

## God Stuff Happening In Our Churches – December 2015

### MISSIONS

- **First Baptist Church, Nashua, NH**, held their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans' Day Free Luncheon on November 11 to honor those who have served in the military.
- **West Swanzey Community Church** also held a community luncheon following the town's Veterans' Day ceremony.
- **Newmarket Community Church** is opening its church doors on Monday nights to Phoenix Family Focus, a local organization that aims to enhance unity, quality of life, and positive and supportive environments, primarily for families in the seacoast area, by offering a wide variety of inclusive recreation, education, charitable, and community activities.

NCC is also proud to be hosting the Buzz Squad, which is a weekly talk forum for young people ages 10 and up. Activities include discussion, film and video creation, role playing, art activities and summer pool parties. This program is peer led and peer researched with a qualified staff to facilitate.

- **United Church of Hardwick** has begun a new outreach project: Blessing Bags. Gallon bags are filled with a variety of toiletries, a pair of socks and a snack bar. They are available to be handed out to people in the community who come to the church for assistance.

### CHURCH NEWS

- **First Baptist Church, Bennington, VT**, has called Mr. Robert Wieggers as their new pastor. He will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

- On Sunday, November 1, **First Baptist Church, Bellows Falls, VT** celebrated a "Service of Remembrance" in which the congregation recalled their love for the "saints" in their own lives. This special service coincided with what has traditionally been All Saints Day. Tables were set up in the front of the sanctuary for pictures and/or memorabilia. Another table had candles lit during the service. Adults and children took part in this experience. Special music was selected just for the day. Afterwards, several adults and children participated in planting red tulip bulbs



in the church flower garden for spring (picture at right). The tulips were given out around town by the Greater Falls Connection as a community project to increase togetherness and awareness in the community of Rockingham.



On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 children were dedicated. The congregation sang an adapted song that included all the children's names.

- On October 11, **United Church of Hinesburg** welcomed 7 new members into their congregation: Alexandra Jump, Anne Zadig, Kate Shubart, Sheri & Brian Hanlon, and Mary & JP Hong.