Each breakfast features a new (and brief) speaker. Breakfast begins at 9 am on the first Saturday of every month in the Idlepines Room of the Church. Place settings and beverages are provided. Welcome! Come and enjoy.

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## STRAFFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The Strafford School Board has begun contract negotiations with the Strafford Educators Association. The current contract runs through this year. Holding open negotiations was discussed at our opening meeting but was not agreed upon by both parties. Therefore, negotiations will be held in confidential meetings, and only information released by both parties will be publicly available. Once an agreement is achieved, the contract will go before the Town for approval. Anyone interested in reviewing the current contract and health benefits may download the files from the School website under the School Board section.

Also, a new budget year is just beginning. The Board will begin the line-by-line budget process starting with our first November meeting. We strive to complete this in December to get ready for the Town Budget Hearing in January/February.

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### NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Online Vehicle Renewals & Dog Licensing—You can renew your vehicle registrations and license your dogs with the Strafford Town Clerk online. Just follow the instructions on the renewal letters we send OR go to [www.strafford.nh.gov](http://www.strafford.nh.gov) (our Town website) and locate the red “online payments” button on the home page. The Strafford Town Clerk will process your online renewals and mail your registrations/licenses to you. It’s easy and convenient. ONLY renewals can be processed online; 2015 dog renewals can be processed online beginning January 1, 2015; allow one week for processing; all new vehicles, vehicle transfers, and new dogs must continue to be processed in person at the Town Clerk’s office; we continue to offer renewal services by mail or in person at the Town Clerk’s office.

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days: Tuesday, November 4, 2014—General Election Day (Election Business only); Tuesday, November 11, 2014—Veterans Day; Thursday, November 27, 2014—Thanksgiving Day; Wednesday/Thursday, December 24/25, 2014— Christmas Holiday; Thursday, January 1, 2015—New Year’s Day; Monday, January 19, 2015—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Town Hall will close at noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

The State General Election will be held at the Strafford Town Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The polls will be

open for voting from 8 am to 7 pm.

Voter Registration for General Election and Supervisors of the Checklist Session—If you have not registered to vote by October 25 and wish to vote at the General Election, you may register at the polling place on Election Day, November 4.

For further information or questions, please contact Diane Waldron, Strafford Town Clerk, 664-2192 ext. 102. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!



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## STRAFFORD FIRE & RESCUE NEWS

Strafford Fire & Rescue would like to thank everyone who came out and enjoyed the prime rib dinner on October 4. We had another great year, and the Town's support was greatly appreciated. Thank you again.

Fire Prevention Week—The Strafford Fire Rescue would like to thank the students and teachers of Strafford School for participating in this year's Fire Prevention Week. The firefighters spent Fire Prevention Week at the Strafford School educating the students on fire safety and prevention. The K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade learned not to be afraid of firemen and policemen as we are here to help them; always having two ways out; and changing batteries in the smoke detectors twice a year in line with the spring/fall time change. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes learned how to use fire extinguishers and all about fire safety. Any questions regarding fire safety, please contact Chief Scott Whitehouse at the Bow Lake Station, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm or 664-6863.

Fall/Winter Safety Tips—Leaves are changing, and fall will soon be behind us. Please take the time now to change out your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. This simple task may save the lives of your family or loved ones. Act now to prevent a chimney fire this winter—take the time to have your chimneys checked and cleaned.

Hunters Breakfast sponsored by the Strafford Firefighter's Association—Before you head out for the big hunt, stop in at the Bow Lake Fire Station on November 15 from 6 to 10 am and enjoy a hearty Hunters Breakfast. You don't have to be a hunter to enjoy this breakfast; everyone is welcome. Cost—Adults \$6; Children 12 and under \$3. The firefighters will be serving steak and eggs, potatoes, pancakes and sausage, coffee, juice, and milk.

Fire Explorer Post #603—Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a firefighter? Well now you can! The Strafford Fire Explorer Post is an opportunity for young men and women ages 14-18 that have completed the eighth grade to learn about fire and emergency medical services. Explorers have the unique opportunity to participate in fire-related activities such as trainings, fire meetings, fundraisers, parades, etc., all while serving their community. For more information parents can contact Chief Scott Whitehouse at the Bow Lake Station, Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm or 664-6863; or stop by any Monday night between 7 and 9pm at the Bow Lake Station.

Toys for Tots Drive—Members of Strafford Fire & Rescue and Fire Explorer Post #603 will be organizing their first annual Toys for Tots drive in December at the Bow Lake Station. Stay tuned for more details.

