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Greetings, everyone. The holidays are over, we have actual snow this year, and *Stranger Things* has finally ended! Below and on Page 2 you'll find some news and a few items from the various organizations. (See the last page for news on the Spring.) As usual, we've attached a draft of next summer's calendar; please check the Highlights each week during the summer for changes, which always happen!

We'll see you "for real" in June, Lord willing. Meanwhile, be well.

— *Your Ever-Faithful Editors*

Around and About

Long-time Heddingite Sandy Bowers, mother of Tracy Dwyer and Todd Bowers, passed away on December 8. She had been in poor health for some time. Our condolences to Tracy, Todd, and to Sandy's extended family in Hedding and everywhere. She will be missed.

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We are pleased to inform you that Hedding has completed another long-overdue logging operation on the south side of the property headed towards the river. This was done as a necessity for the health and wellbeing of the woodlands in our Tree Farm.

In order to accomplish this feat, there are many "new" paths that were required to achieve the process involved. These paths will serve as the bedding for new growth timber.

Nothing more than footprints should traverse these new paths in order for the new growth to begin and improve the health of our tree farm. These off-limits areas will be marked to varying degrees. To avoid confusion: if there was a path there before the logging project, it's for continued use. If it's a new pathway or even something resembling a road, it should be considered the bedding for the forest restoration.

— *Larry Powers, for the Forestry Committee*

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On a rainy or snowy day, don't forget to go through all your jewels and decide what to sell in August at the Fair jewelry table! All donations accepted, and appreciated.

— *Thank you, Joyce*

The Date Book

Friday, June 26.....	First Highlights of the summer!
Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....	First church service

HEDDING HIGHLIGHTS

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Ladies' Auxiliary

Happy 2026! Wishing you all an easy winter with many blessings and joy. I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the new year!

Our book for next summer is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Story* by James McBride. The book discussion will take place at the end of July.

Ladies' Auxiliary meetings will be held on Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. next summer. Please note the extra half-hour to sleep in.

Looking forward to sunny days and enjoying family and friends at our favorite place.

Wishing you a year that is better.

—Lindy Wicks Doherty

Fair Day 2026!

Hedding Fair 2026 - Hedding In Our Hearts Always: "Favorite Fair Memories"

Whether you're new here, have been here all your life, or something in between, our shared love for Hedding is what brings us together every year.

This year, we're remembering our favorite Fairs and what made them great. With that in mind, we have a few fun ideas and are looking for more. What are your favorite fair memories: tables, games, food, activities? Dig out your old Fair Photos! Anything we can revive, or build on, something you'd like to see brought back? So many viewpoints, and so much to consider...please share your thoughts!

We look forward to sharing more information in future Highlights.

If we haven't had a chance to talk to you yet, please know that the Fair needs your help. We are thankful for the returning table chairs, and please remember that if you have a new table idea you'd like to run with, we'd love to hear it.

May we all have a healthy winter, and we look forward to seeing you at Hedding!

—Your 2026 Fair Chairs: Norma (Stone) Biggins and Cindy (Stone) Eddy

Religious LifeLines

The Religious Life Committee wishes you a happy and healthy New Year! You will find the list of preachers on the calendar for the new season at the end of this issue.

We are pleased to announce that Choral Majority will be performing for us on Saturday, July 25 in Chautauqua Hall; time of the event is TBD. We are also planning to bring back Illumination Night on Saturday, August 8. Please let Diane Angus or Robyn Renzelman know if you are interested in illuminating your cottage that evening.

Terry Herring will again lead the Growth Group, starting on Friday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Studio. The book he will be reading from will be *The Challenge of Acts: Rediscovering What the Church Was and Is* by N.T. Wright. You can easily order from Amazon, or Terry will have some copies on hand this summer.

Our Camp Meeting speaker is retired pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey, serving at the East Parish UMC in Salisbury, Mass. The Camp Meeting Week cook crew will be serving our delicious meals again. We thank them for their time and for organizing the meals for the community.

As always, we will be holding meetings during the summer that everyone is invited to. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or ideas to help with Religious Life. See you in the spring!!

—Cheryl McGovern, RLC Secretary

Day Camp

We can hardly believe that we are halfway through the "off season" already! Summer will be here before we know it. This coming summer marks a number of changes, as we are looking to fill various director positions. If you are interested in leading any of our programs this summer, please send a letter of interest to Robyn Renzelman at Robyn.Angus@yahoo.com and Shandra Wall at MrsShandraWall@gmail.com

We are grateful that Erica Tweedie is returning as Arts and Crafts Director. We can't wait to see what creative projects she leads for our campers this summer!

