

THE CROSS ROAD



From the Pastor:

The Women from Snowy River

I remember her as the women from Snowy River. It was a place of dreams more than reality. Perhaps she lived next door to the Walton's; or maybe she had a room in my heart, and I only thought I knew her. You may know her? She lived in an era when the "Katzenjammer Kids" was the first American comic strip. H.G. Wells wrote the "Invisible Man," and artificial light was just beginning to be used to develop pictures. Yet, her world was never anything artificial. She and her family worked the farm, and she knew what it meant to work not just hard, but very hard. Day in and day out, year in and year out, she and her husband planted the garden, milked the cows, repaired the fences, and did the thousand and one things needed. Doing the best they could, standing shoulder to shoulder, they raised their family. She remembered her boys building forts on the hillside of the farm. Their mischief which seemed so

important for her to discipline at the time now created memories that brought a smile to her heart. Even though her life had been difficult, she never lost the twinkle in her eye. Her husband saw it, and loved her for it. No matter if she was cooking on the wood stove, or canning vegetables for her family; she kept a song in her heart whose words were spoken through her eyes.

The farmhouse was set high on a brown hill. A windmill used to draw water towered over and next to the house. It was an ever present source of aggravation for her husband because it constantly needed repair. Inside the house, there was a wide pine wooden floor. A table and four chairs set in front of the fieldstone fireplace. Logs were stacked to the left of the fireplace. The mantle above the fireplace displayed a picture of grandfather in his Civil War uniform, some toy dolls from her sister, and a small white stone with her name upon it. Yes, this was life in Snowy River.

But now as she sat in her chair beside the fire; she rocked silently. Years before, her husband and one child died. Her other child moved to California. And yet; she was not by herself. The women from Snowy River knew that God was with her. God was always with her: in her darkest nights, and happiest of days. This assurance of God's presence was causing her to experience God in a deeper and more intimate way than she had ever felt. She breathed in God with new eyes: her rock, fortress,

deliverer, and above all as her friend.

We too face challenges, changes, and trials in our life. We too have memories and ideas. We too work hard and stand together. We too seek God's presence. While seeking, we discover that there is a future. The women from Snowy River; perhaps there is some of her in all of us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Gary

The next Deacon's Meeting is June 10 at 9:00 A.M. Please speak with any Deacon prior to their meeting if you have any questions or concerns.

The Christian Education Committee will meet after service on May 27.

Thank you to Patrick Seward on piano and Mark Fournier on guitar for providing us with worship music!

On Tuesday, May 15 the Region office will be moving! Our new address will be: 93 South Main Street, Suite 201, West Lebanon NH 03784.

We will have a new phone and fax number, but won't know those until the install is done next week. You will be able to continue to use the old phone number through the transition time and as soon as we know the new one, we will share that information.

We're excited about our new space and welcome guests! It'll be a much easier access from Rt. 89 and Rt. 91.

Please keep our moving crew in your prayers that it will all go safely and easily

The Bible study has ended for the summer and will begin again in the fall.

The Men's lunch will continue meeting during the summer on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 P.M. June 19, July 17, and August 21, 2018



Do you know what this picture is?

Do you know?

According to Acts, the disciples were filled with _____ ,

and began to speak in other
_____?

What Prophet did Peter quote?
_____.

Red, White, and Bloom

Saturday, May 26, 2018

From 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Plant and Bake Sale is sponsored by the Mission Committee.

Please help by donating a plant and/or baking a treat. The money raised will support FFWBC mission's effort in the Sutton Community, and promote fellowship.

Please bring plants beginning Monday, May 21 and baked items on Friday, May 25 or Saturday, May 26.

Contact Jenny, Sarah, or Norma.

Thank you to all those who made our Mother's day so special!!

Pentecost Sunday May 20



Happy Birthday FFWBC

