Augustine of  Hippo, 5th century
"Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book, the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! Note it. Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead God set before your eyes the things that God had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

**Save the Date:**

* **August 14, 5:30 to 7 Community Supper AND Music at the Gazebo at 7:07 pm til about 8:30.**  Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and bug spray—just in case. Spread the word as this event if for the whole community.
* **August 17, Sunday 10 am Outdoor Worship Service**  Brookline and Mason outdoor church service, with lots of music and merry worship, and a pot luck lunch-coffee/lemonade hour afterwards.
* **Church Yard Sale in September during Old Home Day 2014**. Do some closet/garage cleaning this summer and help out this fund raiser, and fun raiser. Some items can be stored at church. Call Betty at 878-2374 to discuss. Give books to the library for their sale, and remember that electronics should go to recycling, not the yard sale, thank you.

**Search Committee News:** The brochure and recruitment ad are on the NH United Church of Christ [www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org) website if you want to see them. We are receiving profiles from interested ministers, and will be reviewing these over the summer.

**Keep your fingers busy over the summer---Knitters**: Want to knit a prayer shawl? There is yarn at church for the knitting, and the pattern for shawls to wrap friends and loved ones with prayer & love. Prayer Shawls are not only a gift of love, the power comes in the knitting, see website: <http://www.shawlministry.com/instructions.html>

“The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart…” Blessings, *Janet and Vicky*  Email or call Susan Suokko if you have any questions. Usercat2@comcast.net or 941-920-0270 If you know of someone needing a prayer shawl, call Linda Lannin at 878-2470.

**Mason Church Community Garden:** The “Garden of Grace” has been planted and anyone is welcome to help weed, or pick. Produce can go to church members, someone in need, or the food bank.

**Mason Church Committee Members—A great big thank you from everyone.** This church family is effective because of the many generous members who give of their time, talents, and support of many kinds. Thank you!

**Make a note:**

* Arthur Rafter is doing well these days, and may need rides. Check with him.
* Curt has been in and out of the hospital, with Karin’s persistent care both at home and in hospital.
* Prayers for Gretchen as she continues to heal, and thanks to the many helping hands of church family and friends.
* Cindy Tibbetts remains in our prayers as she continues to have challenges, and still not able to drive. Not driving if living in Mason, is always a big deal!
* **Thank you to all the food elves who are helping keep the food bin full. Remember to buy extra cereal, peanut butter, and canned fruits to help fill hungry bellies.**
* **Help keep the coffee in our coffee hour…**  We use fair trade coffee, and support our coffee hour by selling coffee to you for your home use. Mason Church RUNS on FAIR TRADE coffee! Please contact Mark Stroms, 603 305-0023.
* We miss Laila at Sunday services but she is always in our thoughts. Send mail to Laila Washburn, c/o Brett Kivela, 7 Will Road, New Ipswich 03071. Visitors are welcome, it would be good to call first. 878-3065
* Do you know someone who needs spiritual support or other support, of the pastor and deacons? Please call, your church family may be able to help. Leave a confidential message at 603-878-1684

Any news items, comments, or things you would like to share: email Michelle at miscott39@gmail.com or call 878-1680