



During a conversation in the Library the other day, a couple of long-time residents commented that not as many people were “invested” in Hedding as there used to be. “Investment” in Hedding can take many forms: volunteering, attending shows and other community activities, joining organizations — all these are vital to the running of the community. So is going to church. Read on.

The conversation was troubling, because it recalled the time when, in 1965, the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church was set to dissolve the Hedding Camp Meeting Association and sell the property because the residents weren’t invested in the campground and had lost sight of our original purpose. Here is the resolution, which we printed this same week in 2007 as part of an editorial; it bears re-printing today, and Heddingites of all ages should read it. (Dates have not been changed.)— Ed.

THE RESOLUTION BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

WHEREAS, in recent years, due to changing interests, the original aims and purposes of the [Hedding Camp Meeting] Association are no longer suited to the...needs of the New Hampshire Annual Conference, and also because a large majority of the members of the Association are not

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The Date Book

- Friday, July 19,** 9:30 a.m., the Studio.....Growth Group
- 7:00 p.m., the Studio.....RLC sponsored movie, Home Run
- Saturday, July 20,** 8:30 a.m registration.....Olympic Day!
- All morning.....Day Camp Bake Sale
- 5:00 p.m., Community House.....Cookout and awards ceremony
- Sunday, July 21,** 9:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Choir rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m., Chautauqua Hall.....Worship service
- Rev. Katie Kribbs, preacher
- 12:00 noon, the Library.....Religious Life meeting (See Religious LifeLines)
- 4:00 p.m., volleyball courts.....Volleyball game (weather permitting)
- Tuesday, July 23,** 9:30 a.m., the Library (**Note changes!**)...Ladies’ Auxiliary meeting

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▲ Around and About

A happy third birthday to Wesley Sheppard, who celebrated on Tuesday with the whole family, a huge black-and-white birthday cake, and an equally huge radio-controlled Monster Truck!

— *Love from the family!*

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Any adult on grounds is welcome to borrow the tables from the Community House or the Studio. However, please check with Lindy Doherty, 508-873-1096, to make sure there isn't another event requiring those tables. You may text or call.

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Looking for volunteers for the week of August 12, 13 and 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to help clean out the top floors of the Community House. Please text Lindy Doherty, 508-873-1096, with your name and the days you are available. **Teens:** if you need hours for Community Service, these would count. Thank you.

— *Lindy Doherty*

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When I was a Kid...

Back in the day, 60 years ago, the trash was situated around the campground in fenced-in compounds. Mrs. Janice Woods was in charge of monitoring the effectiveness of the "trash compounds." She took her job seriously and would check the compound by the pump house on Public Circle regularly. Many times I would witness her coming down the hill, headed to the compound. She was dressed, often times, in her summer whites, skirt and blouse, gloves, and red and white apron on for dirt protection. She was on a mission! For those who remember back then, the wildlife was always around seeking trash treasures. She never expressed fear of the wildlife! We have come a long way, but Mrs. Janice Woods was a real trooper back then.

— Linda Heath

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We have several woven straw baskets and trays in our cottage, most hung up for decoration. Back in the 1950s, Gypsy women were among the many vendors who came onto the grounds regularly. They came down the street on foot, carrying their handmade wares. My grandmother, Virginia Snow, always bought something from the Gypsies, and we're glad she did. Sadly, they disappeared along with the rest of the vendors when the area began to grow and supermarkets and big-box stores came along. Somehow buying a straw basket at Walmart isn't quite as satisfying as bargaining with a Gypsy woman over something she or a relative had made by hand.

— Joe Sheppard

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members of, or interested in, The Methodist Church, and the Association is no longer engaged in religious, moral, charitable or benevolent purposes as originally intended, but has become largely a vacation spot for many members during the summer months...