All returning and new Day Camp Counselors must complete a new application each year. To apply as a Day Camp Counselor, you must be age 13 by September 1, 2026 AND complete the first week of your first year of camp as a CIT (Counselor In Training). (Subject to change at the Day Camp Committee's discretion.)

Applications are found on the Hedding website; please complete and submit by April 15.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Shandra or Robyn and they will address them with the rest of the committee.

—Co-Chairs: Shandra Wall and Robyn Renzelman
Jen Lawrence, Danielle Dwyer, Jenn Clark,
Ross Clark, Brenda Zimmerman,
Stephanie Regan, Jami Stoll, Sharon Powers

Hedding Calendar: Summer 2026 DRAFT of 1/2/26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						MAY 31 <i>HAA 2-man golf 7 am check-in</i>
JUNE 21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>HAA 4-man golf 7 am check-in</i>
28 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. George Fisher Chautauqua Turkey dinner after church</i>	29 <i>Day Camp starts</i>	30 <i>Ice Cream Tues. and Thursday.</i>	JULY 1	2 <i>Ice Cream</i>	3 <i>Movie night HAA and Chautauqua</i>	4 <i>July 4 parade 11:00 a.m.</i>
5 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. (C) Rev. Phil Clinton</i>	6	7 <i>Ice Cream</i>	8 <i>Ladies Aux. Pot luck supper</i>	9 <i>Ice Cream</i>	10 <i>Growth Group 9:30 am</i>	11 <i>Chautauqua Auction & Men's cake silent auction</i>
12 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Jeff Hunt</i>	13	14 <i>Ice Cream</i>	15 <i>Ladies' Aux. meeting 10:00 a.m.</i>	16 <i>Ice Cream</i>	17 <i>Growth Group 9:30 am</i>	18 <i>HAA Olympic Day 8 a.m. registration * * * Cookout 5 p.m.</i>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Katie Barner</i>	20	21 <i>Ice Cream</i>	22 <i>Ladies' Aux. meeting 10:00 a.m.</i>	23 <i>Ice Cream</i>	24 <i>Growth Group 9:30 am</i>	25 <i>Choral Majority concert Ladies+RLC</i>
26 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Wood</i>	27	28 <i>Ice Cream</i>	29 <i>Ladies' Aux. meeting 10:00 a.m.</i>	30 <i>Ice Cream</i>	31 <i>Growth Group 9:30 am</i>	AUGUST 1 <i>Ladies' Auxiliary FAIR * * * Day Camp Show 6:30 p.m.</i>

2 CAMP MEETING BEGINS <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. (C) (memorial service) Rev. Tom Getchell-Lacey * * *BRUNCH</i>	3 <i>Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. all week</i>	4 <i>Bible Study 1:00 p.m. NO Ice Cream.</i>	5 <i>Ladies' Day No Bible study</i>	6 <i>Bible Study 1:00 p.m. NO Ice Cream today either. .</i>	7 DAY CAMP ENDS <i>Bible Study 1:00 p.m. * * * FINAL Growth Group 9:30 am * * *</i> CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	8 ANNUAL MEETING 10:00 a.m. <i>* * * Chautauqua annual meeting 1:30 pm * * *, Illumination Night</i>
9 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. David Palmer, D.S.</i>	10	11 <i>Ice Cream</i>	12 <i>Final Ladies' Aux. meeting 10:00 a.m.</i>	13 <i>LAST Ice Cream. Pig out!</i>	14	15 HAA Hedding Open 7 am check-in <i>* * *</i> Cookout 5 p.m.
16 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Rob Lauter</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22 Chautauqua Food and Fluesy
23 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev. Travis Bonnette-Kim</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29 HAA Horseshoes/ Shuffleboard tourney
30 <i>Choir 9:30 a.m. Church 10:30 a.m. Preacher TBD</i>	31	Sept. 1	2	3	4 Last Highlights	5
6 <i>Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. © Rev. Cynthia Nickerson</i>	7 Labor Day Calendar Comm. mtg. 10:00 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12

UPDATE ON THE SPRING: The Trustees are still negotiating with the excavator on the repairs to the Spring, which will cost at least \$50,000. The long drain pipe is crushed and must be replaced, which entails tearing up and replacing crumbling masonry and stonework. No shortcuts are possible. The current Spring structure is 100 years old, and its useful life is over. The Spring is the reason for Hedding's existence; Hedding without the Spring is unimaginable. It's a big expense, and about \$10,000 have been donated to help cover the gap between the sum voted on at the Annual Meeting and the actual cost. If you can afford to donate, please do so, as generously as you can! Send a check to: Hedding Camp Meeting Association, P.O. Box 517, Epping, NH 03042. Future generations will thank you! — Ed.