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"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." *Oprah Winfrey*

November 9, 2022

Church Hosts Kristjon Imperio in Concert

The First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, is pleased to host Kristjon E. Imperio in an organ and piano concert Friday, Nov. 11, at 7 pm. Kristjon currently serves as organist and assistant director of music at the Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley, MA. He is also an administrator at Pakachoag Music School, Worcester. Kristjon has performed as a soloist and conducted performances throughout New England. Also featured will be vocalists Abigail Small Borchelt, soprano, and her father, Steven A. Small, baritone.

The program will contain a variety of music and will offer a salute to veterans. Please plan to attend this free, fascinating and unique musical experience. Parking and a wheelchair accessible entrance are available at rear of the church. For more information, call the church office, 603-435-7471.

PMHS Student Spotlight

Hi, I'm Eileen DeFisser and I am a member of the class of 2026. My favorite subjects are biology and English. I've been in Pittsfield for a year now and in my opinion I like the way students are treated here. Almost everyone is open-minded. My peers and the people I surround myself with are very understanding which is always wonderful when I need someone there. Most frequently, the teachers are all caring individuals who will listen to what you have to say. I am currently undecided on my career but as I continue through high school I hope to refine my choices.



Annual Christmas Fairs

The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church will hold its annual Christmas Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9am-2pm. This fair is considered one of the best in the area! There are knits, crafts, ornaments, baked goods, the "Unique Boutique," and more! The auction ends when the fair ends at 2pm; successful bidders will be notified then. There will not be a luncheon this year. Both the rear (parking lot) and courtyard doors will be open. Wheelchair accessibility is through the rear door. For more info, call the church office at 603-435-7471. *The Dorcas Guild*

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be open for its annual Holly Fair on Saturday, November 19, 9am-2pm at 50 Main St., Pittsfield. The Fair will include a Crafts table featuring many handcrafted holiday items and popular birchbark snowmen and reindeer. There will also be a New-To-You table filled with unique holiday gifts. Come for lunch at the well known St. Stephen's Cafe and take home something delicious from the well stocked Bake Table. Bring the children and sign up for the free children's book raffle. Don't miss this fun-filled fair, a great opportunity for Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping.

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Last Chance *** The Victory Workers 4-H Club is selling Candy Bars as a fundraiser. \$1 each—milk chocolate, dark chocolate, caramel, almond, crisp and wafer. All proceeds benefit our local Victory Workers 4H Club directly— club programming, educational field trips and scholarship programs. Please contact Mark Riel at 603-491-2524 (call or text) to order...or contact any 4-H Club member.

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 6:30pm at the PMHS Media Center. All are welcome. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July 2023. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984, at 603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee.

Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Road, will host a FREE Community Breakfast on Saturday, Nov.12, 8:30-9:30am. Everyone is welcome.

The Josiah Carpenter Library “Mead and Read” Book Club will meet on Monday, Nov.14, at 6:30pm at the Over the Moon Farmstead.

The PMHS Fall Athletics Award and Recognition Night will be on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6pm in the PMHS Gymnasium.

PMHS Winter Athletics Basketball Season TRY OUTS Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 15 - Varsity Girls - Grades 9-12 - 3-4:30pm; Middle School Girls - Grades 6-8 - 4:30-5:30pm; Middle School Boys - Grades 6-8 - 5:30-6:30pm, and Varsity Boys - Grades 9-12 - 6:30-8pm.

The Victory Workers 4-H group and The Dowboro Farm have created a farmstand at 615 Dowboro Road in Pittsfield! The Young Entrepreneurs Program gave 4-Hers the opportunity to apply for grant money to start our own businesses. The farmstand is a great place for us to be able to sell our products. We have an abundance of homemade items and fresh vegetables for sale. The participants of the program are helping run the farmstand, and we are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:30am-6pm.

Pittsfield Food Pantry (located at 55 Barnstead Rd) has started to take applications for Christmas food baskets. Applications must be completed by November 30.