NOW THEREFORE, the Trustees of the New Hampshire Annual Conference of The Methodist Church, ... recommend to the Annual Conference that it vote to become disassociated from Hedding Camp Meeting Association; and that the Trustees be authorized to take whatever steps are necessary, ...to dissolve the Corporation; to take such action as may be necessary to protect the interests of the Conference, ...[and]...of the Preachers' Aid Society of the New Hampshire Annual Conference of The Methodist Church... as said Society, under the Constitution of said Association, is entitled to have all property conveyed and transferred to it upon the dissolution of the Hedding Camp Meeting Association....

Read it again: Hedding almost ceased to exist 42 years ago because, in the eyes of the Conference, we had lost our direction and sense of purpose! Fortunately, a lot of dedicated people did some hard work over the next couple of years, and the campground was saved.

We're not recalling this dark chapter in Hedding's history to point fingers or to push a panic button. Rather, reading this resolution, which Jim Robertson discusses at some length in his excellent up-coming history of the campground, made us realize that all we Heddingites, in these secular times, need to ponder seriously the question of what it means to be a Methodist campground, and to be part of one, in the year 2007. Clearly the days of week-long revivals and five or more worship services per day are gone from these grounds, as they are from most of our country. Even the camp meeting of our own youth, when all the public buildings were filled with guests all week and the campground was alive and bustling, if (to us kids, anyway) a little overcrowded, is a thing of the past, the victim not merely of changing times, but also of some poor decisions on the part of the Conference itself and what can only be described as a dose of laziness among the people in charge here on the grounds. Hedding's Camp Meeting, it seems, had become a bother by the 1960s; little wonder the conference didn't see much point in keeping the place going.

That is all history, over and done. We're still here: we still have church each Sunday, and prayer meetings, and Bible study and hymn sings, and Camp Meeting, in much-reduced form. So does all that still qualify Hedding as a Methodist campground in the sense that our forebears knew it, or have we become, as the Conference accused us in 1965, "largely a vacation spot?"

Certainly we all come here to vacation; if we didn't, we could just as well rent a room in some office building in Manchester and conduct the Association's business from there. But we are not just an association, we are a community—a community of like-minded people, founded for the purpose of serving God and feeding the soul. So what does it mean to be a Methodist campground in 2007? And what are the responsibilities of its residents? A hundred years ago it was taken for granted that most people here would participate in the religious life of the campground, and that took up a great deal of time. Although the religious activities have changed dramatically since those days as our society has changed, they are still the glue that holds us together, and it should still be taken for granted that most people will take part in them. It's not too burdensome nowadays—church is once a week and it's only about an hour long—but we need to be there, not on the golf course or glued to the tube, to share what we have in common, which is worshiping God together, and, by doing that, nourishing this community so that it will continue to prosper for our children and theirs. When you think about what Hedding gives back to all of us, it's really not too much to ask, is it?

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Ladies' Auxiliary

Eleven ladies attended this week's program. Lindy Wicks Doherty served refreshments and Deb Clinton led devotions, an activity by Jon Kabat-Zinn, the creator of mindfulness. Afterwards we sang a hymn, *May It Become Our Practice to Counter Hate and Fear*, by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Thank you, Deb, for the beautiful devotions.

Next week on Tuesday, July 22, we have our book discussion and book swap. The book for this summer is *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The meeting will be at **9:30 in the morning in the Library**. Anyone is invited to join us in the library; just bring a book to swap.

We will be holding a Paint Night on Monday, August 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Jen Clark's sister, Martha, will be leading us. The subject will be lady slippers. There will be a signup sheet on the Studio bulletin board.

The Ladies' annual luncheon has been moved to Wednesday, August 14. We will be going to Zorvino Wintery in Sandown. There will also be a signup sheet on the Studio bulletin Board. Please bring cash for your lunch.

— Lindy Wicks Doherty

Chautauqua

Thanks for your support at the Auction, which earned some \$2600 for Chautauqua. Great things to come!

