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Don't know what
this is supposed to
be, but I wouldn't
eat it if I were
you.

These look like Hallowe'en
candy corn, but we didn't
draw them. Whaddya want
for free clip art?



Need we say more? Bring a chair, enjoy good food, good music, and good company — all starting at 5:30 on Saturday. Just \$10 for everyone, cash or Venmo; kids 5 and under eat free. (We check ID's for "four-year-olds" who are more than 5 feet tall!)

The Date Book

Saturday, August 22, 5:30 p.m., Chautauqua steps.....Chau-Nachos and Fluesy

Sunday, August 23, 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal

10:30 a.m.....Worship service

Rev. Travis Bonnette-Kim, preacher

NOTICE: Because Labor Day is late this year, the final issue of the **Highlights** will be next week, August 28. If you have news items for the week before Labor Day, please get them to us by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 26.**

— Your Ever-Faithful Editors

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Around and About

Visiting the Sheppards this week were Joe's brother Dan, sons Chris and Jon, Dearie the Shih Tzu, and an old friend, Chérie Glasse, who stopped by briefly. Dearie, ever trusting, allowed herself to be outsmarted by Goose, Alix and Ethan's hefty kitty. Goose spent five full minutes rolling on his back, prancing around, looking seductive, until Dearie finally approached for a sniff — at which point Goose sucker-punched her, ending their relationship.

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Happy 60th birthday, Will! I hope it's the best year yet.

—*Dannielle*

Library/Thrift Shop

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Thrift Shop either by donating goods or by shopping. So far, the Thrift Shop has made more than \$1000 for Hedding. As the summer is winding down, no more donations are being accepted for this year. The dollar-a-bag sale will begin on Saturday, August 22, and will continue until the Thrift Shop closes around August 31. I plan to pack it up during the first week of September starting on Monday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m., and welcome anyone who would like to help.

Also, if you owe any money, please come down and pay your tab this week. Please also come down to check if you owe anything, as I think some people make out a tab and then forget that they have done so.

Enjoy the rest of your summer at beautiful Hedding and we will see you next year, God willing.

—Liz Kenney

Chautauqua

We hope to see everyone on Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Chautauqua porch for the fabulous Fluesy. You can enjoy delicious Chau-Nachos while listening to some great music. Bring a chair and your appetite! The cost is \$10.00; 5 and under free. Cash, check or Venmo will be accepted.

Plans are underway for a Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, August 29. Dig out your crock pot and your favorite chili recipe and enter the contest. More details are coming!

The **Calendar Planning Committee** will be meeting on **Monday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Studio.

—*Donna Crowell, Secretary*

H.A.A. News

We had an incredible turnout for our Hedding Open this past Saturday, with 58 golfers attending. Many family and friends from off grounds were in attendance, which made the day even more special. Bob Moore was our tournament champion with a low score of 73. Laura Fuller took the women's title and won the putting contest. Congrats to you both!

A big thank you to all the participants in our best side dish championship. We had 20 entries — and they were delicious! It was a close race between sweet and sour meat balls and Mexican street corn, but Chrissy Copeland's meatballs took the crown this year. Here's the recipe:

Auntie Marg's Family Favorite Sweet and Sour Meatballs Recipe

1. Bag of Frozen Precooked Italian Meatballs
2. Red Currant Jelly
3. Ketchup

(Usually ratio of 1 part red currant jelly to 2 parts ketchup. Stir to taste.)

Put the three ingredients in the crockpot or in a pot on the stove. Low-medium heat for an hour, stirring occasionally.

The HAA annual meeting will be held next weekend, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. The horseshoe and shuffleboard tournament will immediately follow the meeting, at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you all there!

New HAA members:

Sponsors:

Mike and Cheryl McGovern
Jodi and John Montalbano
Shirley Walker
Bev Walker
Brenda Zimmerman

Cottages:

James and Nancy Bergeron
Mickey and Alan Fournier

Individuals:

Christina Copeland
George Fisher
Charla Fisher

Religious LifeLines

Our speaker this Sunday is Rev. Travis Bonnette-Kim of the First United Methodist Church in Melrose, Mass. Last Sunday's preacher was Rev. Rob Lauter of Christ Community Church in Weare, N.H. Greeters were Bill and Elaine Stilwell. Flowers were given in loving memory of Don Woodward from Jackie Woodward, in loving memory of Larry and Helen Fuller and Bob and Joan Crowell by the Crowell and Fuller families, in memory of loved ones by Mary Jane Anderson, and in memory of loved ones by Bill and Elaine Stilwell.

The Religious Life Committee will be having one more meeting before the season ends. We will be meeting on Saturday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Studio. Please stop by to share some of your concerns or ideas for the next season. All are welcome!

— Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary
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Good news for Hedding

Regarding this all-powerful, all-knowing Christian God who is love: Why doesn't He do something about all the evil and suffering in our world? Why doesn't He just put a stop to the suffering including that resulting from natural disasters? Why does He not just end all the wars, surely He has the power to do it.

Yes, he does, and certainly could!