The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce held a “Meet the Candidates” night on October 26. We would like to thank the public for attending, Scott Brown who was moderator for the evening and those candidates who came to the event. This was a forum where the public submitted a question and the moderator gave ample time for each one to answer the same question written by the public. This was not a debate. Unfortunately, all candidates did not attend. Two candidates voiced their opinion against the moderator. They would not attend even after an alternative moderator was proposed. Their response was that they would not come unless they brought their own moderator and questions. As this was not an option they decided not to attend, and we went with our original choice. Scott had been a fair and impartial moderator in our past “Meet the Candidates” events and continued to do so. Again, thank you to everyone who attended.

If you are a 501(c)(3), have you heard about the **Globe Community Fund**? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund’s purpose is to enhance community well-being with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Happy Birthday wishes to Effie Topouzoglou and Brady Plante last Sunday, and to Aunt Elaine Cannon on Thursday. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

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Cook's Corner Italian Sausage & Tortellini Soup

Here's another tasty idea in our soup mini-series. This is hands-down one my family's favorite winter meals. It's easy to put together and bonus – while it's cooking your house smells delicious! It's also a great way to get the Littles to eat veges. You should definitely serve this with a good quality, fresh grated Parmesan cheese and a nice crusty bread or hard rolls. I usually also make a salad of lettuce greens, fresh Mozzarella "balls", thinly sliced red onion and either homemade vinaigrette or your favorite bottled Italian dressing. Mangia!

1 to 2 lbs Italian sausage (sweet or hot), casings removed

1 cup chopped onion

2 cloves garlic, minced

5 cups low-sodium beef broth

½ cup water

½ cup red wine

2 cups canned diced tomatoes, do not drain

1 cup thinly sliced carrots

¼ cup roughly chopped fresh basil

½ tsp dried oregano

1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce

1 & ½ cups thinly sliced zucchini

3 TBSP chopped fresh parsley

12 oz fresh or frozen tortellini

Parmesan cheese for serving

Brown the sausage in a heavy pot. Transfer sausage to a bowl and set aside. Drain the fat from the pot but keep about 1 TBSP of pan drippings.

Saute onion and garlic in the pan drippings until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in broth, water, wine, tomatoes, carrots, basil oregano, tomato sauce and cooked sausage. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 30 minutes. Stir in zucchini and parsley. Simmer, covered this time, for 10 minutes. Add tortellini and simmer 10 more minutes. *MP Christakos*

