

God Stuff Happening In Our Churches – July 2015

CHURCH NEWS

- **The First Baptist Church of Hanover (Etna)** held a retirement party for **Rev. Ted Brayman** and his wife **Barbara** on May 31, following the worship service as they celebrated his 37 years of ministry to the church. Ted and Barbara have retired to Enfield, NH.
- **The First Baptist Church of Belmont** held a retirement party for **Rev. James Smith** and his wife **Lucy** on June 6 as they celebrated his 12 years of ministry to the church.
- **Rev. Ivy Merrill** has been called as the settled pastor of **Christ's Church of Saxtons River, VT**. She was installed on June 14.
- **Pastor Joshua Steely** has resigned as pastor of **United Church of Colchester** effective the end of June.
- **Rev. Betsy Webber**, pastor of the **Community Church of Milton**, has announced her retirement, effective September 15, 2015.
- Congratulations to **Mr. Dan Ward**, pastor of **Holderness Community Church**. The Lakes Association held an ordination council for Dan on May 19. By unanimous vote, the council voted to confirm his readiness for ordination. Dan's ordination service will be held on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m.
- **First Baptist Church of Lyme** has voted to locally ordain their pastor, **Mr. Lloyd Wiley**. Lloyd will be ordained on June 28.
- **Campton Baptist Church** has been voted in as a member of the Lakes Association. The church was a member of the Green and White Mountain Association.
- **Susan Nop** and **Matthew Dickerson** of Memorial Baptist Church in Middlebury, are proceeding with plans to record their next album of original music in Nashville the last full week of June. Dutton and Kathleen Smith will join them for part of that time to give a Zephyr feel to some of the songs on that album. They hope and expect to record a mix of some folk/Americana songs that they perform with Zephyr as well as some songs they have written for worship. Susan and Matthew performed at the ABC/VNH Annual Gathering this year.
- Congratulations to **Janice Cudney**, a member of and parish nurse for **First Baptist Church, New London**. At Colby-Sawyer College on May 13 for the 16th annual "Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon" honoring local women and organizations for exceptional service to the community, Cudney was presented with the 2015 "*Woman Who Makes a Difference Award*." She was recognized for extraordinary service in countless ways, particularly in support of the health and wellness of the local community.