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**READY RIDES**



On Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 7 pm, we will be presenting an evening of entertainment called The Ready Rides Road Show at the Community Church of Durham, 17 Main Street, Durham, NH. The

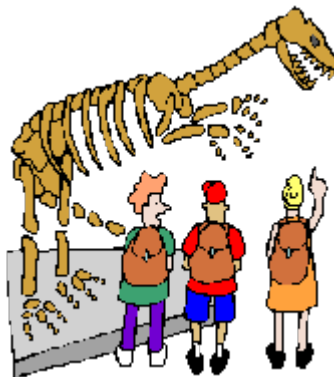
evening will feature humorists Rebecca Rule, pianist Bob Chadbourn, and Grammy winning guitarist Ed Gerhard; and local comedienne Denise Gordon (Madamehaha) will be the unceremonious MC. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$12.00 each; children 12 and under are \$6.00—available from Ready Rides board members or by calling our coordinator at 244-8719.

To bring you up to date on Ready Rides' progress, since February 2013, fifty volunteer drivers have provided 550 free rides to people in our eight towns of Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham, and Strafford for seniors and the disabled to medical related appointments. Ready Rides is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information about our program, visit our website: readyrides.org. Our mailing address is Ready Rides at P.O. Box 272, Northwood, NH 03261. We hope to see you on November 15 at The Ready Rides Road Show.

**MUSEUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

The Strafford Library Association (Hill Library's "friends group") offers a \$500.00 per calendar year fund for reimbursement on admission fees to any museum in New England. A family can request up to \$25.00 per visit per year (amount not to exceed the actual admission fees). All you need to do following a visit to a museum is fill out a reimbursement request form (which will include the patron's library card number) and submit it at the circulation desk in the Library, together with the receipt from your visit which shows the full cost, number of attendees, and the date. Requests made after the \$500 fund is depleted will not be processed. The required form will be available at Hill Library or can be downloaded from the Library's

website—www.strafflib.org. There are hundreds of museums throughout New England. Visit the following websites for more information: <http://www.museumlink.com>; <http://visitnewengland.com>; or [HistoricNewEngland.org](http://HistoricNewEngland.org).



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# Contacts

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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 Police Non-Emergency..... 664-5644  
 Police Business Line ..... 664-7462  
 Dog Officer..... 664-5644  
 Poison Control..... 1-800-562-8236  
 All Emergencies.....911  
 Fire Department Business Line ..... 664-2915

Town Hall..... 664-2192

### Town Clerk's Hours (Ext. 102):

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday..... 8:30–2:00  
 Tuesday..... 1:00–7:00

### Tax Collector's Hours (Ext. 103):

Monday & Wednesday..... 8:30–2:00  
 Tuesday..... 1:00–6:00

### Town Office/Selectmen's Hours (Ext. 110 or 101):

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday .....9:00–noon

### Building Inspector's Hours (Ext. 104 or by appointment):

Tuesday..... 4:00–7:00

### Planning & Zoning (Ext. 105)

### Assessor (Ext. 107)

### Hill Library..... 664-2800

Monday..... 2:00–6:00  
 Tuesday..... Noon–8:00  
 Wednesday..... 10:00–Noon & 2:00–8:00  
 Thursday..... 2:00–8:00  
 Saturday..... 10:00–2:00

### Recycling Center Year-Round Hours:

Wednesday..... 4:00 p.m.–7:00 pm  
 Saturday & Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### Strafford Post Office..... 664-2118

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### Monday–Friday:

Retail Service ..... 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Lobby & Post Office Box Access ..... 6:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday:

Retail Service ..... 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
 Lobby & Post Office Box Access ..... 6:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Bow Lake Baptist Church** ..... 664-7401  
 530 Province Road, Strafford, NH www.blfwbc.org  
 Worship Service (Child Care Available)..... 10:00 a.m.

**3rd Baptist Church of Ctr. Strafford**..... 664-7750  
 Sunday Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

**Crown Point Baptist Church**..... 509-2224  
 274 First Crown Point Rd.  
 Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**..... 942-8716  
 Rte. 4, Northwood  
 Sunday Mass..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Saturday Mass..... 6:00 p.m.

**Northwood Congregational Church U.C.C.** ..... 942-7116  
 881 First NH Turnpike (Rte. 4), Northwood, NH 03261  
 Sunday Service..... 9:00 a.m.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** ..... 435-7908  
 50 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 www.ststephenspittsfieldnh.org  
 Sunday Service..... 9:30 a.m.