Paul Rogers
• Owner of Jitter's Cafe •

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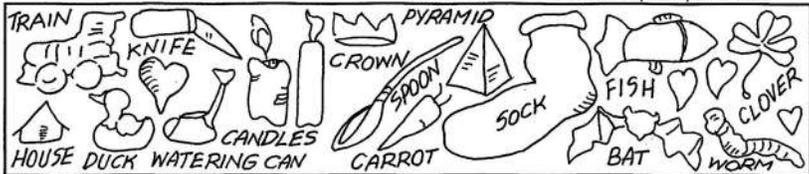
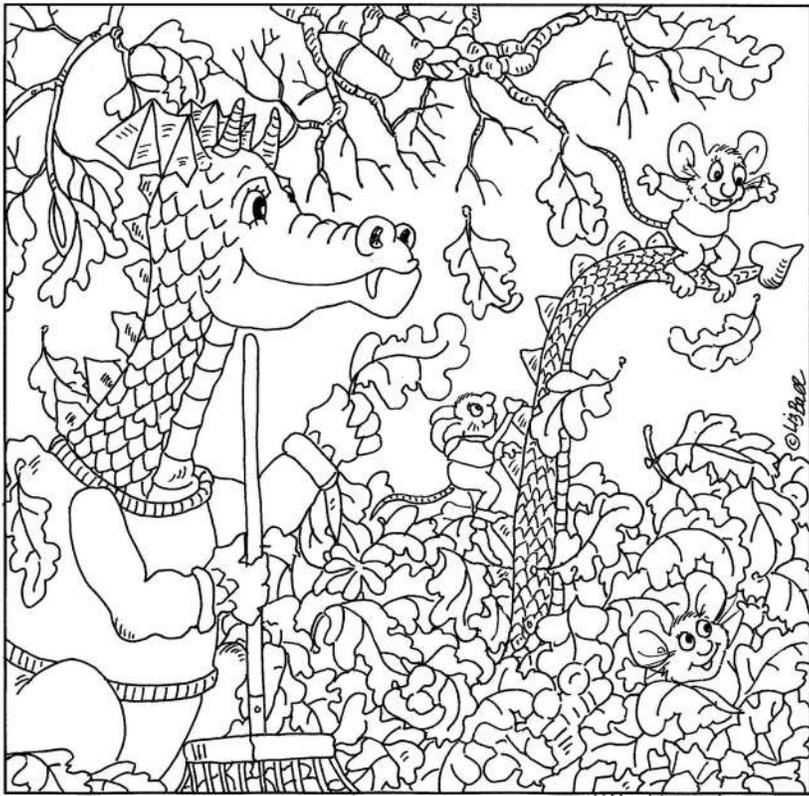
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Select Board Review November 1, 2022

We used this work session to knock out some more of the proposed budget for next year. The library trustees had photos with their concerns regarding the Carpenter Library basement. Ever since the wheelchair access was put in some years ago the basement has had water issues every time it rains. Many solutions have been tried, to no avail. Water infiltrates the concrete, causing dampness and mold issues constantly. Something needs to be done, with several recommendations including sealing the entire basement, but only after a new gutter system gets installed to try to discharge runoff further from the building. That is our next plan of action.

Noel Gourley came in to discuss the highway budget, unfortunately with increases. As with almost the entire proposed budget, costs are up for nearly everything from diesel to salt and everything in between, and can be traced either directly or indirectly to the massive rise in energy prices. Almost without exception, the only other budget increases are obligatory/contractual raises. We are in a very difficult spot as far as expenditures go, and it will come down to either more cost to run the town in 2023 with our current level of services, or cutting back on services just to save on the bottom line. This will be a choice for voters come March. *Carl Anderson*

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Infant & Toddler Diaper Pantry

The pantry is open the first Tuesday of each month from 9-11 am. Located at 24 Main Street, Pittsfield, (enter from the Chestnut Street parking area). If the Pittsfield School is closed or delayed due to weather, we will also be closed, but open the following day.

We have supplemental diapers and wipes available in sizes from Newborn to size 6, pull-ups and overnights for larger children.

This is a mission of the First Congregational Church, providing diapers and wipes to families with small children. The pantry has been in operation for almost 10 years, serving families in the area. Some of the children have grown through the sizes, and now attend Pittsfield schools. If you know a family who could use this help, please pass the word. If you have products of this type which are no longer needed, then please consider donating them for someone else to use. *Donald Moore*

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Help Wanted

Come, be part of our rewarding ministry here at **Vintage Hill, LLC!** Our small loving staff is dedicated in working together to serve our seasoned citizens as we assist in their activities of daily living while striving to promote independence.

We are currently in need of a part time **Home Assistant** (25+ hours/week). The perfect candidate will assist in all aspects of keeping a home (preparing and serving meals, medication supervision, hygiene support, housekeeping and laundry, activities). No license or certificate is required, just a heart to serve the elderly! Looking for a compassionate team player with strong organizational skills (particularly in the kitchen), willing to learn and grow with us. We will train. Position includes a combination of weekdays, evenings and weekends. Salary to commensurate with experience, in addition to a \$4/hour weekend differential.



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(If you're reading this online on **Tuesday** & haven't voted yet - **Polls are open until 7!**)

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