



Snapshot showing Brooke, Elizabeth & Neariah (3 of 4) Youth Choir Singers! Amelia is out of the photo on left :(

**MAEC Choir Festival** The concert held at Union Baptist Church with our own Brooke, Neariah, Elizabeth & Amelia singing. The youth from 8 church choirs sang to a full house. Walter G Edmonds was this year's choirs director. Four graduating seniors were



Chopping, sautéing, & opening cans for Chili



Making pizza dough into yummy Bread Knots!



Yummy Co-Op Chili—not a drop was left!!!!

presented a rose. Among these four were our very own Brooke & Neariah who have **both** been participating in the MAEC Choir Festival since the **third grade!** I know in my heart that Jane Schmidt is very proud of you two-as she is ever present in our music! *Congratulations* Brooke & Neariah!



Self portrait - Clean Sweep Gang on Boardwalk!

**Chili & Bread Knots for Bread & Broth** We asked if we could offer a soup for the PBBC's Lenten series. Then we asked who made the "best chili in PBBC". The hands down vote went to Jerry & Joan Watkins, who graciously offered their time honored recipe! We gathered after church on Sunday to make our chili ahead of time. We gathered again on



Noelle & Perry are blessed with beautiful surroundings



Noelle, Liz & Heidi gathering bits-o-trash

bread and broth evening to make our bread knots for one of the Lenten meals at PBBC.

**Clean Sweep** We "swept" the Poquonnock Bridge boardwalk located near PBBC. While enjoying the great outdoors and fresh spring air, we picked up bits-o-trash along the way!!

**Volunteer Hours Needed?** I just so happened to calculate the Community Volunteer hours the Co-Op Youth Group does in average year. Over the past 4 years, we average 44 hours *each* year! Wow! Great Going Co-Opers! Want to have an "A" on your college resume for Volunteer and Community Service? Join us for FUN!!

**News of the PBBC & NBC Co-Op Youth Group!**



**College Bound!** Speaking of college resumes, I have asked our two graduates what they have been up to and what are they planning to do!?!? Here are snaps that might clue you in ...

**Brooke** “I have always enjoyed music, as I played a alto sax in middle school and percussions as well as Baritone Saxophone in high school. I have participated in Fitch’s Concert, Marching, and Jazz Bands. In the fall I plan to attend Western Connecticut State University as a Music Education Major. I will be spending most of my time in music rooms, practicing and performing with different bands and ensembles as a baritone saxophonist. My goal is to become a music teacher in an elementary school.” Brooke’s scholarship applications have begun to pay off, as she just learned she will be receiving the John Turco Scholarship for Community Service and Volunteerism. More to come about this at a later date! **Congratulations Brooke** in advance!

**Neariah** “I seek a career that is really hands-on and uses my artistic nature. I have always preferred to express myself through the arts, originally aiming to be an artist. As an artist may not come with a steady income, I selected a future in the culinary arts industry. I am proud to say that I have enrolled in the college of my choice, Southern New Hampshire University, to obtain a Bachelors of Science in Culinary Management. I currently aim to complete my four year degree and make something of myself. I want to make people happy because there have been many people that have given me charity throughout my life. In a sense, I feel like I owe people in general



for their generosity and contributing to society as a whole is a fair way of expressing my thanks. Neariah’s scholarship application efforts also have begun paying off, as he just received the Jordon Konov Scholarship for Academic Achievement and Community Service as presented by The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut. **Congratulations Neariah!**



Lois honored Neariah with the award

**What Upcoming?!?! Wed April 27 is 50 Questions 3-5pm** at PBBC.

Let’s get together to chat, practice *signing*, and do! Nibbles & sips served. Knob will pick up from schools per usual.

**Sunday May 8 - Don’t forget it’s Mother’s Day!** Think of all the little (and big) things she has done for you - and then thank her in your very own special way!

**Wed May 11 Wheel Chair Wipe Down 3 - 5:30pm** Let’s roll (haha) over to the Mystic River Congregate to enjoy the sunshine, both from being outside in mother nature as well as from within the people we meet as we wipe down the resident wheel-chairs as a part of our S-ping Cleaning! Shall we bring pansies to offer as well?!?! KNOB will pick up as usual from schools.

**Sat May 14 Camp Wightman Spring Clean-Up** Let’s go into the woods with the smell of spring in the air and prepare for summer camps! Breakfast nibbles and Yummy lunch will be served. Knob will pick up students at nbc at 8:15am and pbbc at 8:30am! Wear sneakers, jeans and layers for variable weather. KNOB will bring students home ~ 2pm.

**Sun May 15 PBBC Baptisms** - As I understand it, there will be five youth (Kaitlyn, Mackenzie, Noelle, Alex and Nick) and one adult (Pat Tootell) baptized on this glorious day! Let’s all witness this great event!!

**GRADES 6th-9th!!! May 20th Fri. 3:30 - May 21 Sat. 3:30pm @ Nightwatch!** Together we will experience an evening labyrinth, architectural hide-n-seek, nighttime candle light meditation, midnight Eucharist & morning tour all in the largest gothic cathedral in the world!!! Once we leave the cathedral, we will hop the metro to “Planetarium Star Show” at the Hayden Planetarium. Afterwards we will scamper among the wide variety of bones, & neat stuff at the American Museum of Natural History. Cost is \$30 per person. Bring \$10-15 pocket change to nibble at a variety of shops while walking back to the cathedral before beginning to drive home at noon. The funds we raised at our pasta supper will pay for the rest.

We will leave NBC @ 3:30 PBBC @ 3:45to drive to St John the Divine. **Prepare** a sack supper (that will taste just as good after you sit on it), a simple juice or water and something to **share** for your transit supper. **Bring** a sleeping bag, pillow, tooth brush, appropriate PJs. (*pssssst: ‘member pack small!*) **Wear** layers of clothing, *sneakers* (for the gym floor), and pack a very few items for a change of clothing. Finally **be ready with** one item for breakfast for you and a second one to share with others including juice, fruit, granola bars and the like! Yummy yummm! KNOB will drop you off at home around 3:30pm Sat.

**Sun May 29 PBBC Youth Sunday 9:00 - 10:30am** when we will sign our song, and share Heidi’s Co-Op Retreat Video!!! Knob will pick up NBC students to bring them to this earlier service...then return them in time for social hour at NBC!

**What’s WAAAAY Ahead — Mark this on your calendars!!!?!?!?**

**Fri 3:30 June 3 - Sun 2:00 June 5 Heifer International** for both JR & Sr High Students! A life Changing weekend to learn then experience what it means to live in a third world country! Mark your calendars today! Look for registration sheets!