New members this week:

Lisa Blackburn	Monica Stimmel
Cindy Caruso	Lisa Thompson
Phil Clinton	Cynthia Tripp
Chris Copeland	Will Van de Veen
Diane Crowell	Molly Winsor
Jane Davidson	Mr. and Mrs. Greg Angus
Mark Davidson	Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biondo
Cassidy Doherty	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carr
Maddie Doherty	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Clark
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Olivia Haines	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Fournier
Linda Heath	Mr. and Mrs. Skip Henry
Michelle Jacques	Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hutchins
Anne Marie Langlois	Rev and Mrs, Kevin Lowe
Suzanne Laycock	Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley
Cynthia Nickerson	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Munley
John Peach	Mr. and Mrs. John Steinruck
Heather Stimmel	

If you have paid your dues and have not seen your name in the **Highlights**, please let me know. Thank you!

— Mary Anderson

EXCERPTS OF HEDDING HISTORY (AND A CHILDHOOD MEMORY)

BY JAMES A. ROBERTSON, HISTORIAN

The idea of a paid entertainer for the children on the grounds began by hiring Francis P. King, a Boston University student, to direct supervised athletics in 1931. This soon expanded to include adults and was for people on grounds; it had nothing to do with Camp Hedding for boys and Camp Willimette for girls during Camp Meeting Week. This continued and morphed into a children's camp until 1948, when Eben Colby was the camp counselor. I was six at the time and not old enough to take part in this first series.

Following a gap of years, the Chautauqua Association voted at their annual meeting to resume the day camp program in 1952. Rev. and Mrs. Truman L. Hayes (Pete and Peg) were to be the counselors.

I was ten by then, and due to the circumstances of a depression and a war, there were about eight of us of roughly the same age. The next group older was about ten years different and the younger ones about five years behind us. Being on our own to explore the area, build tree huts, keep our bicycles in near-constant motion, etc., we didn't want to play with six-year-olds. I remember exploring everything from the Barber cemetery to what was left of the Star Brick yard. (Not much — some old racks for drying bricks, the engine and some cars used to bring clay from the other side of Route 101 on their narrow gauge railroad.)

I had my moment of rebellion once during a game of hide and seek. It was played on the ball field with the flagpole being the goal. Where to hide? There was no restriction as to distance, so I climbed a tree about 50 feet behind the jail. I had a good view of all that was happening and after an hour or so I climbed down and went home to lunch.

Day Camp

How are we halfway through the summer?

A HUGE shout out to all the families who opened up their cottages to bake with our campers! If you were unable to help with this event but want to donate baked goods, please drop them off at the bake sale table tomorrow morning around 8:30.

Saturday, July 20, tomorrow: Bake Sale at the Olympics. Please drop off all goodies that morning so our athletes and spectators are all fueled up!

Also, only 10 more donations needed to fill up the Hedding Day Camp Calendar. Donations are still being accepted. Please let Dannielle know what you are donating, so we can start on the calendar. Calendars will go on sale as soon as all spots are filled. THANK YOU!

If you want to volunteer your time to run an activity with our Day Camp or Teen Camp, please contact Jacqueline or Will. We will be delighted to help arrange the details.

Camp should be available for all our children. We have a fund available, if you need any financial support, please contact Danielle, Robyn or Shandra. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to any Day Camp Committee member.

— *Co-Chairs: Shandra Wall and Robyn Renzelman
Jen Lawrence, Dannielle Dwyer, Jenn Clark
Ross Clark, Anne Kinney, Brenda Zimmerman
Stephanie Regan, and Jami Stoll*
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Hello, Hedding families! I cannot believe that our summer together at Day Camp is already half over. Despite the heat, this week we were still able to get some practice in for the Olympics and work on our Fair crafts. We were also able to go blueberry picking and bake at many cottages on grounds today. Thank you to everyone who opened their cottages up for some of our campers.

Our campers are looking forward to our annual Campout and trick-or-treating next week! We will not have camp Thursday afternoon. Campers will report to the ballfield at 4:00 p.m. Thursday to set up tents and start our campout traditions! They will have breakfast the next morning and then will be sent home. There is no Day Camp on Friday. Please message or text me if you can help with the following:

- If you would like to sign up to be a **trick or treat cottage** on Thursday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 pm, please text me at (603) 923-3737.
- If you have any **tents** that we can borrow, please let me know.
- If you can help set up tents on **Thursday afternoon**, please send me a message.