Our Creator's plan is not ours. He created us not as robots but with free will. He made us for fellowship with himself, but we, through our sin, broken fellowship with Him. As it is written in Romans 3:12, "all have turned away from God; all have gone wrong." But God in his infinite love and mercy has made a way for us to be restored to the fellowship we originally shared with him. It says in Romans 3:22.

"We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins, and we can all be saved in this same way no matter who we are or what we have done."

We have God's promise of a glorious future, as written in Revelation 21:3 & 4: "I heard a loud shout from the throne saying, 'Look, the home of God is now among his people, he will live with them and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will remove all their sorrows, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain for the old world and its evils are gone forever.'" Yes!

— In Christ's love, Will Kenney
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Booster Fund donations this week:

Jim Roth

Martha Lee and Kevin Lowe

Sally and Dan Kibbe

Sherry and Bob Lauter

See you at the back of the church!

— Jenni

Editor's note: We welcome the following contribution from Deb Clinton, and hope that she will make this an "occasional series," as she suggests.

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Methodist Tradition and Thought: The Bible

First in an occasional series for the Hedding community

So we're a Methodist campground. What does that mean? I'll leave it to others to talk about how Hedding ended up in the Methodist fold, but since we're here, it might be good if we all had some understanding of where Methodists stand on various issues.

Do Methodists read the Bible literally, or not?

The honest answer: it's more interesting than either option.

John Wesley taught that we come to understand Scripture through four things working together: Scripture itself, tradition, reason, and experience — often called the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Scripture is always primary. But Wesley recognized that no one reads the Bible in a vacuum; we read it through translations (which involve real interpretive choices), church tradition, reason, and lived experience of God at work. Even the most committed "plain reading" depends on a translation someone chose and a canon the church assembled over centuries. Naming that process honestly, Methodists argue, is more faithful than pretending it isn't happening.

Sometimes called "trajectory" reading, this approach shows up in the Bible itself. Jesus repeatedly says, "You have heard it said... but I say to you." In Acts 15, the early church set aside explicit scriptural commands about circumcision and dietary law based on what it saw God doing among the Gentiles. That's not disregard for Scripture; rather, it's taking seriously where Scripture, read as a whole, was leading. This is the same reasoning that eventually led Methodists to oppose slavery and ordain women, against those who cited the Bible's "plain sense" for the opposite conclusion.

Two centuries of biblical scholarship have shown real diversity within Scripture, with different authors, eras, and perspectives (there are, for instance, two distinct creation narratives at the start of Genesis). Methodist doctrine doesn't shy away from this. Our church's theological statement acknowledges genuine "tensions in interpretation" running through the Bible, while affirming that these many voices are woven together into one revelation, centered on Christ.

In short, a Methodist core belief is that God is speaking through all of it, together, and that reading it well takes Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience, all held in the same hand.

Next time: Methodists and grace

— Deborah Wells Clinton

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

Cause and Effect.

Mr. Elijah Fox, the owner of the cottage at 4 Spring Avenue for more than twenty years, died in 1919. His wife Eliza Fox bought a bungalow on Kenoza Avenue in Haverhill, Mass. overlooking the lake, to be used as a parsonage for the Southern District's superintendent. It was to be called the Fox Memorial.

The camp meeting came along, and in some spare moments a group of women gathered with the idea that they would like to furnish the new parsonage. A Ladies' Aid Society was formed to make it official. Forever after, including a name change to the Southern District Woman's Society of Christian Service, the annual meeting was held on the Wednesday of Camp Meeting Week.

It is barely a ghost of its former self, but Wednesday is Ladies' Day at Hedding.

Diane's Cottage Salon

Men, women and children

8 Cass Avenue

For appointment, call 617-365-2596

50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

This is what "Around and About" looked like on August 20, 1976. Your Editor was in the first year of his first stint at the Linotype machine — which, in those days, was a portable electric typewriter making stencils for a temperamental mimeograph machine (see last news item below).

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- AROUND AND ABOUT -

Remember that Hedding postcards are still available from the McKinleys--easiest way we can think of to spend a nickel!

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We are delighted to report that the Star-Spangled Minstrel Show netted the munificent sum of \$352.00. By vote of the cast, the money will be put in a special fund to build or restore the tennis courts at Hedding. (We suspect you'll be hearing more about this shortly.) Many thanks to all of you who came for your generous support. And be assured that the money you spent will benefit all of us!

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What are you doing on Saturday, August 28, around 6:30 in the evening? How about joining your friends and neighbors at the Community House for a pot-luck supper? The Trustees and their spouses, who are sponsoring the supper, will supply coffee and lemonade. The rest of the menu is being divided as follows:

If your last name begins with
A through M, bring a main dish--
enough for your family plus two.
N through Q: bring salads.
R through T: Rolls and butter.
U through Z: Desserts.

Hope to see you all there for an evening of fun and fellowship.

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A couple of reminders about the pool: please remember that any child under 12 must be watched by someone 18 or older. Also, anyone who is not an Intermediate Swimmer must stay within the ropes.

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We'd like to offer our special thanks to Jim Davidson for helping us out of a tough spot. The HIGHLIGHTS' mighty press broke down a couple of weeks ago, and Jim has not only taken it to be overhauled, but has kindly lent us a machine to use for the rest of the season. Many thanks, Jim.

--Ed.