**New Hope Church**..... 285-3533  
 34 Raymond Rd. (Rte. 152), Nottingham, NH 03290  
 www.new-hopechurch.com  
 Sunday Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Nottingham Community Universalist Church** ..... 679-8400  
 106 Church St. (Rt. 156 & Church St.), Nottingham, NH 03290  
 www.nc\_uc@yahoo.com  
 Sunday Service..... 10:00 a.m.

**St. George's Episcopal Church** ..... 868-2785  
 One Park Court at 14 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824  
 www.stgeorgesdurham.org  
 Sunday Services..... 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**Northwood Advent Christian Church**..... 834-0863  
 113 School St, Northwood, NH  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**The Christian Cupboard and USDA emergency food distribution site at the Christian Center continues to serve the Town of Strafford. Persons needing food are invited to come to the Center on Thursdays between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. for confidential emergency food distribution.**

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# Calendar of Events

# November 2014

1	Sat	9:00 am	Scouting for Food bag drop off.
		9am-2pm	Women's Breakfast in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Baptist Church.
		6:30 pm	Annual Holiday Craft Fair in the Gerrish Gym at Coe-Brown Northwood Academy.
			Coffee House at Third Baptist Church; see article.
			<i>Daylight Saving Time ends; fall back!</i>
2	Sun		See <i>Contacts</i> page for local religious services.
3	Mon	5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Interfaith Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Northwood (every Monday)
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Business Meeting.
		7:00 pm	Conservation Commission meeting at Town Hall.
4	Tues	8am-7pm	VOTE; Town Hall open for election business only.
		5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library.
		6:15 pm	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Police Station (every Tuesday).
5	Wed	10:30 am	Story Time at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> (every Wednesday).
		5-6:30 pm	Free Dinner at Community Kitchen, Christian Center, Third Baptist Church (every Wednesday).
		6:00 pm	Library Trustees meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department EMS Training.
6	Thur	8-10 am	Food Pantry at Christian Center (every Thursday).
		7:30 pm	Planning Board meeting at Town Hall.
7	Fri	11:00 am	Lamplighter Homeschool Theatre presents Sherlock Holmes; see article.
		7:00 pm	Lamplighter Homeschool Theatre presents Sherlock Holmes; see article.
		7:30 pm	AA meeting in Idlepines Room, Bow Lake Church (every Friday).
8	Sat		Scouting for Food bag pick up.
		4:30-6:30pm	Turkey Supper at First Crown Point Church; see article.
		6:00 pm	Lamplighter Homeschool Theatre presents Sherlock Holmes; see article.
10	Mon		No School; teacher workshop.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Training.
11	Tues		<b>VETERANS DAY.</b> Town Hall, School, Library closed.
		6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
12	Wed	6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
13	Thur	7-9 pm	Strafford Swamp Stompers Snowmobile Club meeting at Nippo Lake Golf Club.
15	Sat		<b>DEADLINE</b> for December <i>Strafford Community Calendar</i> .
		6-10 am	Hunters Breakfast by Strafford Fire Fighters Association at Bow Lake Station; see article.
		7:00 pm	Ready Rides Road Show in Durham; see article.
17	Mon	7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:30 pm	Fire Department Officers Meeting.
18	Tues	5-7 pm	Cartoon & Drawing Club meeting at Hill Library.
		7:00 pm	Strafford Historical Society at Waldron Store; historical program with Maggie Stier and meeting.
19	Wed	10:30a-noon	Memory Café; see article.
20	Thur	6:30 pm	Book Club meeting at Hill Library; see <i>Library Lines</i> .
22	Sat	9am-2pm	Holly Fair at St. Stephen's Church, 50 Main Street, Pittsfield; see article.
23	Sun	2:00 pm	Sew & Chat at Hill Library.
24	Mon	1:30 pm	Strafford Women's Club Cookie Party; see article.
		7:00 pm	Fire Department Work Session at respective stations.
		7:00 pm	SAU 44 meeting in Northwood.
25	Tues	6:00 pm	Selectmen meeting at Town Hall.
26	Wed		No School—Thanksgiving recess November 26 through 28.
		6:00 pm	School Board meeting in Strafford School Library.
27	Thur		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>
30	Sun	5:00 pm	Christmas Tree Lighting at Bow Lake Grange Hall with BSA Troop 23; see article.