Thank you all for your support and all of your help in advance for our campout. We greatly appreciate it!

— *Jacqueline Fuller, (603) 923-3737*

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Tons of fun was had by all in **Kiddie Camp** again this week. Three weeks down, three to go. This summer is flying by! The campers spent time this week learning about the life cycle of turtles. We made turtle crafts, and played a game using the dice that we made last week. They worked hard on some more crafts for the Fair, learned a new song, and had some great discussions about what it means to be a good friend. The books we read were *Simple Signs* and *The Big Race*. We also had a special visitor this week: Monica Fuller joined us to chat about the upcoming Hedding Olympics and do some fun activities with the kids. So much fun! Thank you, Monica!

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far this summer. The campers and I truly appreciate it. We couldn't do this without the amazing community that we have here at Hedding. Donations, snack or other, are always welcomed and appreciated. Please see me if you'd like to donate!

Can't wait to see everyone at the Olympics!

— *Erica Tweedie, Kiddie Camp Director*

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Just a quick note about the **teens'** pasta dinner. I have to compliment the seven teens that participated in the meatball rolling evening. I was so very impressed with their attention to detail and the fabulous job they did. We rolled over 500 meatballs in two hours — just amazing. They did a great job at the meal the next night serving and cleaning up.

Also thank you to Bill Kinney for all his help. He was there on both nights to ensure the success of the event.

A big thank you to Chris Piazza for treating the teens and meatball team to delicious pizza from the Rock.

This is an amazing group of teens they will certainly go places in life.

Thank you to all who came out to support these great kids — it was greatly appreciated.

— *Lisa Blackburn*

Religious LifeLines

At this Sunday's service, we welcome Rev. Katie Kribbs, newly-appointed minister at the Epping Community Church. She is eager to meet the Hedding community. Rebecca Munro will be teaching Sunday school for grades 4 and up at the Studio at 10:00 a.m.; school for the younger children will take place after the children's message at the Community House. Flowers last Sunday were given in loving memory of George and Millie Walker by Beverly and Shirlee Walker. Tori and Mike Munley were our greeters.

A few reminders: the **Growth Group** meets every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Studio. **Choir** rehearsal is before church at 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Hour** at the Studio every Sunday after services.

The movie *Home Run* will be playing tonight at the Studio at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Charla Holt.

At 12:00 noon this Sunday, the Religious Life Committee will be holding a meeting to discuss events for Camp Meeting Week. The meeting will take place at the Library. All are welcome.

— Cheryl McGovern, Secretary, Religious Life Committee

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Our guest preacher this Sunday, July 21, is Pastor Katie Kribbs, pastor of the Epping Community Church. Pastor Katie was born and raised in Stratham, N.H. Her travels took her to Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles, Quincy, Mass., and Kansas City. It was in Kansas City where she attended seminary and truly knew she was following the path God was laying out for her. After her time in Kansas City, she moved to Florida, where she was the associate pastor for Stewart Congregational Church. New Hampshire always had a part of her heart, though, and when an opportunity opened at just the right time, she knew God was calling her home. Pastor Katie has been at ECC since October 2023, and has blessed the church and community with her enthusiasm for community outreach, worship for all and children's ministry.

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Good News for Hedding

All of us are loved by God and offered his amazing grace, You may say to yourself, "So what's in it for me right now?" The Bible teaches that when we repent of our sin and confess Jesus as our savior, we become God's children. Some say we are all God's children; not so — we are all created by God in his own image and loved by him but we only become his children as we ask Jesus into our hearts and lives. This is salvation.

H.A.A. News

Our deep sea fishing trip this past Saturday was a great success, with 30 community members spending the day out at sea. We hope to see everyone this Saturday, July 20, at Olympic Day. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and our community potluck cookout and awards ceremony will be held at the Community House at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach, please contact Monica Fuller at 617-939-8135.

New HAA members and sponsors this week:

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— Monica Fuller, H.A.A. Secretary

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— In Christ's love, Will Kenney