Memorial Day Prayer
from May 27, 2012
shared by Delavan
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Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country - and for us. Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier’s grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just. Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free, there are times when its

NEAUCE Highlight: "Rooted in Faith" Meditation Walk

I began the conference exploring the theme, "Rooted in Faith", by engaging in a meditation walk. I invite you to share the experience:

- imagine the light touch of a sea breeze, the smell of salt in the air and the sound of a trickling brook as you walk along a small sandy path leading to the beach
- imagine the sights that border the path - on one side is the flowing water of a small stream surrounded by new spring buds bursting with a bright green color; on the other side is a tall, weathered cedar fence
- every so often, posted on the fence, you find beautiful photos and words of inspiration. Click here to view the Meditation Walk materials.
- pause and reflect on what it is that keeps you rooted in faith.

NEAUCE Highlight 2: Recycling the Triptych

God of color-filled Creation, We thank you for the deep roots of our faith formation drawing on your strength and the rich soil of your love. You sustain us in all the seasons of our lives - from the green sprouts of Spring through the white snows of winter. As we grow towards your light, may we always remember the roots that ground us. Help us to nurture and nourish the new buds and branches of our church families as they continue to grow in your love. From the shelter of your branches, guide us as we spread the seeds of your love. Amen.

[The triptych and prayer were created at NEAUCE, May 8, 2013. Participants were invited to create a tree by glueing fabric on a paper]
cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy. Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God, help us to be worthy. Amen.

The Vibrant Faith @ Home website has some ideas for Memorial Day weekend activities that can be done by families. Check out:
- **Memorial Day Remembrances** (for Young Families)
- **Memorial Day Prayers** (for Teen Families)

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Young Adult/Adult "OWL Facilitator" Training
Nashua, NH

The First Church of Nashua, NH will be hosting a Young Adult/Adult "OWL Facilitator" training event on August 1-3, 2014. Jane Detwiler and T. Michael Rock will be the trainers. Registration is now open. For more information and a registration form, click here.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) is a series of programs for Human Sexuality Education. Written by professional sexuality educators, the programs provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to use with children and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches.

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Employment Opportunities

East Parish Congregational Church - East Derry
Director of Christian Education
The congregation is looking for someone to oversee the Christian Education program, which includes church school classes for nursery through 12th grade students, and to reach out to young adults and help them find a niche. A detailed job description is posted on the UCC Ministry Opportunities website.

Director of Christian Education - Hollis
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